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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months of 2023. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, January-September, 2022 and 2023

	January-September 2022	January-September 2023 ¹
Arrivals by		
Air	848,129	1,206,483
Sea	2,740	25,748
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	353	21,986
Total	850,869	1,232,231
Departures by		
Air	854,335	1,234,574
Sea	2,953	24,766
Total	857,288	1,259,340

¹ *Provisional*

2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2023

Compared to the period January to September 2022:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 850,869 to 1,232,231;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 638,332 to 901,126; those arriving by air rose from 636,176 to 892,633, while those arriving by sea increased from 2,156 to 8,493 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 2,286 to 16,517.

In the first nine months of 2023, 14 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 21,986 cruise travellers comprising 5,280 tourists, 9,204 excursionists, 29 Mauritian residents and 7,473 crew members.

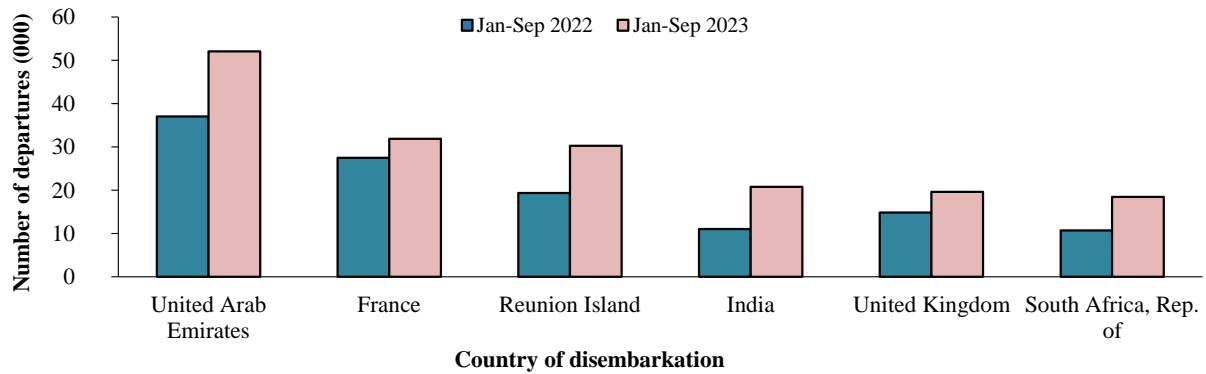
2.2 Departures in January to September 2023

Compared to the period January to September 2022:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 857,288 to 1,259,340; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose from 148,216 to 227,680 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for the first nine months of 2022 and 2023 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2023, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (52,069 or 22.9%), France (31,914 or 14.0%), Reunion Island (30,303 or 13.3%), India (20,777 or 9.1%), United Kingdom (19,652 or 8.6%) and Republic of South Africa (18,450 or 8.1%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2022 and January-September 2023



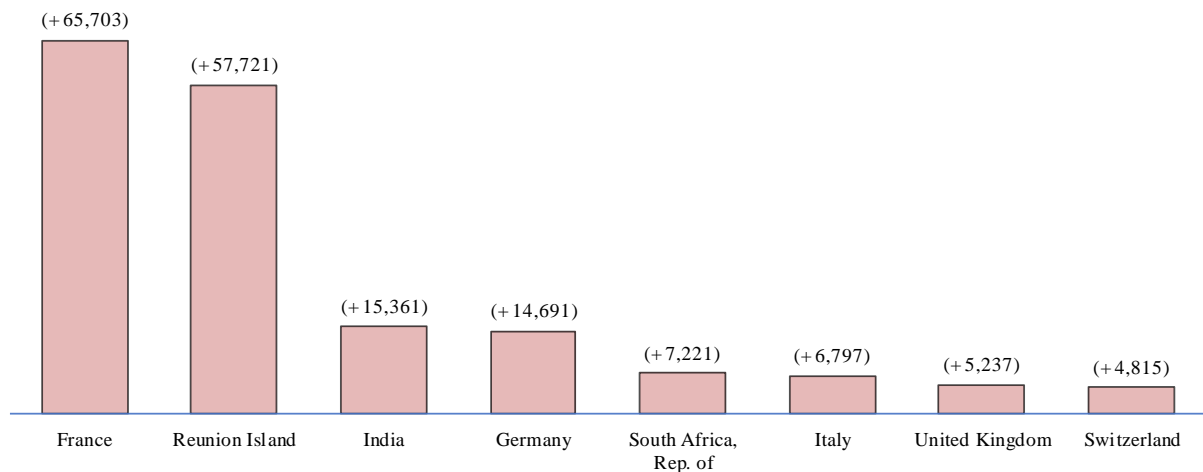
3. TOURISM

3.1 Tourist arrivals in January-September 2023

Tourist arrivals from main markets were as follows:

France (211,069), United Kingdom (101,400), Reunion Island (94,498), Germany (81,035), Republic of South Africa (72,919), India (41,390), Italy (21,033) and Switzerland (20,486) (Table 5).

Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2023 compared to January-September 2022



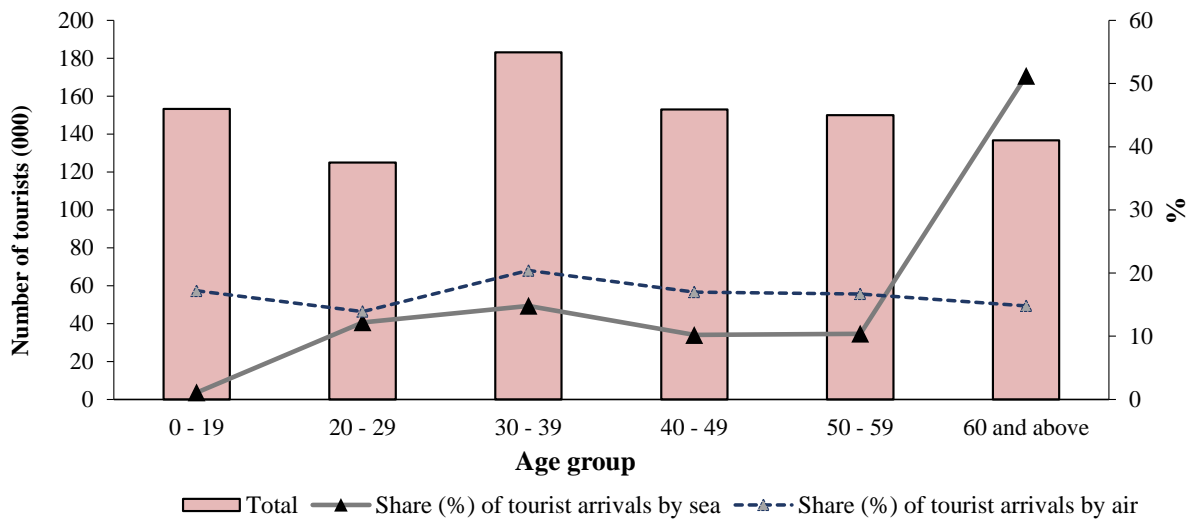
Compared to the first nine months of 2022, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 65,703 from 145,366 to 211,069. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other main markets as follows:

Reunion Island (+57,721), India (+15,361), Germany (+14,691), Republic of South Africa (+7,221), Italy (+6,797), United Kingdom (+5,237) and Switzerland (+4,815).

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 136,696 representing 15.2% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 51.2% (Table 6b).

Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age group, January-September 2023



3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

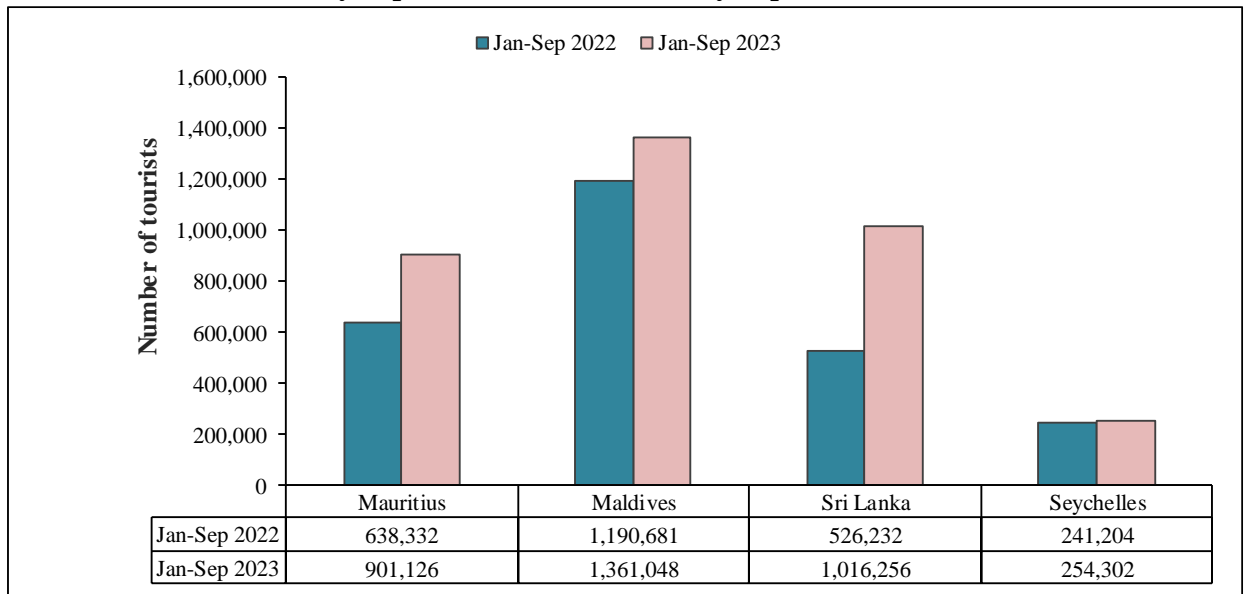
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2023, tourists from United Kingdom (57.3%), France (54.5%) and Germany (45.4%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Switzerland travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Switzerland who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 86.1%, 47.5% and 34.9% respectively.

3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region

Compared to the first nine months of 2022, increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during the first nine months of 2023:

Maldives (from 1,190,681 to 1,361,048), Sri Lanka (from 526,232 to 1,016,256), Mauritius (from 638,332 to 901,126) and Seychelles (from 241,204 to 254,302).

Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, January-September 2022 and January-September 2023



Source: Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Maldives; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to January to September 2022:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2023 increased from 7,824,545 to 10,494,102; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 12.3 to 11.4 nights (Table 8).

3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings, relate to employment in food service, hotels and travel and other services establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2023 indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 1.7% to 28,014 as compared to 27,539 for March 2022 (Table 11).

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2023, there were 108 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed and 5 were closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 102 hotels in operation was 12,502 with 28,450 bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2023,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, higher compared to 57% in the first nine months of 2022; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, higher compared to 50% in the first nine months 2022 (Table 10).

(ii) 'Large' hotels in the Island of Mauritius

At the end of September 2023, there were 56 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 56 'large' hotels was 9,961 with 23,014 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 55% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 80% of total room capacity and 81% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the first nine months of 2023,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 75%, higher than the 60% registered in the first nine months of 2022; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, higher than the 52% recorded in the first nine months of 2022 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger traffic ¹ by month, 2021 - 2023

Month	2021		2022		2023 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	3,512	3,570	56,085	68,870	154,776	177,334
February	3,225	3,006	66,438	59,844	123,149	122,232
March	1,219	3,601	84,868	86,002	144,269	148,044
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>	<u>207,391</u>	<u>214,716</u>	<u>422,194</u>	<u>447,610</u>
April	1,163	3,145	104,081	103,812	145,348	144,220
May	1,064	3,339	93,573	101,112	132,636	143,444
June	1,844	4,228	88,408	87,104	113,612	112,653
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>	<u>286,062</u>	<u>292,028</u>	<u>391,596</u>	<u>400,317</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>12,027</i>	<i>20,889</i>	<i>493,453</i>	<i>506,744</i>	<i>813,790</i>	<i>847,927</i>
July	3,740	4,751	127,599	112,785	146,658	137,622
August	6,575	7,417	121,112	129,635	138,424	144,304
September	4,586	7,458	108,705	108,124	133,359	129,487
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>357,416</u>	<u>350,544</u>	<u>418,441</u>	<u>411,413</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>26,928</i>	<i>40,515</i>	<i>850,869</i>	<i>857,288</i>	<i>1,232,231</i>	<i>1,259,340</i>
October	70,979	44,584	149,070	137,924		
November	81,884	81,215	144,309	147,480		
December	66,469	61,230	183,134	160,276		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>219,332</u>	<u>187,029</u>	<u>476,513</u>	<u>445,680</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>234,233</i>	<i>206,655</i>	<i>833,929</i>	<i>796,224</i>		
Whole Year	246,260	227,544	1,327,382	1,302,968		

¹ Excluding inter Island traffic between the main island of Mauritius and the other constituent islands of the Republic of Mauritius and direct transit but includes international traffic between Islands of Rodrigues and Reunion.

² Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, January-September, 2022 and 2023

Country of disembarkation	January-September 2022	January-September 2023 ²
EUROPE	55,829	64,949
Austria	282	420
France	27,508	31,914
Germany	1,892	2,721
Italy	0	244
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	1,269	913
Turkey	7,971	7,355
United Kingdom	14,849	19,652
Other European countries	2,058	1,730
AFRICA	41,410	65,971
Kenya	4,828	6,152
Malagasy Republic	4,227	7,789
Reunion Island	19,392	30,303
Seychelles	2,176	3,187
South Africa, Rep. of	10,731	18,450
Other African countries	56	90
ASIA	50,971	90,137
People's Rep. of China	1	0
Hong Kong SAR ³	0	0
India	11,070	20,777
Malaysia	2	10,014
Saudi Arabia	2,863	7,272
Singapore	11	1
United Arab Emirates	37,020	52,069
Other Asian countries	4	4
OCEANIA	0	6,612
Australia	0	6,612
NOT STATED	6	11
All countries	148,216	227,680

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country² Provisional³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2021 - 2023

Month	2021	2022	2023 ¹
January	1,232	40,028	107,684
February	1,229	52,724	91,850
March	311	66,066	105,663
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2,772</u>	<u>158,818</u>	<u>305,197</u>
April	58	84,268	109,031
May	115	70,462	100,030
June	280	63,008	82,208
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>217,738</u>	<u>291,269</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>3,225</i>	<i>376,556</i>	<i>596,466</i>
July	1,242	94,084	107,832
August	2,499	86,605	98,990
September	2,494	81,087	97,838
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>6,235</u>	<u>261,776</u>	<u>304,660</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>9,460</i>	<i>638,332</i>	<i>901,126</i>
October	54,434	117,323	
November	65,922	106,905	
December	49,964	134,730	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>170,320</u>	<u>358,958</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>176,555</i>	<i>620,734</i>	
Whole Year	179,780	997,290	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January-September, 2022 and 2023**

Purpose of visit	January-September 2022	January-September 2023 ¹
Holiday	605,416	853,469
Business	18,722	25,352
Transit	11,260	18,046
Conference	626	1,533
Sports	1,422	1,741
Other purposes	886	985
Total	638,332	901,126

¹ Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2022 and 2023

Country of residence	January-September 2022			January-September 2023 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	433,480	361	433,841	564,654	4,209	568,863
Austria	10,160	0	10,160	12,692	110	12,802
Belgium	11,494	0	11,494	13,393	35	13,428
Bulgaria	1,168	2	1,170	2,136	13	2,149
Czech Republic	8,914	0	8,914	11,626	9	11,635
Croatia	281	18	299	645	26	671
Denmark	5,284	0	5,284	6,290	39	6,329
Estonia	885	0	885	879	0	879
Finland	1,031	0	1,031	2,214	18	2,232
France	145,310	56	145,366	210,735	334	211,069
Germany	66,341	3	66,344	78,735	2,300	81,035
Greece	435	32	467	588	55	643
Hungary	1,735	0	1,735	3,336	2	3,338
Ireland	2,122	0	2,122	2,416	8	2,424
Italy	14,234	2	14,236	20,889	144	21,033
Latvia	383	2	385	516	10	526
Lithuania	683	7	690	1,191	1	1,192
Luxembourg	1,389	0	1,389	1,829	9	1,838
Netherlands	6,348	5	6,353	8,313	188	8,501
Norway	2,945	4	2,949	3,197	24	3,221
Poland	5,354	10	5,364	10,906	25	10,931
Portugal	3,535	5	3,540	4,030	19	4,049
Romania	3,905	14	3,919	4,867	48	4,915
Serbia	658	2	660	909	5	914
Slovakia	2,428	0	2,428	3,973	8	3,981
Slovenia	773	1	774	1,670	3	1,673
Spain	8,653	29	8,682	11,075	95	11,170
Sweden	3,062	0	3,062	5,677	14	5,691
Switzerland	15,671	0	15,671	20,388	98	20,486
Turkey	2,629	9	2,638	3,396	30	3,426
United Kingdom	96,155	8	96,163	101,071	329	101,400
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>8,225</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>8,368</i>	<i>13,269</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>13,467</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>451</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>391</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>393</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>5,837</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>5,910</i>	<i>10,591</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>10,693</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,590</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>1,656</i>	<i>1,313</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>1,405</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>387</i>	<i>524</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>525</i>
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>1,290</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1,299</i>	<i>1,803</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1,815</i>
AFRICA	126,023	111	126,134	203,218	442	203,660
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>45,823</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>45,870</i>	<i>109,858</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>109,885</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>335</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>335</i>	<i>605</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>607</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>6,849</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>6,893</i>	<i>11,364</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>11,387</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>36,777</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>36,777</i>	<i>94,497</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>94,498</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,862</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,865</i>	<i>3,392</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3,393</i>
Algeria	137	0	137	242	0	242
Angola	135	0	135	255	14	269
Benin	48	1	49	43	0	43
Botswana	596	0	596	786	0	786
Burundi	37	0	37	89	0	89
Cameroon	305	1	306	392	0	392
Congo	182	0	182	239	0	239
Egypt	517	2	519	553	2	555
Ethiopia	204	0	204	214	1	215
Gabon	49	0	49	82	0	82
Ghana	489	1	490	857	12	869
Ivory Coast	278	8	286	320	10	330
Kenya	1,917	4	1,921	2,405	3	2,408
Lesotho	69	0	69	138	0	138
Malawi	203	0	203	339	0	339

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September, 2022 and 2023

Country of residence	January-September 2022			January-September 2023 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	463	0	463	896	0	896
Morocco	463	0	463	641	0	641
Mozambique	365	0	365	544	6	550
Namibia	894	1	895	1,051	3	1,054
Niger	54	0	54	43	2	45
Nigeria	1,970	10	1,980	2,994	28	3,022
Rwanda	191	0	191	274	0	274
Senegal	131	10	141	194	13	207
South Africa, Rep. of	65,677	21	65,698	72,621	298	72,919
Sudan	47	0	47	37	0	37
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	149	0	149	249	0	249
Tanzania	472	5	477	685	4	689
Togo	39	0	39	66	0	66
Tunisia	322	0	322	337	3	340
Uganda	464	0	464	751	0	751
Zimbabwe	1,348	0	1,348	2,066	1	2,067
Zambia	566	0	566	972	0	972
Other African countries	1,419	0	1,419	1,985	15	2,000
ASIA	63,167	1,600	64,767	95,129	2,662	97,791
Afghanistan	141	0	141	141	0	141
Bangladesh	460	1	461	401	6	407
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	160	0	160	434	3	437
India	25,952	77	26,029	41,199	191	41,390
Indonesia	1,269	633	1,902	1,290	750	2,040
Israel	2,367	0	2,367	3,650	3	3,653
Japan	252	1	253	700	254	954
Korea Republic	476	49	525	2,340	86	2,426
Malaysia	223	7	230	993	12	1,005
Maldives	35	1	36	45	0	45
Nepal	187	1	188	521	4	525
Pakistan	382	2	384	478	50	528
People's Rep. of China	1,159	11	1,170	5,820	214	6,034
Philippines	1,430	668	2,098	1,597	878	2,475
Singapore	473	1	474	1,123	2	1,125
Sri Lanka	306	27	333	563	46	609
Taiwan, China	272	37	309	679	65	744
Thailand	180	0	180	340	4	344
Vietnam	189	65	254	236	65	301
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>27,189</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>27,189</i>	<i>32,446</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>32,451</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>221</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>221</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>250</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>205</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>177</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>793</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>793</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>226</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>173</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>282</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>15,458</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>15,458</i>	<i>18,023</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>18,024</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>10,032</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10,032</i>	<i>12,254</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12,254</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>67</i>
Other Asian countries	65	19	84	133	24	157
OCEANIA	3,084	35	3,119	13,622	725	14,347
Australia	2,696	14	2,710	12,863	556	13,419
New Zealand	193	20	213	500	158	658
Other Oceanian countries	195	1	196	259	11	270
AMERICA	10,134	43	10,177	15,639	448	16,087
Brazil	447	25	472	618	112	730
Canada	3,701	6	3,707	5,619	60	5,679
USA	5,313	2	5,315	8,109	226	8,335
Other American countries	673	10	683	1,293	50	1,343
Others & not stated	288	6	294	371	7	378
All countries	636,176	2,156	638,332	892,633	8,493	901,126

¹ Provisional⁴ Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland⁵ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, January-September, 2022 and 2023

Age group (years)	January-September 2022			January-September 2023 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	13,201	12,851	26,052	18,076	17,738	35,814
5 - 9	14,638	14,189	28,827	20,152	20,035	40,187
10 - 14	15,064	14,984	30,048	20,952	20,846	41,798
15 - 19	12,002	13,795	25,797	16,354	19,101	35,455
20 - 24	12,332	18,475	30,807	17,202	25,017	42,219
25 - 29	28,420	37,521	65,941	35,583	47,241	82,824
30 - 34	37,358	38,736	76,094	47,182	50,271	97,453
35 - 39	32,107	29,893	62,000	43,320	42,357	85,677
40 - 44	28,454	26,656	55,110	40,035	38,933	78,968
45 - 49	27,245	26,147	53,392	37,212	36,764	73,976
50 - 54	27,742	26,954	54,696	38,823	38,802	77,625
55 - 59	25,043	23,323	48,366	36,645	35,789	72,434
60 - 64	18,504	16,754	35,258	29,040	27,490	56,530
65 - 69	11,877	10,558	22,435	19,341	18,644	37,985
70 & over	12,752	10,757	23,509	22,358	19,823	42,181
Total	316,739	321,593	638,332	442,275	458,851	901,126

¹ Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, January-September, 2022 and 2023**

Age group (years)	January-September 2022			January-September 2023 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	84,927	0	84,927	117,738	61	117,799
15 - 59	470,103	2,100	472,203	642,550	4,081	646,631
60 & over	81,146	56	81,202	132,345	4,351	136,696
Total	636,176	2,156	638,332	892,633	8,493	901,126

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January-September 2023 ¹

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	358,858	127,615	53,575	11,960	2,871	11,252	3,090	64,734	629	186	212	104	250	842
<i>of which:</i> France	164,328	114,784	7,813	3,430	1,382	3,537	4	4,864	49	134	70	34	71	478
Germany	48,772	4,871	35,719	345	287	1,130	10	457	35	4	14	8	10	13
Italy	4,554	8	5	4,441	3	51	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Switzerland	12,566	1,876	2,554	193	156	4,824	3	287	16	0	8	8	1	8
Turkey	35,256	3,376	4,962	3,210	345	1,381	3,059	945	487	26	25	14	94	42
United Kingdom	64,304	1,240	117	185	110	88	11	57,947	17	18	91	34	70	239
AFRICA	299,086	63,726	4,883	2,161	1,440	1,910	117	6,885	715	92,999	70,697	2,199	1,489	1,900
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	15,969	3,141	160	87	191	73	14	1,201	79	39	311	465	518	109
Malagasy Republic	14,904	1,113	130	62	159	78	22	227	115	588	138	625	388	140
Reunion Island	163,393	58,250	2,286	261	197	1,078	16	718	74	92,062	1,123	368	134	309
Seychelles	6,138	274	157	19	23	53	18	131	166	12	43	89	104	78
South Africa, Rep. of	98,134	939	2,148	1,730	870	619	44	4,601	281	296	69,069	651	331	1,263
ASIA	224,022	19,179	20,245	6,758	3,989	7,215	188	29,234	9,246	1,169	494	38,887	4,074	1,743
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	36,846	120	40	29	18	18	0	249	40	50	115	33,991	49	76
Malaysia	4,964	315	28	9	5	11	3	72	50	646	86	20	524	336
People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	14,027	698	338	200	20	71	11	188	34	47	14	180	95	18
Singapore	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0
United Arab Emirates	167,979	18,046	19,838	6,520	3,946	7,115	170	28,719	9,121	426	279	4,696	3,400	1,313
OCEANIA	10,667	215	32	10	13	11	1	218	1	143	1,218	9	7	8,378
<i>of which:</i> Australia	10,667	215	32	10	13	11	1	218	1	143	1,218	9	7	8,378
AMERICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	892,633	210,735	78,735	20,889	8,313	20,388	3,396	101,071	10,591	94,497	72,621	41,199	5,820	12,863
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		54.5%	45.4%	21.3%	Napp	23.7%	90.1%	57.3%	Napp	97.4%	95.1%	82.5%	Napp	65.1%
From United Arab Emirates		8.6%	25.2%	31.2%	47.5%	34.9%	5.0%	28.4%	86.1%	0.5%	0.4%	11.4%	58.4%	10.2%
From Turkey		1.6%	6.3%	15.4%	4.2%	6.8%		0.9%	4.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.3%
From France			9.9%	16.4%	16.6%	17.3%	0.1%	4.8%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.2%	3.7%
From Reunion Island		27.6%	2.9%	1.2%	2.4%	5.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%		1.5%	0.9%	2.3%	2.4%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.4%	2.7%	8.3%	10.5%	3.0%	1.3%	4.6%	2.7%	0.3%		1.6%	5.7%	9.8%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: Not Applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2020 - 2023

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
2020 January-September	305,612	353,535	4,276,577	12.1	16,907
Year	308,980	355,290	4,485,257	12.6	17,664
2021 January-September	9,460	7,317	489,758	66.9	2,611
Year	179,780	147,443	2,168,241	14.7	15,253
2022 January-September	638,332	635,683	7,824,545	12.3	41,607
Year	997,290	960,146	11,363,042	11.8	64,845
2023 ³ January-September	901,126	916,996	10,494,102	11.4	60,798

¹ Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Provisional

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2020 - 2023

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All hotels			"Large" hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2020	1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336
	2nd Qr.	91 ³	10,537	24,214	44 ³	7,972	18,801
	3rd Qr.	74 ³	8,171	19,091	32 ³	5,898	14,283
	4th Qr.	106	12,171	28,104	53	9,290	21,905
2021	1st Qr.	93 ³	10,837	24,895	49 ³	8,470	19,730
	2nd Qr.	81 ³	9,358	20,663	39 ³	7,057	15,761
	3rd Qr.	92 ³	10,810	24,824	45 ³	8,243	19,311
	4th Qr.	111	13,902	32,157	61	11,178	26,261
2022	1st Qr.	111	13,917	32,244	61	11,171	26,295
	2nd Qr.	106	13,649	31,745	58	10,965	25,928
	3rd Qr.	105	13,508	31,338	58	10,847	25,616
	4th Qr.	105	13,017	30,145	56	10,326	24,408
2023 ²	1st Qr.	105	13,022	29,591	56	10,338	23,836
	2nd Qr.	101	12,426	28,416	53	9,735	22,563
	3rd Qr.	102	12,502	28,450	56	9,961	23,014

¹ Refers to hotels in the Island of Mauritius which were operational

² Provisional

³ Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres

Table 10:- Monthly occupancy rates ¹ (%) for All hotels and "Large" hotels, 2021 - 2023

Month	All hotels						"Large" hotels					
	2021		2022		2023 ²		2021		2022		2023 ²	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	18	15	42	37	75	67	18	15	44	38	76	69
February	15	11	44	39	70	63	14	11	46	41	71	65
March	8	6	50	44	73	65	9	6	52	45	74	66
1st Quarter	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>
April	2	1	63	57	78	72	1	1	67	61	80	76
May	3	2	58	50	76	67	3	2	61	52	78	69
June	6	4	51	44	65	57	6	4	53	45	67	60
2nd Quarter	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>
1 st Semester	9	7	51	45	73	65	9	7	54	47	75	68
July	8	6	63	58	68	64	8	6	67	61	71	67
August	16	13	68	62	72	67	16	13	72	65	75	70
September	12	9	71	60	77	66	11	9	75	63	79	68
3rd Quarter	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>69</u>
Jan. to Sep.	10	8	57	50	73	65	10	8	60	52	75	68
October	37	33	78	69			38	33	81	71		
November	57	48	81	69			59	49	83	70		
December	40	36	78	70			42	36	80	71		
4th Quarter	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>			<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>		
2 nd Semester	31	26	73	65			32	27	76	67		
Year	21	17	62	55			21	18	65	57		

¹ For the period March 2021 to end of December 2021, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

² Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2019 - 2023

Activities	Year	2019	2020 ²	2021 ²	2022 ²	2023 ³
	Food Service		3,526	3,583	3,369	2,992
Hotels		24,510	24,366	21,020	21,811	22,333
Travel and Other Services ⁴		3,514	3,552	2,702	2,736	2,749
Total		31,550	31,501	27,091	27,539	28,014

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

² Revised

³ Provisional

⁴ Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

The main source of data for the compilation of passenger traffic statistics is the Passport and Immigration Office, which maintains a database of all travellers entering and leaving the country. The data are collected from the passport of travellers, disembarkation cards filled in by non-residents and questions put to non-residents entering the country. At the end of every month, the electronic database of passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism within ten days. Additional data on cruises are obtained from the Mauritius Ports Authority.

Tourism earnings

The Bank of Mauritius (BoM) is responsible for the estimation of tourism earnings based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks. As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

Monthly Occupancy Rates

Survey questionnaires are emailed to all hotels at the end of every month to collect data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates. Non-responses are contacted by phone.

Short-term projections of tourist arrivals

A Tourism Statistics Committee grouping various stakeholders of the tourism industry meet regularly under the chairmanship of Statistics Mauritius to discuss performance of the tourism sector and to provide information for short-term forecast of tourist arrivals.

Publications

The regular publications of the unit are:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website
- (ii) Fortnightly tourist arrivals by air uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website
- (iii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iv) Yearly Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (v) Yearly Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (vi) Report of the Survey of Inbound Tourism (last publication- Year 2018)

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying overnight but less than a year, and who has no employer-employee relationship with a resident.

2. Transit

A transit passenger is one who stops over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

Type I: Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the harbour.

Type II: Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country overnight but only for flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

3. Excursionist or same-day Visitor

Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who depart on the same day they arrived.

4. Tourist nights

"Tourist nights" for year Y refer to nights spent by tourists who departed in year Y.

5. Large hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

6. Occupancy rate

The room/bed occupancy rate is the ratio of room/bed nights rented to the total number of room/bed nights available.

$$= \frac{\text{Total number of room/bed nights rented}}{\text{Total number of room/bed nights available}} \times 100$$

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