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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Quarter 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter 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, 1st Quarter, 2022 and 2023

	1 st Quarter 2022	1 st Quarter 2023 ¹
Arrivals by		
Air	206,136	402,877
Sea	1,255	19,317
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	353	18,176
Total	207,391	422,194
Departures by		
Air	213,279	428,557
Sea	1,437	19,053
Total	214,716	447,610

¹ *Provisional*

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Quarter 2023

Compared to 1st Quarter 2022:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 207,391 to 422,194;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 158,818 to 305,197; those arriving by air rose from 158,008 to 299,082, while those arriving by sea increased from 810 to 6,115 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 442 to 8,915.

In the first quarter 2023, 11 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 18,176 cruise travellers comprising 5,146 tourists, 6,838 excursionists, 23 Mauritian residents and 6,169 crew members.

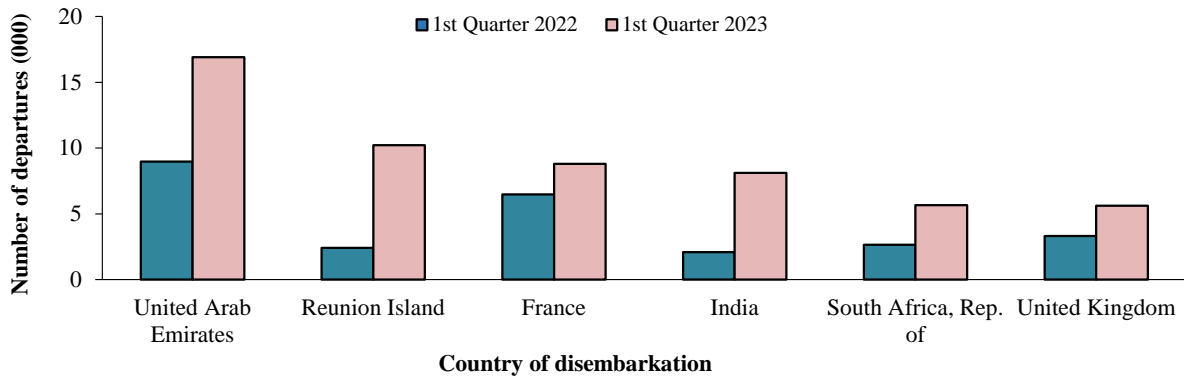
2.2 Departures in 1st Quarter 2023

Compared to 1st Quarter 2022:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 214,716 to 447,610; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose from 30,502 to 72,956 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for the first quarters of 2022 and 2023 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first quarter of 2023, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (16,910 or 23.2%), Reunion Island (10,221 or 14.0%), France (8,811 or 12.1%), India (8,110 or 11.1%), Republic of South Africa (5,672 or 7.8%) and United Kingdom (5,626 or 7.7%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Quarter 2022 and 1st Quarter 2023



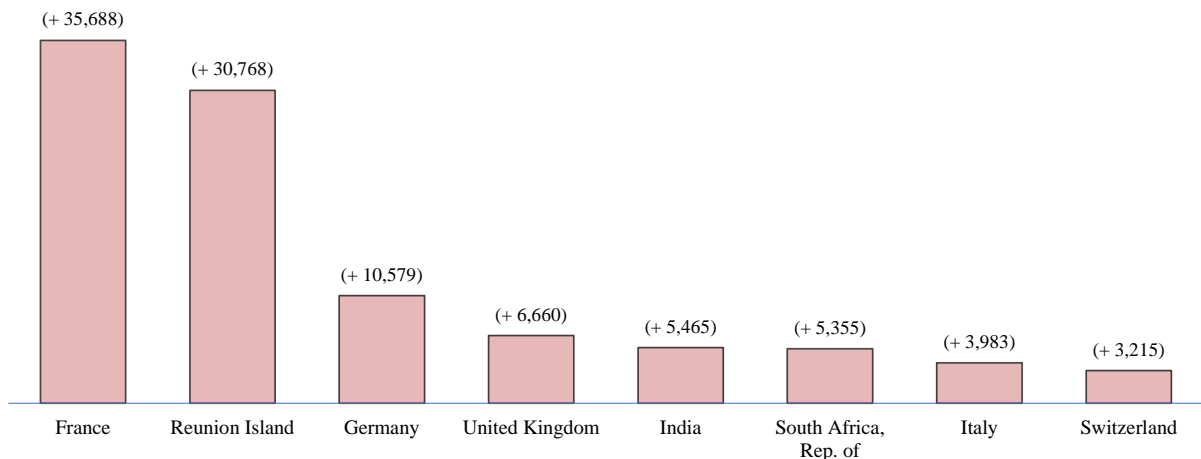
3. TOURISM

3.1 Tourist arrivals in 1st Quarter 2023

Tourist arrivals from main markets were as follows:

France (81,822), Reunion Island (34,779), United Kingdom (29,699), Germany (26,370), Republic of South Africa (20,653), India (7,897), Italy (7,123) and Switzerland (6,520) (Table 5).

Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Quarter 2023 compared to 1st Quarter 2022



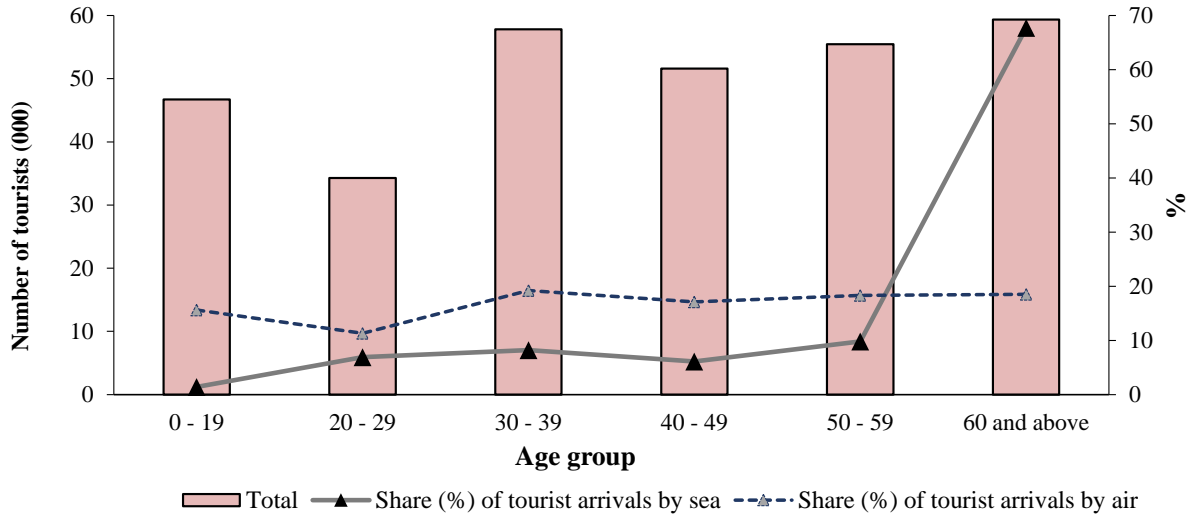
Compared to first quarter of 2022, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 35,688 from 46,134 to 81,822. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other main markets as follows:

Reunion Island (+30,768), Germany (+10,579), United Kingdom (+6,660), India (+5,465), Republic of South Africa (+5,355), Italy (+3,983) and Switzerland (+3,215).

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 59,358 representing 19.4% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 67.7% (Table 6b).

Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 1st Quarter 2023



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

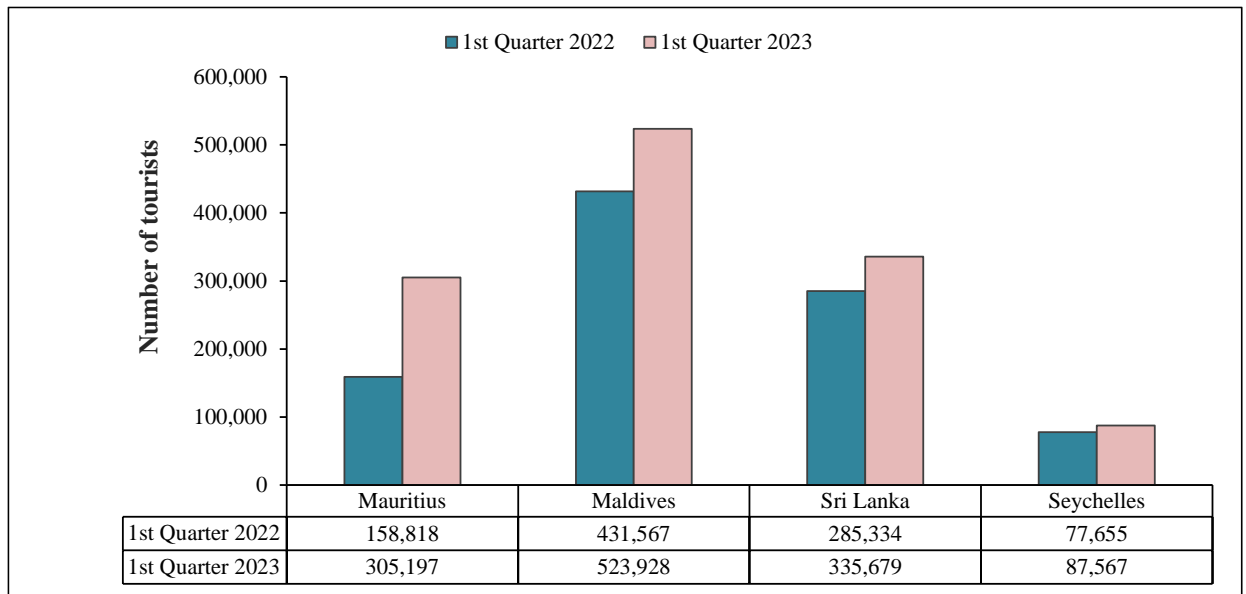
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first quarter of 2023, tourists from United Kingdom (63.9%), France (61.3%), Germany (59.4%) and Italy (47.6%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation and Netherlands travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation and Netherlands who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 83.0% and 49.9% respectively.

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

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

Maldives (from 431,567 to 523,928), Sri Lanka (from 285,334 to 335,679), Mauritius (from 158,818 to 305,197), and Seychelles (from 77,655 to 87,567).

Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Quarter 2022 and 1st Quarter 2023



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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1st Quarter 2022:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1st Quarter 2023 increased from 2,188,334 to 3,907,503; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 13.5 to 11.9 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 2022 indicate that employment in these establishments decreased by 0.8% to 27,626 as compared to 27,858 for March 2021 (Table 11).

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of March 2023, there were 110 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed and 4 were closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 105 hotels in operation was 13,022 with 29,591 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1st Quarter 2023,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, higher compared to 45% in 1st Quarter 2022; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, higher compared to 40% in 1st Quarter 2022 (Table 10).

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

At the end of March 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 10,338 with 23,836 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 53% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 79% of total room capacity and 81% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1st Quarter 2023,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 74%, higher than the 47% registered in 1st Quarter of 2022; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 67%, higher than the 41% recorded in 1st Quarter 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		
May	1,064	3,339	93,573	101,112		
June	1,844	4,228	88,408	87,104		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>	<u>286,062</u>	<u>292,028</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>12,027</i>	<i>20,889</i>	<i>493,453</i>	<i>506,744</i>		
July	3,740	4,751	127,599	112,785		
August	6,575	7,417	121,112	129,635		
September	4,586	7,458	108,705	108,124		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>357,416</u>	<u>350,544</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>26,928</i>	<i>40,515</i>	<i>850,869</i>	<i>857,288</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, 1st Quarter, 2022 and 2023

Country of disembarkation	1 st Quarter 2022	1 st Quarter 2023 ²
EUROPE	13,012	18,770
Austria	185	332
France	6,484	8,811
Germany	552	1,050
Italy	0	182
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	235	513
Turkey	1,948	1,927
United Kingdom	3,309	5,626
Other European countries	299	329
AFRICA	6,427	20,643
Kenya	776	1,756
Malagasy Republic	115	1,962
Reunion Island	2,425	10,221
Seychelles	468	980
South Africa, Rep. of	2,643	5,672
Other African countries	0	52
ASIA	11,063	30,841
People's Rep. of China	0	0
Hong Kong SAR ³	0	0
India	2,083	8,110
Malaysia	0	3,230
Saudi Arabia	0	2,588
Singapore	0	0
United Arab Emirates	8,980	16,910
Other Asian countries	0	3
OCEANIA	0	2,697
Australia	0	2,697
NOT STATED	0	5
All countries	30,502	72,956

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country

² Provisional

³ 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	
May	115	70,462	
June	280	63,008	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>217,738</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>3,225</i>	<i>376,556</i>	
July	1,242	94,084	
August	2,499	86,605	
September	2,494	81,087	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>6,235</u>	<u>261,776</u>	
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>9,460</i>	<i>638,332</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, 1st Quarter, 2022 and 2023**

Purpose of visit	1 st Quarter 2022	1 st Quarter 2023 ¹
Holiday	150,236	289,733
Business	4,739	8,045
Transit	3,380	6,482
Conference	80	303
Sports	177	275
Other purposes	206	359
Total	158,818	305,197

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Quarter, 2022 and 2023

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2022			1 st Quarter 2023 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	125,017	121	125,138	206,666	3,649	210,315
Austria	4,411	0	4,411	6,737	108	6,845
Belgium	2,345	0	2,345	2,997	33	3,030
Bulgaria	749	1	750	1,411	9	1,420
Czech Republic	5,290	0	5,290	7,613	8	7,621
Croatia	106	1	107	325	6	331
Denmark	1,926	0	1,926	3,590	38	3,628
Estonia	696	0	696	734	0	734
Finland	468	0	468	1,607	15	1,622
France	46,114	20	46,134	81,540	282	81,822
Germany	15,791	0	15,791	24,106	2,264	26,370
Greece	134	16	150	271	17	288
Hungary	1,061	0	1,061	2,256	2	2,258
Ireland	374	0	374	688	5	693
Italy	3,140	0	3,140	6,992	131	7,123
Latvia	245	1	246	369	3	372
Lithuania	420	7	427	688	1	689
Luxembourg	165	0	165	453	8	461
Netherlands	692	0	692	1,999	176	2,175
Norway	675	3	678	1,258	23	1,281
Poland	1,150	4	1,154	4,396	15	4,411
Portugal	573	4	577	1,025	17	1,042
Romania	1,717	2	1,719	2,294	28	2,322
Serbia	216	0	216	458	5	463
Slovakia	1,610	0	1,610	2,872	8	2,880
Slovenia	277	0	277	848	3	851
Spain	825	17	842	1,348	64	1,412
Sweden	1,485	0	1,485	3,872	14	3,886
Switzerland	3,305	0	3,305	6,432	88	6,520
Turkey	766	3	769	1,392	16	1,408
United Kingdom	23,033	6	23,039	29,497	202	29,699
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>4,960</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>4,995</i>	<i>5,964</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>6,019</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>194</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>285</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>262</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>264</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>3,181</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>3,197</i>	<i>4,380</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>4,412</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,359</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1,375</i>	<i>742</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>763</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>295</i>
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>299</i>	<i>634</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>639</i>
AFRICA	22,998	31	23,029	64,835	309	65,144
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>4,860</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4,866</i>	<i>38,929</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>38,938</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>225</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>410</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>2,989</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>2,996</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>4,011</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,011</i>	<i>34,778</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>34,779</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>356</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>938</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>938</i>
Algeria	22	0	22	78	0	78
Angola	22	0	22	67	0	67
Benin	7	0	7	10	0	10
Botswana	78	0	78	191	0	191
Burundi	6	0	6	19	0	19
Cameroon	73	1	74	107	0	107
Congo	52	0	52	59	0	59
Egypt	130	1	131	125	1	126
Ethiopia	13	0	13	71	1	72
Gabon	7	0	7	9	0	9
Ghana	78	1	79	233	6	239
Ivory Coast	59	7	66	107	1	108
Kenya	354	2	356	638	1	639
Lesotho	33	0	33	15	0	15
Malawi	24	0	24	61	0	61

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Quarter, 2022 and 2023

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2022			1 st Quarter 2023 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	64	0	64	305	0	305
Morocco	98	0	98	191	0	191
Mozambique	67	0	67	154	1	155
Namibia	97	0	97	231	0	231
Niger	26	0	26	13	0	13
Nigeria	337	0	337	1,006	17	1,023
Rwanda	41	0	41	68	0	68
Senegal	29	10	39	38	1	39
South Africa, Rep. of	15,297	1	15,298	20,397	256	20,653
Sudan	5	0	5	17	0	17
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	36	0	36	83	0	83
Tanzania	106	2	108	128	2	130
Togo	5	0	5	7	0	7
Tunisia	111	0	111	90	3	93
Uganda	97	0	97	181	0	181
Zimbabwe	233	0	233	370	1	371
Zambia	77	0	77	189	0	189
Other African countries	454	0	454	648	9	657
ASIA	7,584	647	8,231	19,453	1,108	20,561
Afghanistan	57	0	57	47	0	47
Bangladesh	96	0	96	120	0	120
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	24	0	24	75	3	78
India	2,414	18	2,432	7,823	74	7,897
Indonesia	813	302	1,115	580	294	874
Israel	297	0	297	885	3	888
Japan	39	0	39	172	252	424
Korea Republic	15	0	15	640	10	650
Malaysia	58	7	65	178	5	183
Maldives	10	1	11	6	0	6
Nepal	31	0	31	109	0	109
Pakistan	111	0	111	144	5	149
People's Rep. of China	277	1	278	922	51	973
Philippines	760	251	1,011	570	310	880
Singapore	50	0	50	232	0	232
Sri Lanka	73	5	78	161	10	171
Taiwan, China	90	10	100	231	28	259
Thailand	24	0	24	74	0	74
Vietnam	112	36	148	100	50	150
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>2,227</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,227</i>	<i>6,346</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6,346</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>109</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>88</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>524</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>524</i>	<i>3,163</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3,163</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,450</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,450</i>	<i>2,737</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,737</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19</i>
Other Asian countries	6	16	22	38	13	51
OCEANIA	583	3	586	3,352	670	4,022
Australia	502	0	502	3,128	532	3,660
New Zealand	37	3	40	153	127	280
Other Oceanian countries	44	0	44	71	11	82
AMERICA	1,745	8	1,753	4,653	376	5,029
Brazil	78	0	78	151	101	252
Canada	663	0	663	1,759	52	1,811
USA	847	2	849	2,316	183	2,499
Other American countries	157	6	163	427	40	467
Others & not stated	81	0	81	123	3	126
All countries	158,008	810	158,818	299,082	6,115	305,197

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

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1st Quarter, 2022 and 2023

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2022			1 st Quarter 2023 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	3,813	3,651	7,464	6,626	6,625	13,251
5 - 9	3,235	3,267	6,502	6,306	6,366	12,672
10 - 14	2,835	2,903	5,738	5,922	6,000	11,922
15 - 19	1,923	2,321	4,244	3,916	4,962	8,878
20 - 24	2,563	3,534	6,097	4,674	6,906	11,580
25 - 29	5,694	7,406	13,100	9,707	12,991	22,698
30 - 34	8,367	9,020	17,387	13,885	15,605	29,490
35 - 39	8,107	7,773	15,880	14,079	14,232	28,311
40 - 44	7,251	6,461	13,712	13,342	13,004	26,346
45 - 49	6,817	6,398	13,215	12,608	12,639	25,247
50 - 54	7,265	7,247	14,512	13,717	13,973	27,690
55 - 59	7,144	6,967	14,111	13,688	14,066	27,754
60 - 64	5,733	5,352	11,085	11,731	11,230	22,961
65 - 69	3,993	3,506	7,499	8,436	8,153	16,589
70 & over	4,590	3,682	8,272	10,637	9,171	19,808
Total	79,330	79,488	158,818	149,274	155,923	305,197

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

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2022			1 st Quarter 2023 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	19,704	0	19,704	37,787	58	37,845
15 - 59	111,461	797	112,258	206,076	1,918	207,994
60 & over	26,843	13	26,856	55,219	4,139	59,358
Total	158,008	810	158,818	299,082	6,115	305,197

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Quarter 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	150,231	55,591	20,302	5,277	783	4,433	1,299	21,860	351	66	51	24	94	115
<i>of which:</i> France	69,923	50,019	1,503	1,205	346	923	1	2,203	23	52	13	8	26	20
Germany	20,891	2,202	14,314	131	92	433	6	158	18	3	1	2	3	6
Italy	3,414	8	1	3,329	0	40	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Switzerland	7,350	1,244	1,415	75	85	2,549	2	122	10	0	2	2	0	4
Turkey	14,521	1,150	1,454	437	140	326	1,284	370	270	9	10	4	25	11
United Kingdom	20,973	405	37	62	37	44	5	18,862	6	1	21	6	38	23
AFRICA	93,167	20,901	1,140	278	210	459	37	1,508	327	34,031	19,899	654	288	520
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	3,687	366	59	17	36	17	2	315	45	16	78	216	94	21
Malagasy Republic	4,089	335	22	15	5	9	8	30	24	439	57	197	96	25
Reunion Island	56,995	19,880	413	63	33	207	3	165	48	33,498	388	152	17	120
Seychelles	1,678	105	40	5	2	9	6	40	61	5	15	10	18	24
South Africa, Rep. of	26,475	207	606	178	134	212	15	957	149	71	19,355	79	63	330
ASIA	52,882	4,909	2,643	1,430	1,005	1,536	55	6,045	3,702	587	115	7,140	537	546
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	6,150	27	7	3	6	4	0	94	19	25	21	5,563	1	23
Malaysia	1,230	128	11	1	1	2	0	14	27	316	14	3	20	48
People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	3,139	68	35	9	0	4	0	34	19	26	0	80	55	13
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	42,182	4,686	2,589	1,417	998	1,526	51	5,903	3,636	220	80	1,494	461	462
OCEANIA	2,802	139	21	7	1	4	1	84	0	94	332	5	3	1,947
<i>of which:</i> Australia	2,802	139	21	7	1	4	1	84	0	94	332	5	3	1,947
AMERICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	299,082	81,540	24,106	6,992	1,999	6,432	1,392	29,497	4,380	34,778	20,397	7,823	922	3,128
<i>of which:</i>														
Direct from own country of residence		61.3%	59.4%	47.6%	Napp	39.6%	92.2%	63.9%	Napp	96.3%	94.9%	71.1%	Napp	62.2%
From United Arab Emirates		5.7%	10.7%	20.3%	49.9%	23.7%	3.7%	20.0%	83.0%	0.6%	0.4%	19.1%	50.0%	14.8%
From Turkey		1.4%	6.0%	6.3%	7.0%	5.1%		1.3%	6.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	2.7%	0.4%
From France			6.2%	17.2%	17.3%	14.4%	0.1%	7.5%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	2.8%	0.6%
From Reunion Island		24.4%	1.7%	0.9%	1.7%	3.2%	0.2%	0.6%	1.1%		1.9%	1.9%	1.8%	3.8%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.3%	2.5%	2.5%	6.7%	3.3%	1.1%	3.2%	3.4%	0.2%		1.0%	6.8%	10.5%

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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					
1st Quarter	304,842	350,035	3,854,358	11.0	14,144
2nd Quarter	39	2,190	230,780	105.4	1,939
3rd Quarter	731	1,310	191,439	146.1	824
4th Quarter	3,368	1,755	208,680	118.9	757
Year	308,980	355,290	4,485,257	12.6	17,664
2021					
1st Quarter	2,772	1,989	153,588	77.2	522
2nd Quarter	453	1,264	146,216	115.7	385
3rd Quarter	6,235	4,064	189,954	46.7	1,704
4th Quarter	170,320	140,126	1,678,483	12.0	12,642
Year	179,780	147,443	2,168,241	14.7	15,253
2022					
1st Quarter	158,818	161,973	2,188,334	13.5	12,539
2nd Quarter	217,738	218,721	2,531,533	11.6	12,733
3rd Quarter	261,776	254,989	3,104,678	12.2	16,335
4th Quarter	358,958	324,463	3,538,497	10.9	23,238
Year	997,290	960,146	11,363,042	11.8	64,845
2023 ³					
1st Quarter	305,197	327,235	3,907,503	11.9	22,281

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

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

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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
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<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			1	1	67	61		
May	3	2	58	50			3	2	61	52		
June	6	4	51	44			6	4	53	45		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>			<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>45</i>			<i>9</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>47</i>		
July	8	6	63	58			8	6	67	61		
August	16	13	68	62			16	13	72	65		
September	12	9	71	60			11	9	75	63		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>			<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>50</i>			<i>10</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>52</i>		
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		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>			<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>65</i>			<i>32</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>67</i>		
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

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Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2018 - 2022

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ²
Activities					
Food Service	3,351	3,526	3,662	3,463	3,081
Hotels	24,412	24,510	25,039	21,693	21,809
Travel and Other Services ³	3,604	3,514	3,552	2,702	2,736
Total	31,367	31,550	32,253	27,858	27,626

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

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³ 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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