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# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## YEAR 2023

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 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, 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023 <sup>1</sup>
Arrivals by		
Air	1,314,166	1,716,933
Sea	13,216	45,244
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	9,602	40,403
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,327,382</b>	<b>1,762,177</b>
Departures by		
Air	1,290,465	1,712,571
Sea	12,503	40,403
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,302,968</b>	<b>1,752,974</b>

<sup>1</sup> *Provisional*

#### 2.1 Arrivals in 2023

Compared to 2022:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 1,327,382 to 1,762,177;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 997,290 to 1,295,410; those arriving by air rose from 990,099 to 1,275,263, while those arriving by sea increased from 7,191 to 20,147 (Table 5).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 5,851 to 21,871.

In 2023, 27 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 40,403 cruise travellers comprising 16,099 tourists, 10,707 excursionists, 34 Mauritian residents and 13,563 crew members.

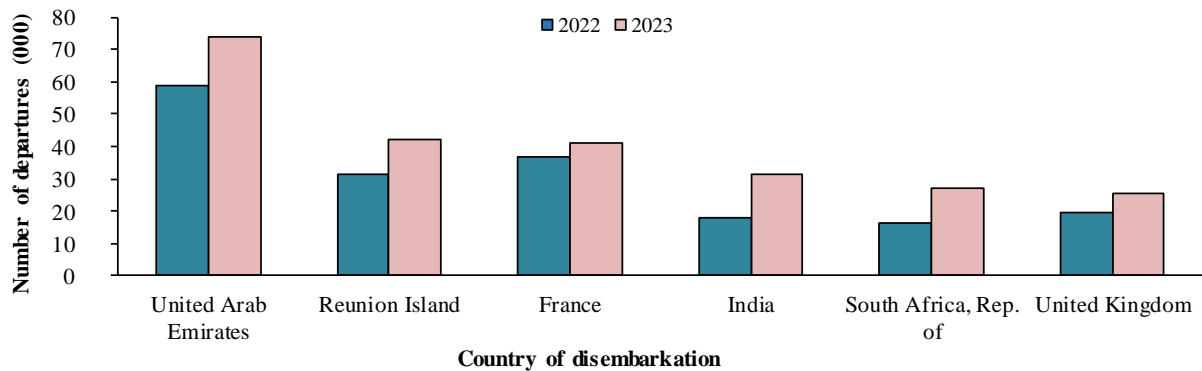
#### 2.2 Departures in 2023

Compared to 2022:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 1,302,968 to 1,752,974; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose from 229,268 to 319,725 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for 2022 and 2023 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In 2023, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (73,888 or 23.1%), Reunion Island (42,127 or 13.2%), France (41,187 or 12.9%), India (31,260 or 9.8%), Republic of South Africa (26,918 or 8.4%) and United Kingdom (25,488 or 8.0%).

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



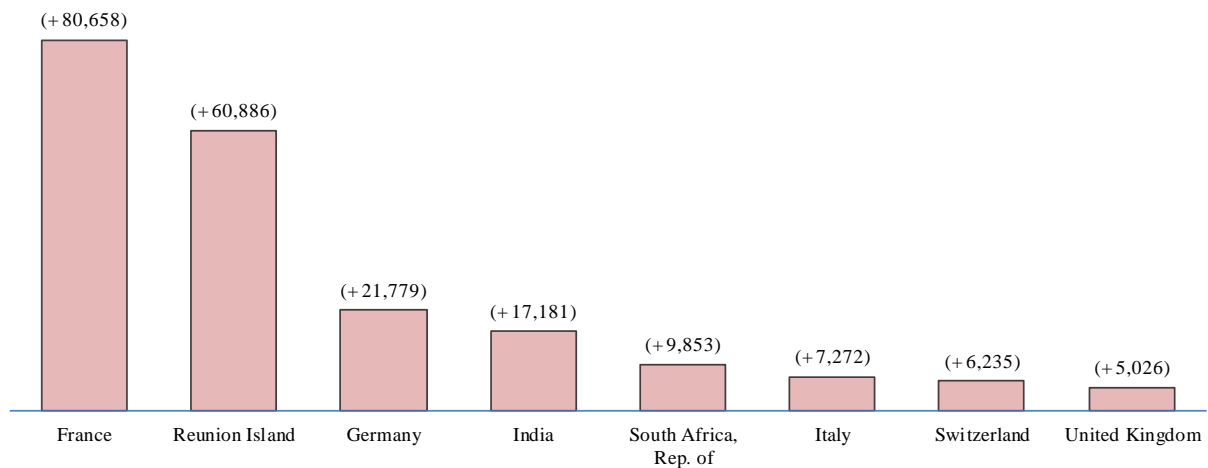
### 3. TOURISM

#### 3.1 Tourist arrivals in 2023

Tourist arrivals from main markets were as follows:

France (319,522), United Kingdom (145,873), Reunion Island (134,222), Germany (118,546), Republic of South Africa (106,169), India (54,137), Switzerland (34,585) and Italy (30,307) (Table 5).

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



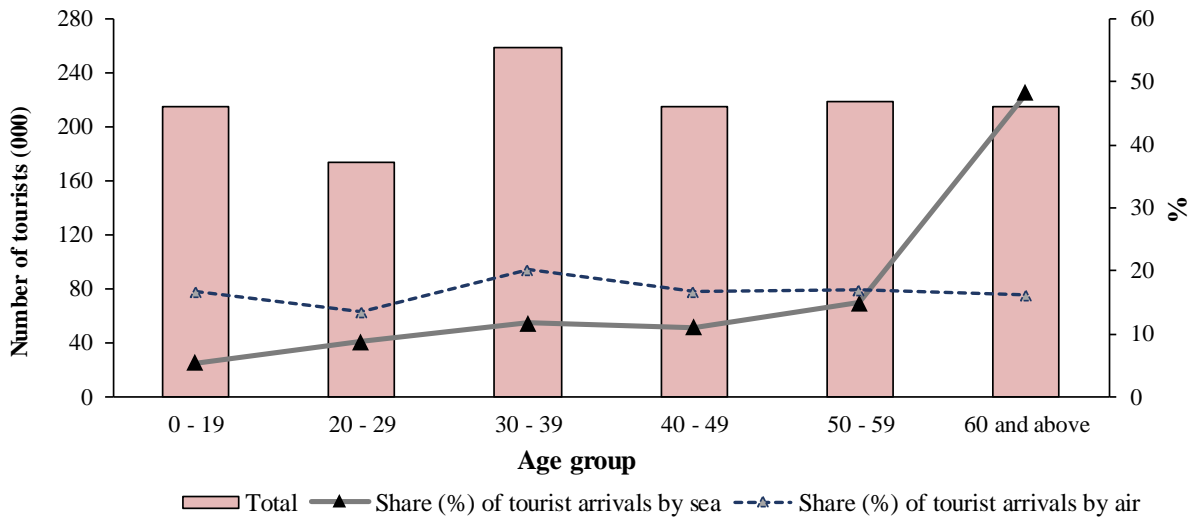
Compared to year 2022, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 80,658 from 238,864 to 319,522. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other main markets as follows:

Reunion Island (+60,886), Germany (+21,779), India (+17,181), Republic of South Africa (+9,853), Italy (+7,272), Switzerland (+6,235) and United Kingdom (+5,026).

### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 215,029 representing 16.6% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 48.3% (Table 6b).

**Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 2023**



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

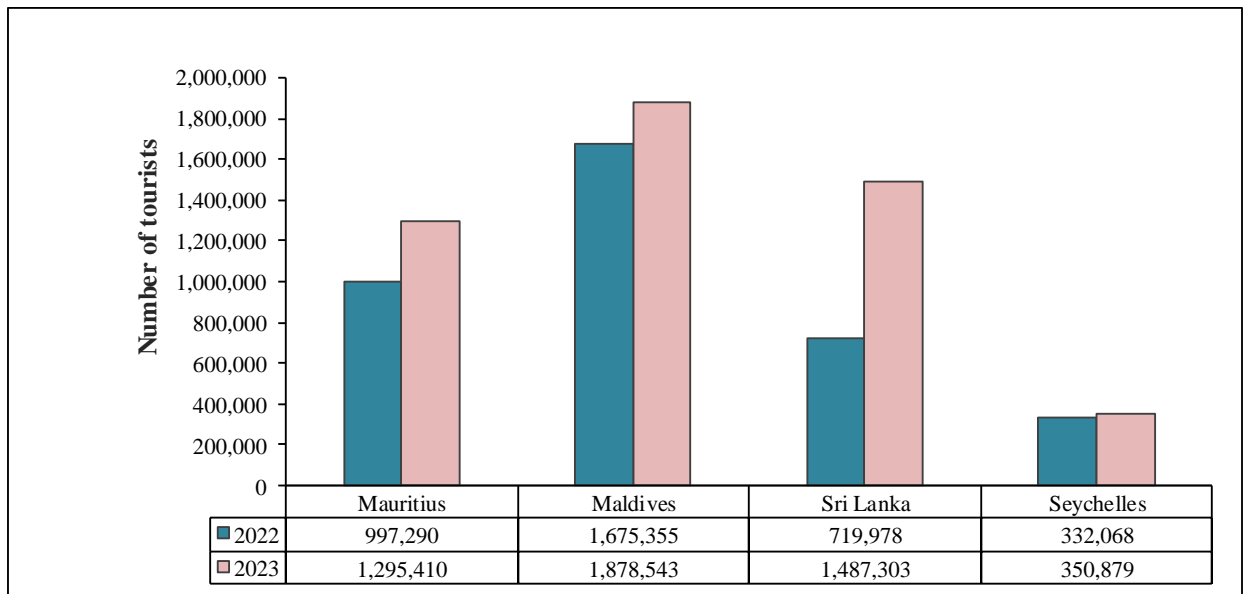
From Table 7, it is observed that during year 2023, tourists from United Kingdom (56.9%), France (54.3%) and Germany (45.1%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Italy travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Italy who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 78.7%, 45.2% and 31.4% respectively.

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

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

Maldives (from 1,675,355 to 1,878,543), Sri Lanka (from 719,978 to 1,487,303), Mauritius (from 997,290 to 1,295,410) and Seychelles (from 332,068 to 350,879).

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



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

### 3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 2022:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2023 increased from 11,363,042 to 14,384,016; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 11.8 to 11.3 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 December 2023, there were 108 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed. The total room capacity of the 107 hotels in operation was 13,387 with 30,752 bed places (Table 9).

During the year 2023,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 74%, higher compared to 62% in 2022; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 66%, higher compared to 55% in 2022 (Table 10).

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

At the end of December 2023, there were 60 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 60 'large' hotels was 10,804 with 25,193 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 56% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 81% of total room capacity and 82% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the year 2023,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 76%, higher than the 65% registered in 2022; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, higher than the 57% recorded in 2022 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2021 - 2023

Month	2021		2022		2023 <sup>2</sup>	
	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>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>12,027</i></b>	<b><i>20,889</i></b>	<b><i>493,453</i></b>	<b><i>506,744</i></b>	<b><i>813,790</i></b>	<b><i>847,927</i></b>
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>
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>26,928</i></b>	<b><i>40,515</i></b>	<b><i>850,869</i></b>	<b><i>857,288</i></b>	<b><i>1,232,231</i></b>	<b><i>1,259,340</i></b>
October	70,979	44,584	149,070	137,924	161,611	151,942
November	81,884	81,215	144,309	147,480	165,265	167,486
December	66,469	61,230	183,134	160,276	203,070	174,206
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>219,332</u>	<u>187,029</u>	<u>476,513</u>	<u>445,680</u>	<u>529,946</u>	<u>493,634</u>
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>234,233</i></b>	<b><i>206,655</i></b>	<b><i>833,929</i></b>	<b><i>796,224</i></b>	<b><i>948,387</i></b>	<b><i>905,047</i></b>
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>246,260</b>	<b>227,544</b>	<b>1,327,382</b>	<b>1,302,968</b>	<b>1,762,177</b>	<b>1,752,974</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation<sup>1</sup>, 2022 and 2023

Country of disembarkation	2022	2023 <sup>2</sup>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>74,382</b>	<b>85,453</b>
Austria	595	725
France	36,667	41,187
Germany	2,660	3,838
Italy	14	301
Netherlands	1	0
Switzerland	1,715	2,080
Turkey	10,737	10,091
United Kingdom	19,471	25,488
Other European countries	2,522	1,743
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>65,047</b>	<b>91,975</b>
Kenya	7,071	8,444
Malagasy Republic	6,824	10,072
Reunion Island	31,464	42,127
Seychelles	3,075	4,314
South Africa, Rep. of	16,539	26,918
Other African countries	74	100
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>87,417</b>	<b>133,024</b>
People's Rep. of China	1	0
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	0	0
India	18,187	31,260
Malaysia	3,428	14,420
Saudi Arabia	6,832	13,450
Singapore	17	1
United Arab Emirates	58,948	73,888
Other Asian countries	4	5
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>9,262</b>
Australia	2,412	9,262
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>229,268</b>	<b>319,725</b>

<sup>1</sup> Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country<sup>2</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

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

Month	2021	2022	2023 <sup>1</sup>
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>
<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>376,556</b>	<b>596,466</b>
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>
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>638,332</b>	<b>901,126</b>
October	54,434	117,323	125,645
November	65,922	106,905	119,494
December	49,964	134,730	149,145
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>170,320</u>	<u>358,958</u>	<u>394,284</u>
<b>2nd Semester</b>	<b>176,555</b>	<b>620,734</b>	<b>698,944</b>
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>179,780</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>1,295,410</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2022 and 2023**

Purpose of visit	2022	2023 <sup>1</sup>
Holiday	948,818	1,229,869
Business	27,261	34,929
Transit	15,840	24,525
Conference	1,308	2,323
Sports	2,713	2,453
Other purposes	1,350	1,311
<b>Total</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>1,295,410</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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

Country of residence	2022			2023 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>670,592</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>674,511</b>	<b>823,581</b>	<b>11,244</b>	<b>834,825</b>
Austria	16,355	136	16,491	19,664	337	20,001
Belgium	17,766	25	17,791	19,457	74	19,531
Bulgaria	2,041	40	2,081	2,882	168	3,050
Czech Republic	12,444	11	12,455	15,565	25	15,590
Croatia	448	27	475	913	49	962
Denmark	8,159	33	8,192	8,689	64	8,753
Estonia	1,359	2	1,361	1,325	5	1,330
Finland	2,420	9	2,429	3,363	20	3,383
France	238,568	296	238,864	318,801	721	319,522
Germany	95,298	1,469	96,767	111,459	7,087	118,546
Greece	718	48	766	908	70	978
Hungary	2,956	10	2,966	4,742	25	4,767
Ireland	3,202	31	3,233	3,358	20	3,378
Italy	22,859	176	23,035	30,044	263	30,307
Latvia	613	6	619	861	15	876
Lithuania	983	14	997	1,608	10	1,618
Luxembourg	2,046	13	2,059	2,466	21	2,487
Netherlands	9,026	140	9,166	10,906	302	11,208
Norway	4,548	121	4,669	4,250	47	4,297
Poland	8,159	38	8,197	14,380	144	14,524
Portugal	4,476	90	4,566	5,091	42	5,133
Romania	5,668	41	5,709	6,254	87	6,341
Serbia	990	32	1,022	1,104	12	1,116
Slovakia	3,492	7	3,499	5,187	19	5,206
Slovenia	1,310	2	1,312	2,276	10	2,286
Spain	11,529	116	11,645	13,265	148	13,413
Sweden	7,023	9	7,032	9,356	22	9,378
Switzerland	28,110	240	28,350	34,222	363	34,585
Turkey	3,727	22	3,749	4,289	147	4,436
United Kingdom	140,369	478	140,847	145,304	569	145,873
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>11,847</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>12,059</i>	<i>18,987</i>	<i>339</i>	<i>19,326</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>427</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>429</i>	<i>609</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>612</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>484</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>488</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>8,730</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>8,831</i>	<i>15,391</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>15,601</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>2,009</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>2,115</i>	<i>1,784</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>1,903</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>514</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>517</i>	<i>719</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>722</i>
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>2,083</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2,108</i>	<i>2,605</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>2,624</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>206,502</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>207,010</b>	<b>288,867</b>	<b>3,636</b>	<b>292,503</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>88,026</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>88,096</i>	<i>156,767</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>156,818</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>788</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>790</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>10,700</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>10,752</i>	<i>16,738</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>16,777</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>73,336</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>73,336</i>	<i>134,220</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>134,222</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>3,388</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>3,406</i>	<i>5,021</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5,029</i>
Algeria	223	0	223	317	0	317
Angola	210	5	215	425	18	443
Benin	77	3	80	63	1	64
Botswana	897	0	897	1,115	15	1,130
Burundi	71	0	71	117	0	117
Cameroon	490	1	491	520	0	520
Congo	320	0	320	364	1	365
Egypt	752	12	764	788	4	792
Ethiopia	320	0	320	283	1	284
Gabon	88	1	89	114	0	114
Ghana	737	7	744	1,236	15	1,251
Ivory Coast	475	14	489	494	22	516
Kenya	2,930	7	2,937	3,388	4	3,392
Lesotho	120	0	120	201	13	214
Malawi	334	1	335	474	4	478

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States<sup>3</sup> Indian Ocean Commission

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

Country of residence	2022			2023 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	1,042	0	1,042	1,370	0	1,370
Morocco	667	6	673	845	1	846
Mozambique	635	4	639	807	24	831
Namibia	1,273	4	1,277	1,523	31	1,554
Niger	71	0	71	67	2	69
Nigeria	2,857	11	2,868	3,866	32	3,898
Rwanda	280	0	280	353	0	353
Senegal	201	20	221	290	25	315
South Africa, Rep. of	96,026	290	96,316	102,867	3,302	106,169
Sudan	64	0	64	44	0	44
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	215	0	215	335	4	339
Tanzania	754	5	759	977	4	981
Togo	67	0	67	89	1	90
Tunisia	444	3	447	502	3	505
Uganda	705	1	706	1,076	0	1,076
Zimbabwe	2,077	1	2,078	3,084	28	3,112
Zambia	895	0	895	1,340	2	1,342
Other African countries	2,159	42	2,201	2,766	28	2,794
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>88,789</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>90,960</b>	<b>120,246</b>	<b>3,178</b>	<b>123,424</b>
Afghanistan	192	0	192	186	2	188
Bangladesh	653	1	654	507	6	513
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	298	9	307	602	5	607
India	36,799	157	36,956	53,836	301	54,137
Indonesia	1,514	821	2,335	1,524	867	2,391
Israel	4,406	2	4,408	3,893	3	3,896
Japan	465	3	468	987	259	1,246
Korea Republic	1,109	62	1,171	3,502	96	3,598
Malaysia	595	9	604	1,294	21	1,315
Maldives	44	1	45	59	0	59
Nepal	276	2	278	910	5	915
Pakistan	525	12	537	615	51	666
People's Rep. of China	1,691	43	1,734	7,708	258	7,966
Philippines	1,753	844	2,597	1,993	1,044	3,037
Singapore	1,028	5	1,033	1,683	4	1,687
Sri Lanka	437	33	470	804	60	864
Taiwan, China	371	45	416	832	71	903
Thailand	284	0	284	454	6	460
Vietnam	229	79	308	290	79	369
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>36,016</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>36,033</i>	<i>38,368</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>38,374</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>302</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>253</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>852</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>852</i>	<i>876</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>876</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>213</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>213</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>285</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>211</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>343</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>19,388</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19,388</i>	<i>21,121</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>21,122</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>14,414</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>14,416</i>	<i>14,687</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14,687</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>80</i>
Other Asian countries	104	26	130	199	34	233
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>7,638</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>7,794</b>	<b>19,919</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>21,123</b>
Australia	6,895	91	6,986	18,763	924	19,687
New Zealand	418	34	452	779	262	1,041
Other Oceanian countries	325	31	356	377	18	395
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>16,117</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>16,530</b>	<b>22,086</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>22,959</b>
Brazil	667	100	767	1,115	194	1,309
Canada	6,160	90	6,250	7,983	170	8,153
USA	8,192	165	8,357	11,211	408	11,619
Other American countries	1,098	58	1,156	1,777	101	1,878
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>576</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>990,099</b>	<b>7,191</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>1,275,263</b>	<b>20,147</b>	<b>1,295,410</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>4</sup> Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland<sup>5</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

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

Age group (years)	2022			2023 <sup>1</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	20,483	19,942	40,425	25,711	25,272	50,983
5 - 9	22,701	22,015	44,716	28,336	28,197	56,533
10 - 14	22,830	22,694	45,524	29,337	29,067	58,404
15 - 19	17,857	20,170	38,027	22,729	26,038	48,767
20 - 24	18,115	26,836	44,951	23,915	34,184	58,099
25 - 29	41,696	55,524	97,220	49,953	66,200	116,153
30 - 34	56,070	58,583	114,653	66,468	70,717	137,185
35 - 39	48,637	46,215	94,852	61,128	60,010	121,138
40 - 44	43,761	41,335	85,096	56,147	54,773	110,920
45 - 49	41,180	39,796	80,976	52,180	51,869	104,049
50 - 54	42,985	42,348	85,333	55,273	55,938	111,211
55 - 59	40,325	38,331	78,656	53,660	53,279	106,939
60 - 64	31,559	29,522	61,081	44,358	42,919	87,277
65 - 69	21,433	19,401	40,834	30,752	29,629	60,381
70 & over	24,306	20,640	44,946	35,716	31,655	67,371
<b>Total</b>	<b>493,938</b>	<b>503,352</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>635,663</b>	<b>659,747</b>	<b>1,295,410</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 2022 and 2023**

Age group (years)	2022			2023 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	130,630	35	130,665	165,174	746	165,920
15 - 59	715,941	3,823	719,764	904,785	9,676	914,461
60 & over	143,528	3,333	146,861	205,304	9,725	215,029
<b>Total</b>	<b>990,099</b>	<b>7,191</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>1,275,263</b>	<b>20,147</b>	<b>1,295,410</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 2023 <sup>1</sup>

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>519,826</b>	<b>194,012</b>	<b>74,017</b>	<b>17,226</b>	<b>3,943</b>	<b>20,366</b>	<b>3,842</b>	<b>92,148</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>1,111</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	239,217	172,971	9,796	4,701	1,995	5,072	11	6,061	73	164	113	50	90	580
Germany	69,589	7,088	50,217	782	395	1,706	24	779	58	4	29	14	11	20
Italy	5,894	10	5	5,751	3	64	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
Switzerland	26,130	4,995	3,679	595	293	11,178	8	654	26	6	20	10	9	15
Turkey	46,639	4,938	6,189	4,801	431	1,698	3,775	1,338	837	32	41	18	130	52
United Kingdom	91,147	1,596	173	253	155	177	15	82,741	39	20	123	39	79	318
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>430,788</b>	<b>94,571</b>	<b>7,879</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>3,265</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>10,116</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>132,196</b>	<b>100,153</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>2,662</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	22,965	4,505	253	129	272	102	29	1,862	99	64	606	615	655	169
Malagasy Republic	21,935	1,557	214	89	241	116	32	314	174	620	191	843	511	192
Reunion Island	237,500	86,770	3,712	358	318	1,871	21	1,019	92	131,090	1,587	476	226	420
Seychelles	8,419	383	246	37	33	89	25	179	199	13	65	105	153	134
South Africa, Rep. of	139,301	1,339	3,451	2,468	1,077	1,070	77	6,735	393	407	97,683	847	448	1,746
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>309,309</b>	<b>29,958</b>	<b>29,510</b>	<b>9,717</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>10,571</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>42,701</b>	<b>12,282</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>50,798</b>	<b>5,356</b>	<b>2,787</b>
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	48,699	180	69	40	22	25	1	372	72	103	172	44,501	54	114
Malaysia	6,483	417	36	15	5	15	3	96	51	860	121	26	640	534
People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	17,445	1,356	579	230	45	116	14	338	49	87	38	218	114	28
Singapore	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0
United Arab Emirates	236,473	28,005	28,825	9,432	4,934	10,415	237	41,889	12,109	583	434	6,053	4,542	2,111
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>15,330</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12,203</b>
<i>of which:</i> Australia	15,330	260	53	13	16	20	1	339	1	158	1,618	12	13	12,203
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total arrivals by air</b>	<b>1,275,263</b>	<b>318,801</b>	<b>111,459</b>	<b>30,044</b>	<b>10,906</b>	<b>34,222</b>	<b>4,289</b>	<b>145,304</b>	<b>15,391</b>	<b>134,220</b>	<b>102,867</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>7,708</b>	<b>18,763</b>
<i>of which:</i>		<b>France</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Nether-lands</b>	<b>Switzer-land</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>Reunion Island</b>	<b>South Africa, Rep. of</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>People's Rep. of China</b>	<b>Australia</b>
Direct from own country of residence		54.3%	45.1%	19.1%	Napp	32.7%	88.0%	56.9%	7.0%	97.7%	95.0%	82.7%	Napp	65.0%
From United Arab Emirates		8.8%	25.9%	31.4%	45.2%	30.4%	5.5%	28.8%	78.7%	0.4%	0.4%	11.2%	58.9%	11.3%
From Turkey		1.5%	5.6%	16.0%	4.0%	5.0%		0.9%	5.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.3%
From France			8.8%	15.6%	18.3%	14.8%	0.3%	4.2%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.2%	3.1%
From Reunion Island		27.2%	3.3%	1.2%	2.9%	5.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%		1.5%	0.9%	2.9%	2.2%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.4%	3.1%	8.2%	9.9%	3.1%	1.8%	4.6%	2.6%	0.3%		1.6%	5.8%	9.3%

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)
<b>2020</b>					
1st Semester	304,881	352,225	4,085,138	11.6	16,083
2nd Semester	4,099	3,065	400,119	130.5	1,581
<b>Year</b>	<b>308,980</b>	<b>355,290</b>	<b>4,485,257</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>17,664</b>
<b>2021</b>					
1st Semester	3,225	3,253	299,804	92.2	907
2nd Semester	176,555	144,190	1,868,437	13.0	14,346
<b>Year</b>	<b>179,780</b>	<b>147,443</b>	<b>2,168,241</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>15,253</b>
<b>2022</b>					
1st Semester	376,556	380,694	4,719,867	12.4	25,272
2nd Semester	620,734	579,452	6,643,175	11.5	39,573
<b>Year</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>960,146</b>	<b>11,363,042</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>64,845</b>
<b>2023</b> <sup>3</sup>					
1st Quarter	305,197	327,235	3,907,503	11.9	22,281
2nd Quarter	291,269	293,069	3,182,486	10.9	19,420
3rd Quarter	304,660	296,692	3,404,113	11.5	19,097
4th Quarter	394,284	351,999	3,889,914	11.1	25,195
<b>Year</b>	<b>1,295,410</b>	<b>1,268,995</b>	<b>14,384,016</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>85,993</b>

<sup>1</sup> Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 9:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2020 - 2023**

Year	Number as at end of period					
	All hotels			"Large" hotels		
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
<b>2020</b>						
1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336
2nd Qr.	91 <sup>3</sup>	10,537	24,214	44 <sup>3</sup>	7,972	18,801
3rd Qr.	74 <sup>3</sup>	8,171	19,091	32 <sup>3</sup>	5,898	14,283
4th Qr.	106	12,171	28,104	53	9,290	21,905
<b>2021</b>						
1st Qr.	93 <sup>3</sup>	10,837	24,895	49 <sup>3</sup>	8,470	19,730
2nd Qr.	81 <sup>3</sup>	9,358	20,663	39 <sup>3</sup>	7,057	15,761
3rd Qr.	92 <sup>3</sup>	10,810	24,824	45 <sup>3</sup>	8,243	19,311
4th Qr.	111	13,902	32,157	61	11,178	26,261
<b>2022</b>						
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
<b>2023</b> <sup>2</sup>						
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
4th Qr.	107	13,387	30,752	60	10,804	25,193

<sup>1</sup> Refers to hotels in the Island of Mauritius which were operational

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres



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

Month	All hotels						"Large" hotels					
	2021		2022		2023 <sup>2</sup>		2021		2022		2023 <sup>2</sup>	
	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 <sup>st</sup> Semester	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>
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.	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>
October	37	33	78	69	77	69	38	33	81	71	79	71
November	57	48	81	69	80	68	59	49	83	70	81	69
December	40	36	78	70	73	65	42	36	80	71	75	67
4th Quarter	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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

Activities	Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 <sup>2</sup>
	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 <sup>3</sup>		3,514	3,552	2,702	2,736	2,749
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,550</b>	<b>31,501</b>	<b>27,091</b>	<b>27,539</b>	<b>28,014</b>

<sup>1</sup> Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> 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

## 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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