

4,000 FOREIGN TOURISTS: ONE SMALL STEP FOR GLOBAL TOURISM BUT GREAT LEAP FOR MAURITANIA



The number of foreign tourists visiting Mauritania over the period 2018–2019 increased by 166%. However, this increase is linked to the country's very low tourist numbers: about 4000 foreign tourists visited Mauritania during the last season compared to 1500 a year earlier.

The Mauritanian tourist sector is growing rapidly but at extremely low levels. According to Minister Khadijetou M'Bareck Fall, during the 2018–2019 tourist season, a total of 4,000 foreign tourists visited Mauritania on charter flights. **This is significantly higher than the previous season 2017–2018 when a total of 1,500 tourists were registered, representing an annual increase of 166%.**

According to the Minister, the national security strategy put in place by the State, now recognized internationally, is one of the keys to this progress in the tourism sector. For M'Bareck Fall, this fine performance is due to the close collaboration between operators, tourist guides and the various partners.

Notwithstanding her satisfaction with this important performance, Minister Khadijetou M'Bareck Fall believes that her country can do better. **According to her, the results obtained are "insufficient" in regard to the country's ambitions and expectations towards the sector,** considering the potentialities throughout the national territory.

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