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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The classification used for this presentation is based on the Recommendations of Tourism Statistics adopted by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Visitors are classified by their country of residence rather than country of birth / nationality.

## 2. RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

### TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS

Four thousand seven hundred and twenty four (4,724) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2014 shows that 202,965 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This figure remained at the same level as in 2013 (202,181).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe decreased by 4% compared to the same period in 2013. An analysis of arrivals by country of residence shows significant decreases in visitors from the main European markets. Decreases were recorded in visitors from Italy and France with both (-10%). Increases were recorded in visitors from Germany (6%) and Russia (4%). Visitors coming from UK & Eire remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 2% in 2014 compared to the same period in 2013. A decrease of 4% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 15% increase in visitor arrivals. China recorded an increase of 76% whilst visitors from United Arab Emirates decreased by 2%.

Visitors from America increased by 11% whereas from Oceania, an increase of 1% was recorded in the visitors arriving in 2014 compared to the same period in 2013.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
Germany	32,379
France	29,067
Italy	17,960
Russia	12,598
China	12,418
United Arab Emirates	11,745

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

#### Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2014 remained at the 2013 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday was 8% above the 2013 level and the number in transit remained at the 2013 level.

## 3. CONCEPTS SOURCES AND METHODS

For statistical purposes, the term "international visitor" describes "any person who travels to a country other than that in which s/he has his/her usual residence but outside his/her usual environment for a period not exceeding 12 months and whose main purpose of visit is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the country visited."

## 4. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Bulletin will be released on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

## 5. CONTACT US

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**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2014**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 46/14	2014	2013	2012	14/13	14/12
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>4,724</u></b>	<b><u>202,965</u></b>	<b><u>202,181</u></b>	<b><u>180,647</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>3,346</u></b>	<b><u>135,982</u></b>	<b><u>141,164</u></b>	<b><u>127,467</u></b>	<b><u>-4</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
France	807	29,067	32,316	28,570	-10	2
UK & Eire	256	11,258	11,232	9,900	0	14
Germany	872	32,379	30,567	25,150	6	29
Italy	302	17,960	19,946	21,275	-10	-16
Switzerland	271	8,685	8,571	7,537	1	15
Austria	116	3,927	4,118	4,285	-5	-8
Belgium & Luxembourg	69	2,296	2,518	2,395	-9	-4
Netherlands	21	1,521	1,641	1,648	-7	-8
Scandinavia	115	3,940	4,252	3,118	-7	26
Spain & Portugal	34	2,613	2,610	2,595	0	1
Russia	215	12,598	12,098	11,280	4	12
Other C.I.S.	42	2,137	2,384	2,403	-10	-11
Other Europe	226	7,601	8,911	7,311	-15	4
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>623</u></b>	<b><u>22,551</u></b>	<b><u>22,069</u></b>	<b><u>20,448</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
Reunion	200	3,641	2,649	3,564	37	2
Mauritius	123	2,998	2,868	2,472	5	21
East Africa	96	2,929	3,074	2,411	-5	21
South Africa	174	9,821	10,243	9,314	-4	5
Other Southern Africa	3	591	490	473	21	25
Other Africa	27	2,571	2,745	2,214	-6	16
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>528</u></b>	<b><u>37,115</u></b>	<b><u>32,233</u></b>	<b><u>26,910</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	181	11,745	11,984	11,244	-2	4
Other Middle East	68	5,717	6,840	6,161	-16	-7
Indian Sub Continent	73	3,685	2,783	2,727	32	35
China	151	12,418	7,044	4,020	76	209
Other Far East	55	3,550	3,582	2,758	-1	29
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>60</u></b>	<b><u>1,476</u></b>	<b><u>1,458</u></b>	<b><u>1,026</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>44</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>167</u></b>	<b><u>5,841</u></b>	<b><u>5,257</u></b>	<b><u>4,796</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b>
USA	143	3,958	3,520	3,307	12	20
Other America	24	1,883	1,737	1,489	8	26

**SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS**

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2014**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 46/14	2014	2013	2012	14/13	14/12
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>4,724</u></b>	<b><u>202,965</u></b>	<b><u>202,181</u></b>	<b><u>180,647</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
Holiday	4,264	187,489	187,058	165,968	0	13
Business	193	7,446	6,981	5,307	7	40
Holiday/Business	5	323	200	177	62	82
Transit	5	1,091	1,093	1,230	0	-11
Other/Not Stated	257	6,616	6,849	7,965	-3	-17

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