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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 23<sup>rd</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 two hundred and thirty eight (4,238) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.

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

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2014 shows that 207,203 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This figure remained at the same level as in 2013 (206,227).

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 France and Italy both by (-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 12% whereas from Oceania, an increase of 3% 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	33,124
France	29,759
Italy	18,224
Russia	12,823
China	12,585
United Arab Emirates	11,898

### 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 was 1% above 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014.

## 5. CONTACT US

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**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2014**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 47/14	2014	2013	2012	14/13	14/12
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>4,238</u></b>	<b><u>207,203</u></b>	<b><u>206,227</u></b>	<b><u>184,333</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
<b>EUROPE TOTAL</b>	<b><u>2,867</u></b>	<b><u>138,849</u></b>	<b><u>144,073</u></b>	<b><u>130,116</u></b>	<b><u>-4</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
France	692	29,759	33,039	29,187	-10	2
UK & Eire	239	11,497	11,443	10,112	0	14
Germany	745	33,124	31,185	25,700	6	29
Italy	264	18,224	20,242	21,600	-10	-16
Switzerland	171	8,856	8,752	7,708	1	15
Austria	83	4,010	4,195	4,357	-4	-8
Belgium & Luxembourg	50	2,346	2,545	2,448	-8	-4
Netherlands	20	1,541	1,659	1,691	-7	-9
Scandinavia	58	3,998	4,373	3,198	-9	25
Spain & Portugal	59	2,672	2,661	2,641	0	1
Russia	225	12,823	12,312	11,570	4	11
Other C.I.S.	67	2,204	2,432	2,444	-9	-10
Other Europe	194	7,795	9,235	7,460	-16	4
<b>AFRICA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>539</u></b>	<b><u>23,090</u></b>	<b><u>22,564</u></b>	<b><u>20,859</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>
Reunion	85	3,726	2,675	3,604	39	3
Mauritius	115	3,113	2,999	2,506	4	24
East Africa	101	3,030	3,134	2,472	-3	23
South Africa	208	10,029	10,465	9,490	-4	6
Other Southern Africa	4	595	503	488	18	22
Other Africa	26	2,597	2,788	2,299	-7	13
<b>ASIA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>589</u></b>	<b><u>37,704</u></b>	<b><u>32,720</u></b>	<b><u>27,410</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	153	11,898	12,114	11,420	-2	4
Other Middle East	130	5,847	6,942	6,254	-16	-7
Indian Sub Continent	69	3,754	2,879	2,804	30	34
China	167	12,585	7,138	4,089	76	208
Other Far East	70	3,620	3,647	2,843	-1	27
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b><u>39</u></b>	<b><u>1,515</u></b>	<b><u>1,476</u></b>	<b><u>1,042</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>
<b>AMERICA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>204</u></b>	<b><u>6,045</u></b>	<b><u>5,394</u></b>	<b><u>4,906</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b>
USA	153	4,111	3,597	3,395	14	21
Other America	51	1,934	1,797	1,511	8	28

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2014**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 47/14	2014	2013	2012	14/13	14/12
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>4,238</u></b>	<b><u>207,203</u></b>	<b><u>206,227</u></b>	<b><u>184,333</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
Holiday	3,763	191,252	190,730	169,379	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
Business	247	7,693	7,240	5,447	<b>6</b>	<b>41</b>
Holiday/Business	8	331	200	181	<b>66</b>	<b>83</b>
Transit	17	1,108	1,095	1,240	<b>1</b>	<b>-11</b>
Other/Not Stated	203	6,819	6,962	8,086	<b>-2</b>	<b>-16</b>

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