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Week ending Sunday 7th December 2014

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 7th December 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

Three thousand six hundred and twenty five (3,625) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 7th December 2014.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2014 shows that 214,288 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was around 1% above that of 2013 (212,697).

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 with both (-10%). Increases were recorded in visitors from UK & Eire (1%), Germany (7%) and Russia (4%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 3% 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 16% increase in visitor arrivals. Increases were recorded in visitors from China 74% and United Arab Emirates 2%.

Visitors from America increased by 11% 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	34,042
France	30,586
Italy	18,458
Russia	13,198
United Arab Emirates	12,955
China	12,871

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2014 was 1% above 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 3% 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 17th December 2014.

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2014

TABLE 1

Country of residence	Week 49/14	YEAR TO DATE			% Change	
		2014	2013	2012	14/13	14/12
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,625</u>	<u>214,288</u>	<u>212,697</u>	<u>190,598</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>1,591</u>	<u>142,555</u>	<u>147,799</u>	<u>133,952</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>6</u>
France	341	30,586	33,951	30,198	-10	1
UK & Eire	128	11,811	11,749	10,418	1	13
Germany	391	34,042	31,933	26,437	7	29
Italy	70	18,458	20,595	22,002	-10	-16
Switzerland	98	9,070	8,967	7,930	1	14
Austria	38	4,121	4,275	4,474	-4	-8
Belgium & Luxembourg	21	2,391	2,611	2,512	-8	-5
Netherlands	13	1,573	1,710	1,735	-8	-9
Scandinavia	27	4,059	4,487	3,327	-10	22
Spain & Portugal	52	2,770	2,755	2,708	1	2
Russia	203	13,198	12,707	11,989	4	10
Other C.I.S.	89	2,331	2,536	2,535	-8	-8
Other Europe	120	8,145	9,523	7,687	-14	6
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>707</u>	<u>24,282</u>	<u>23,609</u>	<u>21,692</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>
Reunion	74	3,854	2,783	3,665	38	5
Mauritius	71	3,273	3,156	2,624	4	25
East Africa	150	3,293	3,318	2,601	-1	27
South Africa	376	10,607	10,995	9,968	-4	6
Other Southern Africa	10	617	514	496	20	24
Other Africa	26	2,638	2,843	2,338	-7	13
ASIA TOTAL	<u>1,178</u>	<u>39,616</u>	<u>34,100</u>	<u>28,711</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>38</u>
United Arab Emirates	691	12,955	12,714	12,061	2	7
Other Middle East	87	5,999	7,127	6,438	-16	-7
Indian Sub Continent	111	4,034	3,110	2,916	30	38
China	210	12,871	7,404	4,282	74	201
Other Far East	79	3,757	3,745	3,014	0	25
OCEANIA	<u>53</u>	<u>1,602</u>	<u>1,549</u>	<u>1,090</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>47</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>96</u>	<u>6,233</u>	<u>5,640</u>	<u>5,153</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>21</u>
USA	63	4,237	3,766	3,612	13	17
Other America	33	1,996	1,874	1,541	7	30

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2014

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 49/14	2014	2013	2012	14/13	14/12
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,625</u>	<u>214,288</u>	<u>212,697</u>	<u>190,598</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>
Holiday	3,240	197,551	196,282	174,873	1	13
Business	251	8,208	7,722	5,807	6	41
Holiday/Business	23	363	218	187	67	94
Transit	32	1,148	1,116	1,267	3	-9
Other/Not Stated	79	7,018	7,359	8,464	-5	-17

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