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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 1st February 2015. 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.

A new table has been added to this weekly publication and will also feature in subsequent publications. Table 3 shows “Visitor Arrivals by Type of Carrier”.

2. RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS

Three thousand eight hundred and fifty (3,850) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 1st February 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 18,143 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 3% above that of 2014 (17,651).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 7% compared to the same period in 2014. An analysis of arrivals by country of residence shows significant increases in visitors from the main European markets. Increases were recorded in visitors from France (5%), UK & Eire (51%), Germany (17%) and Italy (32%). A decrease was recorded in visitors from Russia, (-28%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 70% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. Increases of 337% and 26% were recorded in the number of visitors from Reunion and South Africa respectively.

Asia recorded a 38% decrease in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 26% whilst visitors from China decreased by 70%.

Visitors from America increased by 26% whereas from Oceania, an increase of 76% was recorded in the visitors arriving in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	2,460
Germany	2,177
Russia	1,698
Italy	1,208
South Africa	957
Reunion	783

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 4% above the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday was 15% below the 2014 level and the number in transit was 281% above the 2014 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 11th February 2015.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 05/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>18,143</u>	<u>17,651</u>	<u>16,400</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,473</u>	<u>11,683</u>	<u>10,882</u>	<u>11,209</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
France	581	2,460	2,352	2,394	5	3
UK & Eire	128	713	471	549	51	30
Germany	555	2,177	1,857	2,364	17	-8
Italy	210	1,208	916	1,059	32	14
Switzerland	135	468	529	477	-12	-2
Austria	178	485	340	358	43	35
Belgium & Luxembourg	33	135	103	142	31	-5
Netherlands	18	89	74	107	20	-17
Scandinavia	90	522	453	377	15	38
Spain & Portugal	25	162	92	116	76	40
Russia	177	1,698	2,373	1,809	-28	-6
Other C.I.S.	61	389	483	431	-19	-10
Other Europe	282	1,177	839	1,026	40	15
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>2,798</u>	<u>1,643</u>	<u>2,021</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>38</u>
Reunion	69	783	179	542	337	44
Mauritius	100	340	247	217	38	57
East Africa	94	581	305	215	90	170
South Africa	135	957	759	826	26	16
Other Southern Africa	4	34	23	13	48	162
Other Africa	25	103	130	208	-21	-50
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>2,734</u>	<u>4,440</u>	<u>2,514</u>	<u>-38</u>	<u>9</u>
United Arab Emirates	194	758	601	1,049	26	-28
Other Middle East	151	639	675	618	-5	3
Indian Sub Continent	111	403	407	281	-1	43
China	289	722	2,432	304	-70	138
Other Far East	48	212	325	262	-35	-19
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>71</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>713</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>35</u>
USA	90	456	325	327	40	39
Other America	54	257	239	203	8	27

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY TYPE OF CARRIER - 2015

TABLE 3		TYPE OF CARRIER							
WEEK	Week ending Sunday	Scheduled Flight	Private Plane	Chartered Plane	Vessel	Yacht	Cruise Ship ⁽¹⁾	Other / Non-Scheduled	TOTAL
Week 1	4-Jan-15	2,611	61	208	0	0	0	0	2,880
Week 2	11-Jan-15	3,428	68	45	0	0	102	0	3,643
Week 3	18-Jan-15	3,929	58	0	8	2	11	300	4,308
Week 4	25-Jan-15	3,326	51	79	0	0	6	0	3,462
Week 5	1-Feb-15	3,772	57	0	0	3	18	0	3,850
Cumulative TOTAL		17,066	295	332	8	5	137	300	18,143

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

⁽²⁾ Diverted flight due to bad weather in country of destination