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Week ending Sunday 15th February 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 15th 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.

2. RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS

Six thousand one hundred and sixty five (6,165) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 15th February 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 29,195 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 6% above that of 2014 (27,558).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 11% 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 and Italy both with (28%), UK & Eire (38%) and Germany (13%). A decrease was recorded in visitors from Russia, (-31%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 52% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 21% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 26% decrease in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 38% whilst visitors from China decreased by 54%.

Visitors from America and Oceania both recorded increases of 37% in the number of visitors compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	4,638
Germany	3,677
Russia	2,036
China	1,881
Italy	1,821
United Arab Emirates	1,335

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 6% above the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday remained at the 2014 level and the number in transit was 207% 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 25th February 2015.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	Week 07/15	YEAR TO DATE			% Change	
		2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,165</u>	<u>29,195</u>	<u>27,558</u>	<u>26,569</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>4,014</u>	<u>19,107</u>	<u>17,230</u>	<u>17,764</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
France	1,251	4,638	3,634	3,853	28	20
UK & Eire	323	1,223	888	999	38	22
Germany	816	3,677	3,263	3,644	13	1
Italy	332	1,821	1,427	1,863	28	-2
Switzerland	230	950	989	847	-4	12
Austria	167	838	663	727	26	15
Belgium & Luxembourg	59	251	179	241	40	4
Netherlands	35	159	140	160	14	-1
Scandinavia	195	918	785	698	17	32
Spain & Portugal	55	266	171	181	56	47
Russia	175	2,036	2,940	2,467	-31	-17
Other C.I.S.	43	490	632	573	-22	-14
Other Europe	333	1,840	1,519	1,511	21	22
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>3,679</u>	<u>2,421</u>	<u>2,983</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>23</u>
Reunion	37	861	205	693	320	24
Mauritius	71	478	384	394	24	21
East Africa	153	866	523	474	66	83
South Africa	140	1,255	1,037	1,122	21	12
Other Southern Africa	9	48	28	35	71	37
Other Africa	30	171	244	265	-30	-35
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>5,174</u>	<u>7,005</u>	<u>4,906</u>	<u>-26</u>	<u>5</u>
United Arab Emirates	364	1,335	965	1,475	38	-9
Other Middle East	168	939	918	845	2	11
India	112	448	371	347	21	29
Indian Sub Continent	39	229	224	101	2	127
China	776	1,881	4,085	1,755	-54	7
Other Far East	81	342	442	383	-23	-11
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>41</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>742</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>33</u>
USA	110	634	412	416	54	52
Other America	52	355	311	326	14	9

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 07/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,165</u>	<u>29,195</u>	<u>27,558</u>	<u>26,569</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
Holiday	5,806	27,027	25,439	23,429	6	15
Business	140	1,009	1,008	892	0	13
Holiday/Business	10	61	58	18	5	239
Transit	19	209	68	631	207	-67
Other/Not Stated	190	889	985	1,599	-10	-44

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY TYPE OF CARRIER - 2015

TABLE 3

WEEK	Week ending Sunday	TYPE OF CARRIER							TOTAL
		Scheduled Flight	Private Plane	Chartered Plane	Vessel	Yacht	Cruise Ship ⁽¹⁾	Other / Non-Scheduled	
Week 1	4-Jan-15	2,611	61	208	-	-	-	-	2,880
Week 2	11-Jan-15	3,428	68	45	-	-	102	-	3,643
Week 3	18-Jan-15	3,929	58	-	8	2	11	300 ⁽²⁾	4,308
Week 4	25-Jan-15	3,326	51	79	-	-	6	-	3,462
Week 5	1-Feb-15	3,772	57	-	-	3	18	-	3,850
Week 6	8-Feb-15	4,834	53	-	-	-	-	-	4,887
Week 7	15-Feb-15	6,080	84	-	-	1	-	-	6,165
Cumulative TOTAL		27,980	432	332	8	6	137	300	29,195

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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