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Week ending Sunday 22nd February 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 22nd 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 five hundred and forty two (6,542) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 22nd February 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 35,737 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 7% above that of 2014 (33,465).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 5% 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 (23%), UK & Eire (27%) and Italy (22%). Decreases were recorded in visitors from Germany (-3%) and Russia (-31%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 31% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 2% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 1% decrease in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 31% whilst visitors from China decreased by 12%.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 36% and 12% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	5,725
Germany	4,362
China	3,780
Russia	2,243
Italy	2,157
United Arab Emirates	1,491

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 10% above the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday was 8% below the 2014 level and the number in transit was 65% below 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 4th March 2015.

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 08/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,542</u>	<u>35,737</u>	<u>33,465</u>	<u>31,490</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,538</u>	<u>22,645</u>	<u>21,557</u>	<u>21,610</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
France	1,087	5,725	4,661	5,050	23	13
UK & Eire	205	1,428	1,124	1,257	27	14
Germany	685	4,362	4,500	4,269	-3	2
Italy	336	2,157	1,763	2,228	22	-3
Switzerland	216	1,166	1,213	1,014	-4	15
Austria	145	983	846	905	16	9
Belgium & Luxembourg	28	279	238	273	17	2
Netherlands	31	190	185	201	3	-5
Scandinavia	166	1,084	938	938	16	16
Spain & Portugal	39	305	204	210	50	45
Russia	207	2,243	3,267	2,794	-31	-20
Other C.I.S.	66	556	753	627	-26	-11
Other Europe	327	2,167	1,865	1,844	16	18
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>401</u>	<u>4,080</u>	<u>3,112</u>	<u>3,329</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>23</u>
Reunion	25	886	227	703	290	26
Mauritius	66	544	440	448	24	21
East Africa	86	952	698	536	36	78
South Africa	192	1,447	1,421	1,300	2	11
Other Southern Africa	3	51	34	38	50	34
Other Africa	29	200	292	304	-32	-34
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>2,425</u>	<u>7,599</u>	<u>7,714</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>38</u>
United Arab Emirates	156	1,491	1,142	1,632	31	-9
Other Middle East	106	1,045	1,060	1,018	-1	3
India	114	562	433	398	30	41
Indian Sub Continent	46	275	260	124	6	122
China	1,899	3,780	4,290	1,874	-12	102
Other Far East	104	446	529	454	-16	-2
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>39</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>1,151</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>34</u>
USA	113	747	490	499	52	50
Other America	49	404	359	363	13	11

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 08/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,542</u>	<u>35,737</u>	<u>33,465</u>	<u>31,490</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>
Holiday	6,271	33,298	30,239	28,082	10	19
Business	137	1,146	1,240	1,056	-8	9
Holiday/Business	4	65	75	23	-13	183
Transit	21	230	657	650	-65	-65
Other/Not Stated	109	998	1,254	1,679	-20	-41

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

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
Week 8	22-Feb-15	6,228	33	254	-	15	12	-	6,542
Cumulative TOTAL		34,208	465	586	8	21	149	300	35,737

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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