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Week ending Sunday 01st March 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 01st March 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

Five thousand eight hundred and eighty two (5,882) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 01st March 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 41,619 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 9% above that of 2014 (38,183).

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 (18%), UK & Eire (37%) and Italy (16%). Decreases were recorded in visitors from Germany (-4%) and Russia (-28%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 30% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 4% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 10% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 37% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 37% and 29% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	6,711
Germany	5,144
China	4,631
Russia	2,552
Italy	2,526
United Arab Emirates	1,710

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 11% above the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday was 5% below the 2014 level and the number in transit was 34% 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 11th March 2015.

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 09/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>5,882</u>	<u>41,619</u>	<u>38,183</u>	<u>36,213</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>26,358</u>	<u>25,190</u>	<u>25,283</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
France	986	6,711	5,677	6,411	18	5
UK & Eire	389	1,817	1,327	1,512	37	20
Germany	782	5,144	5,353	4,822	-4	7
Italy	369	2,526	2,177	2,601	16	-3
Switzerland	118	1,284	1,376	1,123	-7	14
Austria	128	1,111	940	993	18	12
Belgium & Luxembourg	64	343	356	310	-4	11
Netherlands	16	206	214	226	-4	-9
Scandinavia	113	1,197	1,028	1,103	16	9
Spain & Portugal	23	328	251	244	31	34
Russia	309	2,552	3,547	3,090	-28	-17
Other C.I.S.	68	624	818	691	-24	-10
Other Europe	348	2,515	2,126	2,157	18	17
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>4,478</u>	<u>3,448</u>	<u>3,791</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>
Reunion	38	924	256	816	261	13
Mauritius	61	605	488	486	24	24
East Africa	121	1,073	780	666	38	61
South Africa	153	1,600	1,545	1,468	4	9
Other Southern Africa	1	52	38	38	37	37
Other Africa	24	224	341	317	-34	-29
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,496</u>	<u>9,095</u>	<u>8,249</u>	<u>5,975</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>52</u>
United Arab Emirates	219	1,710	1,249	1,827	37	-6
Other Middle East	197	1,242	1,206	1,133	3	10
India	129	691	491	444	41	56
Indian Sub Continent	32	307	290	140	6	119
China	851	4,631	4,436	1,928	4	140
Other Far East	68	514	577	503	-11	2
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>72</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>1,343</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>963</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>39</u>
USA	147	894	624	569	43	57
Other America	45	449	421	394	7	14

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 09/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,882</u>	<u>41,619</u>	<u>38,183</u>	<u>36,213</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>
Holiday	5,345	38,643	34,730	32,411	11	19
Business	166	1,312	1,372	1,241	-4	6
Holiday/Business	8	73	83	26	-12	181
Transit	222	452	682	661	-34	-32
Other/Not Stated	141	1,139	1,316	1,874	-13	-39

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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
Week 8	22-Feb-15	6,228	33	254	-	15	12	-	6,542
Week 9	1-Mar-15	5,392	39	239	-	13	199	-	5,882
Cumulative TOTAL		39,600	504	825	8	34	348	300	41,619

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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