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Week ending Sunday 22nd March 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 22nd 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 six hundred and seventy three (5,673) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 22nd March 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 57,206 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2014 (52,056).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 3% 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 (8%), UK & Eire (29%) and Italy (15%). Decreases were recorded in visitors from Germany (-3%) and Russia (-26%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 29% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014, and visitors from South Africa remained unchanged.

Asia recorded a 20% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 51% and 3% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 30% and 28% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	9,149
Germany	7,333
China	5,051
Italy	3,731
Russia	3,573
United Arab Emirates	2,651

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 decreased by 1% below the 2014 level and the number in transit was 20% 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 1st April 2015.

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

TABLE 1

Country of residence	Week 12/15	YEAR TO DATE			% Change	
		2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>5,673</u>	<u>57,206</u>	<u>52,056</u>	<u>50,667</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,306</u>	<u>36,485</u>	<u>35,339</u>	<u>36,203</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
France	826	9,149	8,473	9,580	8	-4
UK & Eire	257	2,540	1,969	2,144	29	18
Germany	633	7,333	7,575	7,157	-3	2
Italy	385	3,731	3,231	3,860	15	-3
Switzerland	161	1,795	1,811	1,542	-1	16
Austria	72	1,446	1,222	1,264	18	14
Belgium & Luxembourg	51	475	492	458	-3	4
Netherlands	36	291	269	299	8	-3
Scandinavia	121	1,540	1,314	1,384	17	11
Spain & Portugal	34	459	376	382	22	20
Russia	439	3,573	4,800	4,280	-26	-17
Other C.I.S.	75	845	1,045	911	-19	-7
Other Europe	216	3,308	2,762	2,942	20	12
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>6,238</u>	<u>4,818</u>	<u>5,351</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>17</u>
Reunion	318	1,460	438	1,199	233	22
Mauritius	24	831	630	692	32	20
East Africa	114	1,407	1,077	910	31	55
South Africa	235	2,158	2,163	2,088	0	3
Other Southern Africa	2	60	61	63	-2	-5
Other Africa	47	322	449	399	-28	-19
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,420</u>	<u>12,256</u>	<u>10,179</u>	<u>7,597</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>61</u>
United Arab Emirates	353	2,651	1,755	2,412	51	10
Other Middle East	415	1,991	1,719	1,738	16	15
India	327	1,367	624	537	119	155
Indian Sub Continent	128	499	443	223	13	124
China	141	5,051	4,889	2,049	3	147
Other Far East	56	697	749	638	-7	9
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>1,809</u>	<u>1,393</u>	<u>1,251</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>45</u>
USA	148	1,261	861	755	46	67
Other America	38	548	532	496	3	10

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

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

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 12/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,673</u>	<u>57,206</u>	<u>52,056</u>	<u>50,667</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>
Holiday	5,182	52,970	47,525	45,802	11	16
Business	163	1,891	1,923	1,679	-2	13
Holiday/Business	11	104	99	43	5	142
Transit	39	605	752	697	-20	-13
Other/Not Stated	278	1,636	1,757	2,446	-7	-33

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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
Week 10	8-Mar-15	4,736	46	54	-	3	-	-	4,839
Week 11	15-Mar-15	4,790	221	60	-	4	-	-	5,075
Week 12	22-Mar-15	5,368	173	84	-	12	36	-	5,673
Cumulative TOTAL		54,494	944	1,023	8	53	384	300	57,206

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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