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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

#### Week ending Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 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

Three thousand five hundred and seventy eight (3,578) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 111,134 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 16% above that of 2014 (95,902).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 8% 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 (10%), UK & Eire (32%), Germany (1%) and Italy (7%). A decrease of 18% was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa increased by 44% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 10% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 27% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 48% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 33% and 37% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	17,166
Germany	14,247
Italy	7,694
United Arab Emirates	7,117
China	6,861
Russia	6,190

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

#### Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 16% above the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday increased by 9% above the 2014 level and the number in transit was 26% 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 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

## 5. CONTACT US

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**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 22/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>3,578</u></b>	<b><u>111,134</u></b>	<b><u>95,902</u></b>	<b><u>96,934</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>2,061</u></b>	<b><u>69,923</u></b>	<b><u>64,897</u></b>	<b><u>69,435</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
France	349	17,166	15,586	18,020	10	-5
UK & Eire	228	5,883	4,465	4,715	32	25
Germany	604	14,247	14,130	13,973	1	2
Italy	257	7,694	7,188	8,186	7	-6
Switzerland	151	4,267	3,816	3,606	12	18
Austria	49	2,407	1,976	1,990	22	21
Belgium & Luxembourg	32	1,177	1,115	1,100	6	7
Netherlands	22	663	602	637	10	4
Scandinavia	46	2,316	2,004	2,015	16	15
Spain & Portugal	36	1,130	906	902	25	25
Russia	161	6,190	7,539	7,599	-18	-19
Other C.I.S.	23	1,349	1,416	1,395	-5	-3
Other Europe	103	5,434	4,154	5,297	31	3
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>467</u></b>	<b><u>13,958</u></b>	<b><u>9,715</u></b>	<b><u>10,644</u></b>	<b><u>44</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>
Reunion	51	2,546	624	1,824	308	40
Mauritius	57	1,651	1,351	1,253	22	32
East Africa	112	3,068	2,084	1,842	47	67
South Africa	184	5,119	4,636	4,676	10	9
Other Southern Africa	13	191	152	123	26	55
Other Africa	50	1,383	868	926	59	49
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>885</u></b>	<b><u>22,917</u></b>	<b><u>18,043</u></b>	<b><u>14,108</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>62</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	260	7,117	4,819	5,084	48	40
Other Middle East	119	4,097	3,239	3,495	26	17
India	157	2,471	1,101	983	124	151
Indian Sub Continent	22	871	773	426	13	104
China	263	6,861	6,600	2,866	4	139
Other Far East	64	1,500	1,511	1,254	-1	20
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>848</u></b>	<b><u>621</u></b>	<b><u>532</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>59</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>138</u></b>	<b><u>3,488</u></b>	<b><u>2,626</u></b>	<b><u>2,215</u></b>	<b><u>33</u></b>	<b><u>57</u></b>
USA	113	2,433	1,630	1,417	49	72
Other America	25	1,055	996	798	6	32

**SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS**

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 22/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>3,578</u></b>	<b><u>111,134</u></b>	<b><u>95,902</u></b>	<b><u>96,934</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b>
Holiday	3,177	102,044	87,809	88,876	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>
Business	206	3,970	3,681	3,037	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>
Holiday/Business	18	213	161	67	<b>32</b>	<b>218</b>
Transit	60	1,028	817	824	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>
Other/Not Stated	117	3,879	3,434	4,130	<b>13</b>	<b>-6</b>

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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 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 <sup>(2)</sup>	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
Week 13	29-Mar-15	6,231	262	20	-	89	-	-	6,602
Week 14	5-Apr-15	6,636	282	406	-	2	-	-	7,326
Week 15	12-Apr-15	4,925	101	-	-	6	-	-	5,032
Week 16	19-Apr-15	5,031	279	-	-	3	-	-	5,313
Week 17	26-Apr-15	6,257	211	181	-	2	107	-	6,758
Week 18	3-May-15	5,503	197	-	16	2	-	-	5,718
Week 19	10-May-15	4,622	48	-	-	5	-	-	4,675
Week 20	17-May-15	4,566	58	-	-	4	-	-	4,628
Week 21	24-May-15	4,241	49	-	-	8	-	-	4,298
Week 22	31-May-15	3,526	52	-	-	-	-	-	3,578
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>106,032</b>	<b>2,483</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>111,134</b>

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**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes day trippers

<sup>(2)</sup> Diverted flight due to bad weather in country of destination