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Week ending Sunday 21st June 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 21st June 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 nine hundred and sixty three (3,963) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 21st June 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 122,805 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 15% above that of 2014 (106,476).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 7% 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 (31%) and Italy (6%). Decreases were recorded in visitors from Germany (-2%) and Russia (-15%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 39% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 9% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 28% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 44% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 32% and 40% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	18,259
Germany	15,783
Italy	8,778
United Arab Emirates	8,259
China	7,448
Russia	6,773

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 7% above the 2014 level and the number in transit was 36% 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 Thursday 2nd July 2015.

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 25/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>3,963</u>	<u>122,805</u>	<u>106,476</u>	<u>107,458</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,316</u>	<u>76,720</u>	<u>71,566</u>	<u>75,877</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>
France	328	18,259	16,626	19,110	10	-4
UK & Eire	259	6,704	5,124	5,450	31	23
Germany	483	15,783	16,086	15,474	-2	2
Italy	472	8,778	8,317	9,224	6	-5
Switzerland	178	4,682	4,140	3,927	13	19
Austria	86	2,653	2,119	2,177	25	22
Belgium & Luxembourg	33	1,286	1,187	1,214	8	6
Netherlands	28	747	667	741	12	1
Scandinavia	72	2,471	2,225	2,147	11	15
Spain & Portugal	59	1,324	1,135	1,053	17	26
Russia	142	6,773	8,003	8,080	-15	-16
Other C.I.S.	46	1,468	1,528	1,525	-4	-4
Other Europe	130	5,792	4,409	5,755	31	1
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>15,205</u>	<u>10,902</u>	<u>11,940</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>27</u>
Reunion	27	2,649	697	1,934	280	37
Mauritius	59	1,800	1,505	1,423	20	26
East Africa	193	3,440	2,393	2,026	44	70
South Africa	174	5,594	5,128	5,431	9	3
Other Southern Africa	6	205	184	133	11	54
Other Africa	44	1,517	995	993	52	53
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>25,940</u>	<u>20,313</u>	<u>16,486</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>57</u>
United Arab Emirates	290	8,259	5,739	6,099	44	35
Other Middle East	63	4,423	3,583	3,981	23	11
India	200	3,111	1,236	1,164	152	167
Indian Sub Continent	51	978	901	473	9	107
China	229	7,448	7,163	3,248	4	129
Other Far East	87	1,721	1,691	1,521	2	13
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>969</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>62</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>3,971</u>	<u>3,002</u>	<u>2,555</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>55</u>
USA	157	2,803	1,908	1,675	47	67
Other America	33	1,168	1,094	880	7	33

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 25/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,963</u>	<u>122,805</u>	<u>106,476</u>	<u>107,458</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
Holiday	3,465	112,646	97,208	98,599	16	14
Business	329	4,551	4,298	3,552	6	28
Holiday/Business	14	240	197	76	22	216
Transit	55	1,139	838	838	36	36
Other/Not Stated	100	4,229	3,935	4,393	7	-4

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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
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
Week 23	7-Jun-15	3,660	138	-	-	4	-	-	3,802
Week 24	14-Jun-15	3,779	120	-	-	7	-	-	3,906
Week 25	21-Jun-15	3,898	63	-	-	2	-	-	3,963
Cumulative TOTAL		117,369	2,804	1,630	24	187	491	300	122,805

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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