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Week ending Sunday 28th June 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 28th 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 seven hundred and ninety eight (3,798) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 28th June 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 126,603 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 15% above that of 2014 (109,930).

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 (29%) and Italy (6%). Decreases were recorded in visitors from Germany (-1%) and Russia (-15%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 36% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 8% 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 42% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 31% and 41% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	18,566
Germany	16,280
Italy	9,202
United Arab Emirates	8,571
China	7,604
UK & Eire	6,948

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 4% above the 2014 level and the number in transit was 42% 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 8th July 2015.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 26/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>3,798</u>	<u>126,603</u>	<u>109,930</u>	<u>111,137</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,161</u>	<u>78,881</u>	<u>73,383</u>	<u>78,059</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>
France	307	18,566	16,871	19,431	10	-4
UK & Eire	244	6,948	5,375	5,682	29	22
Germany	497	16,280	16,478	16,008	-1	2
Italy	424	9,202	8,667	9,658	6	-5
Switzerland	126	4,808	4,238	4,055	13	19
Austria	42	2,695	2,171	2,241	24	20
Belgium & Luxembourg	42	1,328	1,220	1,244	9	7
Netherlands	17	764	694	768	10	-1
Scandinavia	79	2,550	2,282	2,228	12	14
Spain & Portugal	55	1,379	1,185	1,095	16	26
Russia	118	6,891	8,100	8,224	-15	-16
Other C.I.S.	46	1,514	1,541	1,544	-2	-2
Other Europe	164	5,956	4,561	5,881	31	1
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>15,784</u>	<u>11,604</u>	<u>12,397</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>27</u>
Reunion	96	2,745	860	1,946	219	41
Mauritius	90	1,890	1,649	1,470	15	29
East Africa	93	3,533	2,457	2,092	44	69
South Africa	263	5,857	5,433	5,728	8	2
Other Southern Africa	9	214	185	140	16	53
Other Africa	28	1,545	1,020	1,021	51	51
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>26,810</u>	<u>21,091</u>	<u>17,341</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>55</u>
United Arab Emirates	312	8,571	6,038	6,478	42	32
Other Middle East	66	4,489	3,654	4,186	23	7
India	231	3,342	1,297	1,227	158	172
Indian Sub Continent	30	1,008	1,039	492	-3	105
China	156	7,604	7,314	3,352	4	127
Other Far East	75	1,796	1,749	1,606	3	12
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>1,023</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>636</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>4,105</u>	<u>3,127</u>	<u>2,704</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>52</u>
USA	86	2,889	2,001	1,789	44	61
Other America	48	1,216	1,126	915	8	33

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 26/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,798</u>	<u>126,603</u>	<u>109,930</u>	<u>111,137</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
Holiday	3,336	115,982	100,209	102,069	16	14
Business	178	4,729	4,595	3,666	3	29
Holiday/Business	8	248	207	82	20	202
Transit	65	1,204	850	845	42	42
Other/Not Stated	211	4,440	4,069	4,475	9	-1

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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
Week 26	28-Jun-15	3,647	130	-	2	19	-	-	3,798
Cumulative TOTAL		121,016	2,934	1,630	26	206	491	300	126,603

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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