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Week ending Sunday 5th July 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 5th July 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 one hundred and thirty three (5,133) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 5th July 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 131,736 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 16% above that of 2014 (113,641).

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 (11%), UK & Eire (30%) and Italy (5%). A decrease of 14% was recorded in visitors from Russia. Visitors coming from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 36% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 11% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 29% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 44% and 6% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 32% and 36% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	18,971
Germany	16,867
Italy	9,605
United Arab Emirates	8,997
China	7,908
UK & Eire	7,291

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 5% above the 2014 level and the number in transit was 45% 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 15th July 2015.

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	Week 27/15	YEAR TO DATE			% Change	
		2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,133</u>	<u>131,736</u>	<u>113,641</u>	<u>115,105</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>2,864</u>	<u>81,745</u>	<u>75,631</u>	<u>80,450</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>
France	405	18,971	17,147	19,749	11	-4
UK & Eire	343	7,291	5,629	5,904	30	23
Germany	587	16,867	16,938	16,482	0	2
Italy	403	9,605	9,114	10,110	5	-5
Switzerland	201	5,009	4,381	4,217	14	19
Austria	104	2,799	2,243	2,332	25	20
Belgium & Luxembourg	71	1,399	1,323	1,309	6	7
Netherlands	32	796	715	813	11	-2
Scandinavia	155	2,705	2,373	2,375	14	14
Spain & Portugal	77	1,456	1,246	1,147	17	27
Russia	191	7,082	8,246	8,375	-14	-15
Other C.I.S.	42	1,556	1,559	1,568	0	-1
Other Europe	253	6,209	4,717	6,069	32	2
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>1,013</u>	<u>16,797</u>	<u>12,355</u>	<u>13,030</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>29</u>
Reunion	91	2,836	1,030	1,967	175	44
Mauritius	92	1,982	1,709	1,540	16	29
East Africa	147	3,680	2,519	2,179	46	69
South Africa	629	6,486	5,852	6,139	11	6
Other Southern Africa	6	220	199	148	11	49
Other Africa	48	1,593	1,046	1,057	52	51
ASIA TOTAL	<u>1,062</u>	<u>27,872</u>	<u>21,641</u>	<u>18,139</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>54</u>
United Arab Emirates	426	8,997	6,252	6,803	44	32
Other Middle East	82	4,571	3,718	4,373	23	5
India	136	3,478	1,335	1,251	161	178
Indian Sub Continent	48	1,056	1,065	599	-1	76
China	304	7,908	7,466	3,463	6	128
Other Far East	66	1,862	1,805	1,650	3	13
OCEANIA	<u>32</u>	<u>1,055</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>654</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>61</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>162</u>	<u>4,267</u>	<u>3,237</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>51</u>
USA	118	3,007	2,083	1,876	44	60
Other America	44	1,260	1,154	956	9	32

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 5TH JULY 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>5,133</u>	<u>131,736</u>	<u>113,641</u>	<u>115,105</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>
Holiday	4,663	120,645	103,753	105,746	16	14
Business	208	4,937	4,715	3,859	5	28
Holiday/Business	8	256	214	85	20	201
Transit	34	1,238	853	856	45	45
Other/Not Stated	220	4,660	4,106	4,559	13	2

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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
Week 27	5-Jul-15	4,964	158	-	-	11	-	-	5,133
Cumulative TOTAL		125,980	3,092	1,630	26	217	491	300	131,736

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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