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Week ending Sunday 19th July 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 19th 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

Six thousand one hundred and fifty three (6,153) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 19th July 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 142,603 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 17% above that of 2014 (121,827).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 9% 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 (6%). A decrease of 12% was recorded in visitors from Russia and visitors from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 32% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 7% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 34% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 58% and 6% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 28% and 31% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	19,939
Germany	17,947
United Arab Emirates	10,548
Italy	10,467
China	8,430
UK & Eire	8,028

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 17% above the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday increased by 6% above the 2014 level and the number in transit was 53%¹ 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 29th July 2015.

5. CONTACT US

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¹ Note that transit passengers who do not go through immigration but connect directly on the next outbound flight are not included in the figures for transit.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 29/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,153</u>	<u>142,603</u>	<u>121,827</u>	<u>122,975</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>88,040</u>	<u>80,732</u>	<u>85,986</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>
France	513	19,939	17,931	20,708	11	-4
UK & Eire	408	8,028	6,154	6,505	30	23
Germany	636	17,947	18,031	17,652	0	2
Italy	423	10,467	9,856	10,826	6	-3
Switzerland	376	5,674	4,901	4,774	16	19
Austria	158	3,118	2,476	2,541	26	23
Belgium & Luxembourg	128	1,616	1,467	1,455	10	11
Netherlands	83	952	818	932	16	2
Scandinavia	150	3,007	2,543	2,629	18	14
Spain & Portugal	76	1,591	1,372	1,250	16	27
Russia	200	7,492	8,536	8,706	-12	-14
Other C.I.S.	52	1,649	1,596	1,625	3	1
Other Europe	197	6,560	5,051	6,383	30	3
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>18,104</u>	<u>13,758</u>	<u>13,912</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>30</u>
Reunion	208	3,230	1,505	2,077	115	56
Mauritius	85	2,153	1,838	1,673	17	29
East Africa	129	3,930	2,663	2,376	48	65
South Africa	156	6,876	6,447	6,490	7	6
Other Southern Africa	11	239	213	163	12	47
Other Africa	59	1,676	1,092	1,133	53	48
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,963</u>	<u>30,848</u>	<u>22,986</u>	<u>19,237</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>60</u>
United Arab Emirates	1,175	10,548	6,682	7,219	58	46
Other Middle East	365	5,030	3,865	4,565	30	10
India	103	3,689	1,426	1,302	159	183
Indian Sub Continent	31	1,135	1,121	629	1	80
China	216	8,430	7,980	3,758	6	124
Other Far East	73	2,016	1,912	1,764	5	14
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1,097</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>49</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>4,514</u>	<u>3,513</u>	<u>3,105</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>45</u>
USA	69	3,173	2,277	2,064	39	54
Other America	55	1,341	1,236	1,041	8	29

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 29/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,153</u>	<u>142,603</u>	<u>121,827</u>	<u>122,975</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>
Holiday	5,722	130,762	111,537	113,180	17	16
Business	161	5,217	4,981	4,153	5	26
Holiday/Business	6	271	217	88	25	208
Transit	46	1,357	886	903	53	50
Other/Not Stated	218	4,996	4,206	4,651	19	7

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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
Week 28	12-Jul-15	4,615	76	-	-	23	-	-	4,714
Week 29	19-Jul-15	5,966	183	-	2	2	-	-	6,153
Cumulative TOTAL		136,561	3,351	1,630	28	242	491	300	142,603

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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