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Week ending Sunday 2nd August 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 2nd August 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 thirty two (6,132) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 2nd August 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 154,452 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 17% above that of 2014 (131,477).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 10% 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 (13%), UK & Eire (31%) and Italy (8%). A decrease of 11% was recorded in visitors from Russia and visitors from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 31% 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 32% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 53% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 27% and 28% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	21,532
Germany	19,331
United Arab Emirates	11,763
Italy	11,438
China	9,184
UK & Eire	8,819

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 9% above the 2014 level and the number in transit¹ was 52% 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 12th August 2015.

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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 2ND AUGUST 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 31/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,132</u>	<u>154,452</u>	<u>131,477</u>	<u>131,566</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,771</u>	<u>95,268</u>	<u>86,448</u>	<u>92,190</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>
France	1,002	21,532	19,029	21,917	13	-2
UK & Eire	383	8,819	6,748	7,159	31	23
Germany	659	19,331	19,398	18,975	0	2
Italy	576	11,438	10,638	11,766	8	-3
Switzerland	252	6,268	5,319	5,279	18	19
Austria	91	3,298	2,645	2,740	25	20
Belgium & Luxembourg	104	1,804	1,560	1,634	16	10
Netherlands	100	1,177	905	1,070	30	10
Scandinavia	84	3,196	2,670	2,807	20	14
Spain & Portugal	101	1,795	1,597	1,424	12	26
Russia	214	7,927	8,944	9,070	-11	-13
Other C.I.S.	38	1,753	1,647	1,678	6	4
Other Europe	167	6,930	5,348	6,671	30	4
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>19,554</u>	<u>14,907</u>	<u>14,756</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>
Reunion	207	3,622	1,946	2,179	86	66
Mauritius	124	2,367	1,982	1,874	19	26
East Africa	166	4,227	2,862	2,590	48	63
South Africa	211	7,213	6,685	6,757	8	7
Other Southern Africa	48	301	224	169	34	78
Other Africa	92	1,824	1,208	1,187	51	54
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,354</u>	<u>33,684</u>	<u>25,452</u>	<u>20,482</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>64</u>
United Arab Emirates	570	11,763	7,686	7,648	53	54
Other Middle East	214	5,403	4,202	4,731	29	14
India	105	3,924	1,502	1,379	161	185
Indian Sub Continent	48	1,217	1,199	664	2	83
China	311	9,184	8,824	4,180	4	120
Other Far East	106	2,193	2,039	1,880	8	17
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>1,152</u>	<u>899</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>4,794</u>	<u>3,771</u>	<u>3,353</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>43</u>
USA	102	3,387	2,455	2,198	38	54
Other America	25	1,407	1,316	1,155	7	22

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 31/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,132</u>	<u>154,452</u>	<u>131,477</u>	<u>131,566</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>
Holiday	5,609	141,771	120,744	121,321	17	17
Business	305	5,677	5,232	4,418	9	28
Holiday/Business	7	282	226	104	25	171
Transit	42	1,442	946	920	52	57
Other/Not Stated	169	5,280	4,329	4,803	22	10

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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
Week 30	26-Jul-15	5,639	70	-	-	8	-	-	5,717
Week 31	2-Aug-15	6,008	120	1	-	3	-	-	6,132
Cumulative TOTAL		148,208	3,541	1,631	28	253	491	300	154,452

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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