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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

#### Week ending Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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

Seven thousand two hundred and thirteen (7,213) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 161,665 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 18% above that of 2014 (136,814).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 11% 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 (14%), UK & Eire (31%) and Italy (9%). 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 9% 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 53% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 28% and 29% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	22,743
Germany	20,204
Italy	12,642
United Arab Emirates	12,281
China	9,592
UK & Eire	9,201

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

#### Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 18% 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 transit was 55%<sup>1</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

## 5. CONTACT US

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<sup>1</sup> 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 9TH AUGUST 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 32/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>7,213</u></b>	<b><u>161,665</u></b>	<b><u>136,814</u></b>	<b><u>137,347</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>4,840</u></b>	<b><u>100,108</u></b>	<b><u>90,172</u></b>	<b><u>96,072</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>
France	1,211	22,743	19,891	22,920	14	-1
UK & Eire	382	9,201	6,998	7,436	31	24
Germany	873	20,204	20,189	19,670	0	3
Italy	1,204	12,642	11,549	12,783	9	-1
Switzerland	174	6,442	5,443	5,453	18	18
Austria	155	3,453	2,760	2,831	25	22
Belgium & Luxembourg	99	1,903	1,634	1,713	16	11
Netherlands	42	1,219	957	1,118	27	9
Scandinavia	91	3,287	2,706	2,837	21	16
Spain & Portugal	161	1,956	1,677	1,572	17	24
Russia	221	8,148	9,202	9,237	-11	-12
Other C.I.S.	32	1,785	1,672	1,710	7	4
Other Europe	195	7,125	5,494	6,792	30	5
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>598</u></b>	<b><u>20,152</u></b>	<b><u>15,436</u></b>	<b><u>15,319</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>
Reunion	143	3,765	2,144	2,223	76	69
Mauritius	96	2,463	2,056	1,955	20	26
East Africa	153	4,380	2,959	2,709	48	62
South Africa	145	7,358	6,768	6,994	9	5
Other Southern Africa	5	306	226	178	35	72
Other Africa	56	1,880	1,283	1,260	47	49
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>1,605</u></b>	<b><u>35,289</u></b>	<b><u>26,423</u></b>	<b><u>21,686</u></b>	<b><u>34</u></b>	<b><u>63</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	518	12,281	8,023	8,146	53	51
Other Middle East	166	5,569	4,352	5,024	28	11
India	387	4,311	1,521	1,411	183	206
Indian Sub Continent	34	1,251	1,234	686	1	82
China	408	9,592	9,184	4,462	4	115
Other Far East	92	2,285	2,109	1,957	8	17
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b>	<b><u>1,176</u></b>	<b><u>915</u></b>	<b><u>813</u></b>	<b><u>29</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>146</u></b>	<b><u>4,940</u></b>	<b><u>3,868</u></b>	<b><u>3,457</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>43</u></b>
USA	106	3,493	2,519	2,279	39	53
Other America	40	1,447	1,349	1,178	7	23

**SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS**

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 32/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>7,213</u></b>	<b><u>161,665</u></b>	<b><u>136,814</u></b>	<b><u>137,347</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>
Holiday	6,635	148,406	125,926	126,870	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>
Business	115	5,792	5,342	4,571	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>
Holiday/Business	7	289	229	112	<b>26</b>	<b>158</b>
Transit	41	1,483	958	933	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>
Other/Not Stated	415	5,695	4,359	4,861	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>

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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 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 <sup>(2)</sup>	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
Week 32	9-Aug-15	7,123	63	-	-	27	-	-	7,213
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>155,331</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>161,665</b>

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**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes day trippers

<sup>(2)</sup> Diverted flight due to bad weather in country of destination