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Week ending Sunday 16th August 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 16th 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 and eighty five (6,085) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 16th August 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 167,750 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 18% above that of 2014 (141,952).

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 (10%). A decrease of 11% was recorded in visitors from Russia and visitors from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 29% 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 34% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 54% and 5% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 28% and 25% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	23,534
Germany	20,930
Italy	13,834
United Arab Emirates	12,793
China	10,009
UK & Eire	9,631

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 8% above the 2014 level and the number in transit was 57%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 26th 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 16TH AUGUST 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	Week 33/15	YEAR TO DATE			% Change	
		2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,085</u>	<u>167,750</u>	<u>141,952</u>	<u>143,545</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>4,106</u>	<u>104,214</u>	<u>93,721</u>	<u>100,148</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
France	791	23,534	20,573	23,664	14	-1
UK & Eire	430	9,631	7,341	7,776	31	24
Germany	726	20,930	20,871	20,437	0	2
Italy	1,192	13,834	12,572	14,040	10	-1
Switzerland	112	6,554	5,533	5,551	18	18
Austria	105	3,558	2,826	2,951	26	21
Belgium & Luxembourg	80	1,983	1,687	1,773	18	12
Netherlands	31	1,250	1,010	1,164	24	7
Scandinavia	31	3,318	2,730	2,887	22	15
Spain & Portugal	145	2,101	1,796	1,706	17	23
Russia	239	8,387	9,444	9,445	-11	-11
Other C.I.S.	31	1,816	1,715	1,768	6	3
Other Europe	193	7,318	5,623	6,986	30	5
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>20,613</u>	<u>15,959</u>	<u>15,744</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>31</u>
Reunion	54	3,819	2,284	2,245	67	70
Mauritius	56	2,519	2,121	2,013	19	25
East Africa	144	4,524	3,045	2,826	49	60
South Africa	147	7,505	6,953	7,093	8	6
Other Southern Africa	9	315	227	190	39	66
Other Africa	51	1,931	1,329	1,377	45	40
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,316</u>	<u>36,605</u>	<u>27,324</u>	<u>23,233</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>58</u>
United Arab Emirates	512	12,793	8,299	8,987	54	42
Other Middle East	203	5,772	4,463	5,312	29	9
India	85	4,396	1,568	1,454	180	202
Indian Sub Continent	43	1,294	1,296	705	0	84
China	417	10,009	9,503	4,720	5	112
Other Far East	56	2,341	2,195	2,055	7	14
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>1,212</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>44</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>5,106</u>	<u>3,978</u>	<u>3,580</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>43</u>
USA	136	3,629	2,604	2,376	39	53
Other America	30	1,477	1,374	1,204	7	23

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE			<i>% Change</i>		
	Week 33/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,085</u>	<u>167,750</u>	<u>141,952</u>	<u>143,545</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
Holiday	5,910	154,316	130,837	132,657	18	16
Business	84	5,876	5,473	4,664	7	26
Holiday/Business	3	292	232	116	26	152
Transit	38	1,521	967	938	57	62
Other/Not Stated	50	5,745	4,443	5,170	29	11

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

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
Week 32	9-Aug-15	7,123	63	-	-	27	-	-	7,213
Week 33	16-Aug-15	6,039	44	2	-	-	-	-	6,085
Cumulative TOTAL		161,370	3,648	1,633	28	280	491	300	167,750

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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