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Week ending Sunday 23rd August 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 23rd 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

Five thousand six hundred and four (5,604) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 23rd August 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 173,354 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 18% above that of 2014 (146,451).

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 (15%), UK & Eire (32%), Germany (1%) and Italy (9%). A decrease of 11% was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa increased by 30% 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 53% and 6% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 28% and 26% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	24,206
Germany	21,779
Italy	14,671
United Arab Emirates	13,286
China	10,298
UK & Eire	10,047

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 transit¹ was 69% 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 2nd September 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 23RD AUGUST 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 34/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>5,604</u>	<u>173,354</u>	<u>146,451</u>	<u>148,288</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,720</u>	<u>107,934</u>	<u>96,969</u>	<u>103,407</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
France	672	24,206	21,099	24,283	15	0
UK & Eire	416	10,047	7,616	8,076	32	24
Germany	849	21,779	21,656	21,135	1	3
Italy	837	14,671	13,447	14,911	9	-2
Switzerland	119	6,673	5,651	5,632	18	18
Austria	128	3,686	2,911	3,057	27	21
Belgium & Luxembourg	59	2,042	1,720	1,819	19	12
Netherlands	32	1,282	1,036	1,181	24	9
Scandinavia	26	3,344	2,768	2,915	21	15
Spain & Portugal	138	2,239	1,914	1,853	17	21
Russia	192	8,579	9,668	9,588	-11	-11
Other C.I.S.	29	1,845	1,759	1,816	5	2
Other Europe	223	7,541	5,724	7,141	32	6
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>21,197</u>	<u>16,316</u>	<u>16,243</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
Reunion	43	3,862	2,322	2,254	66	71
Mauritius	59	2,578	2,161	2,069	19	25
East Africa	239	4,763	3,129	2,963	52	61
South Africa	184	7,689	7,111	7,298	8	5
Other Southern Africa	16	331	229	192	45	72
Other Africa	43	1,974	1,364	1,467	45	35
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,139</u>	<u>37,744</u>	<u>28,088</u>	<u>24,089</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>57</u>
United Arab Emirates	493	13,286	8,664	9,324	53	42
Other Middle East	140	5,912	4,551	5,535	30	7
India	123	4,519	1,604	1,474	182	207
Indian Sub Continent	35	1,329	1,333	724	0	84
China	289	10,298	9,675	4,883	6	111
Other Far East	59	2,400	2,261	2,149	6	12
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1,247</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>859</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>5,232</u>	<u>4,086</u>	<u>3,690</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>42</u>
USA	92	3,721	2,690	2,462	38	51
Other America	34	1,511	1,396	1,228	8	23

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 34/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,604</u>	<u>173,354</u>	<u>146,451</u>	<u>148,288</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
Holiday	5,287	159,603	135,041	137,124	18	16
Business	157	6,033	5,600	4,758	8	27
Holiday/Business	2	294	240	123	23	139
Transit	121	1,642	974	963	69	71
Other/Not Stated	37	5,782	4,596	5,320	26	9

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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
Week 32	9-Aug-15	7,123	63	-	-	27	-	-	7,213
Week 33	16-Aug-15	6,039	44	2	-	-	-	-	6,085
Week 34	23-Aug-15	5,589	13	-	-	2	-	-	5,604
Cumulative TOTAL		166,959	3,661	1,633	28	282	491	300	173,354

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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