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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 30<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

Three thousand eight hundred and fifty eight (3,858) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 30<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 177,212 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 18% above that of 2014 (149,920).

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 (33%), 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 33% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 48% and 7% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania both recorded an increase of 26% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	24,491
Germany	22,532
Italy	15,101
United Arab Emirates	13,606
China	10,498
UK & Eire	10,417

### 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<sup>1</sup> was 74% 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 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 30TH AUGUST 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 35/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>3,858</u></b>	<b><u>177,212</u></b>	<b><u>149,920</u></b>	<b><u>151,486</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>2,485</u></b>	<b><u>110,419</u></b>	<b><u>99,098</u></b>	<b><u>105,406</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
France	285	24,491	21,382	24,615	15	-1
UK & Eire	370	10,417	7,817	8,253	33	26
Germany	753	22,532	22,316	21,682	1	4
Italy	430	15,101	13,828	15,331	9	-2
Switzerland	124	6,797	5,761	5,745	18	18
Austria	103	3,789	2,953	3,086	28	23
Belgium & Luxembourg	40	2,082	1,760	1,854	18	12
Netherlands	26	1,308	1,063	1,211	23	8
Scandinavia	28	3,372	2,806	2,950	20	14
Spain & Portugal	70	2,309	1,989	1,913	16	21
Russia	94	8,673	9,793	9,703	-11	-11
Other C.I.S.	17	1,862	1,809	1,832	3	2
Other Europe	145	7,686	5,821	7,231	32	6
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>473</u></b>	<b><u>21,670</u></b>	<b><u>16,657</u></b>	<b><u>16,666</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>
Reunion	27	3,889	2,370	2,259	64	72
Mauritius	46	2,624	2,200	2,128	19	23
East Africa	179	4,942	3,175	3,115	56	59
South Africa	182	7,871	7,277	7,443	8	6
Other Southern Africa	2	333	242	195	38	71
Other Africa	37	2,011	1,393	1,526	44	32
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>781</u></b>	<b><u>38,525</u></b>	<b><u>28,936</u></b>	<b><u>24,703</u></b>	<b><u>33</u></b>	<b><u>56</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	320	13,606	9,208	9,588	48	42
Other Middle East	81	5,993	4,609	5,655	30	6
India	85	4,604	1,636	1,495	181	208
Indian Sub Continent	31	1,360	1,358	731	0	86
China	200	10,498	9,786	5,000	7	110
Other Far East	64	2,464	2,339	2,234	5	10
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>	<b><u>1,263</u></b>	<b><u>1,005</u></b>	<b><u>883</u></b>	<b><u>26</u></b>	<b><u>43</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>103</u></b>	<b><u>5,335</u></b>	<b><u>4,224</u></b>	<b><u>3,828</u></b>	<b><u>26</u></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>
USA	80	3,801	2,801	2,565	36	48
Other America	23	1,534	1,423	1,263	8	21

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 35/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>3,858</u></b>	<b><u>177,212</u></b>	<b><u>149,920</u></b>	<b><u>151,486</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>
Holiday	3,632	163,235	138,240	140,055	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>
Business	130	6,163	5,725	4,880	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>
Holiday/Business	10	304	246	130	<b>24</b>	<b>134</b>
Transit	50	1,692	975	971	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>
Other/Not Stated	36	5,818	4,734	5,450	<b>23</b>	<b>7</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
Week 33	16-Aug-15	6,039	44	2	-	-	-	-	6,085
Week 34	23-Aug-15	5,589	13	-	-	2	-	-	5,604
Week 35	30-Aug-15	3,847	-	-	-	11	-	-	3,858
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>170,806</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>177,212</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