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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 6th September 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

Four thousand eight hundred and seventy seven (4,877) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 6th September 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 182,089 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (153,469).

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 (33%), Germany (1%) and Italy (9%). A decrease of 12% was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa increased by 33% 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 47% and 7% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 26% and 24% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	24,923
Germany	23,331
Italy	15,537
United Arab Emirates	13,873
UK & Eire	10,798
China	10,682

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 13% above the 2014 level and the number in transit¹ was 75% 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 16th September 2015.

5. CONTACT US

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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 6TH SEPTEMBER 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 36/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>182,089</u>	<u>153,469</u>	<u>154,949</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,898</u>	<u>113,317</u>	<u>101,647</u>	<u>107,773</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>
France	432	24,923	21,781	24,994	14	0
UK & Eire	381	10,798	8,105	8,481	33	27
Germany	799	23,331	23,043	22,269	1	5
Italy	436	15,537	14,213	15,795	9	-2
Switzerland	156	6,953	5,893	5,876	18	18
Austria	91	3,880	3,026	3,146	28	23
Belgium & Luxembourg	63	2,145	1,796	1,923	19	12
Netherlands	31	1,339	1,106	1,267	21	6
Scandinavia	56	3,428	2,863	3,010	20	14
Spain & Portugal	105	2,414	2,051	1,986	18	22
Russia	163	8,836	10,013	9,830	-12	-10
Other C.I.S.	30	1,892	1,835	1,859	3	2
Other Europe	155	7,841	5,922	7,337	32	7
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>959</u>	<u>22,629</u>	<u>16,977</u>	<u>17,114</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>
Reunion	33	3,922	2,414	2,266	62	73
Mauritius	48	2,672	2,244	2,183	19	22
East Africa	575	5,517	3,216	3,195	72	73
South Africa	207	8,078	7,450	7,715	8	5
Other Southern Africa	26	359	246	195	46	84
Other Africa	70	2,081	1,407	1,560	48	33
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>39,347</u>	<u>29,438</u>	<u>25,183</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>56</u>
United Arab Emirates	267	13,873	9,413	9,785	47	42
Other Middle East	106	6,099	4,649	5,765	31	6
India	191	4,795	1,667	1,521	188	215
Indian Sub Continent	20	1,380	1,372	745	1	85
China	184	10,682	9,941	5,072	7	111
Other Far East	54	2,518	2,396	2,295	5	10
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>1,305</u>	<u>1,055</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>41</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>5,491</u>	<u>4,352</u>	<u>3,951</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>39</u>
USA	121	3,922	2,897	2,658	35	48
Other America	35	1,569	1,455	1,293	8	21

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 36/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>4,877</u>	<u>182,089</u>	<u>153,469</u>	<u>154,949</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>
Holiday	4,379	167,614	141,581	143,217	18	17
Business	374	6,537	5,830	5,079	12	29
Holiday/Business	7	311	251	135	24	130
Transit	30	1,722	984	999	75	72
Other/Not Stated	87	5,905	4,823	5,519	22	7

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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
Week 35	30-Aug-15	3,847	-	-	-	11	-	-	3,858
Week 36	6-Sep-15	4,593	18	266	-	-	-	-	4,877
Cumulative TOTAL		175,399	3,679	1,899	28	293	491	300	182,089

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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