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Week ending Sunday 13th September 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 13th 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 five hundred and twenty (4,520) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 13th September 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 186,609 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (157,391).

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 12% was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa increased by 34% 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 33% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 47% and 8% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 26% and 22% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	25,421
Germany	24,087
Italy	16,065
United Arab Emirates	14,059
UK & Eire	11,214
China	10,869

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 14% above the 2014 level and the number in transit¹ was 77% 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 23rd 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 13TH SEPTEMBER 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 37/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>4,520</u>	<u>186,609</u>	<u>157,391</u>	<u>158,758</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>116,408</u>	<u>104,450</u>	<u>110,540</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>
France	498	25,421	22,185	25,396	15	0
UK & Eire	416	11,214	8,438	8,778	33	28
Germany	756	24,087	23,883	22,941	1	5
Italy	528	16,065	14,711	16,369	9	-2
Switzerland	240	7,193	6,100	6,064	18	19
Austria	113	3,993	3,092	3,234	29	23
Belgium & Luxembourg	50	2,195	1,829	1,980	20	11
Netherlands	71	1,410	1,136	1,317	24	7
Scandinavia	51	3,479	2,900	3,092	20	13
Spain & Portugal	66	2,480	2,117	2,055	17	21
Russia	87	8,923	10,158	9,975	-12	-11
Other C.I.S.	27	1,919	1,874	1,882	2	2
Other Europe	188	8,029	6,027	7,457	33	8
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>572</u>	<u>23,201</u>	<u>17,362</u>	<u>17,498</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>33</u>
Reunion	55	3,977	2,469	2,282	61	74
Mauritius	65	2,737	2,304	2,267	19	21
East Africa	126	5,643	3,254	3,284	73	72
South Africa	274	8,352	7,649	7,888	9	6
Other Southern Africa	10	369	248	200	49	85
Other Africa	42	2,123	1,438	1,577	48	35
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>40,043</u>	<u>30,025</u>	<u>25,700</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>56</u>
United Arab Emirates	186	14,059	9,590	9,958	47	41
Other Middle East	145	6,244	4,731	5,848	32	7
India	80	4,875	1,702	1,541	186	216
Indian Sub Continent	31	1,411	1,410	763	0	85
China	187	10,869	10,101	5,198	8	109
Other Far East	67	2,585	2,491	2,392	4	8
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>1,091</u>	<u>954</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>39</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>5,629</u>	<u>4,463</u>	<u>4,066</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>38</u>
USA	110	4,032	2,960	2,730	36	48
Other America	28	1,597	1,503	1,336	6	20

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 37/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>4,520</u>	<u>186,609</u>	<u>157,391</u>	<u>158,758</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>
Holiday	4,159	171,773	145,176	146,787	18	17
Business	223	6,760	5,963	5,200	13	30
Holiday/Business	8	319	260	140	23	128
Transit	22	1,744	988	1,009	77	73
Other/Not Stated	108	6,013	5,004	5,622	20	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
Week 37	13-Sep-15	4,468	34	-	-	18	-	-	4,520
Cumulative TOTAL		179,867	3,713	1,899	28	311	491	300	186,609

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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