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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Five thousand and thirty three (5,033) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 191,642 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (161,361).

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 (32%), Germany (1%) and Italy (9%). A decrease of 13% was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa increased by 33% 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 35% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 50% and 7% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 25% and 23% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	25,850
Germany	24,865
Italy	16,650
United Arab Emirates	14,660
UK & Eire	11,575
China	11,023

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

#### Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 19% 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 transit<sup>1</sup> was 76% 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 30<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 20TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 38/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>5,033</u></b>	<b><u>191,642</u></b>	<b><u>161,361</u></b>	<b><u>163,005</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>2,943</u></b>	<b><u>119,351</u></b>	<b><u>107,169</u></b>	<b><u>113,317</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
France	429	25,850	22,610	25,817	14	0
UK & Eire	361	11,575	8,753	9,052	32	28
Germany	778	24,865	24,688	23,715	1	5
Italy	585	16,650	15,220	16,899	9	-1
Switzerland	185	7,378	6,259	6,244	18	18
Austria	77	4,070	3,140	3,339	30	22
Belgium & Luxembourg	61	2,256	1,863	2,018	21	12
Netherlands	50	1,460	1,190	1,350	23	8
Scandinavia	34	3,513	2,946	3,170	19	11
Spain & Portugal	85	2,565	2,178	2,142	18	20
Russia	89	9,012	10,302	10,105	-13	-11
Other C.I.S.	33	1,952	1,890	1,898	3	3
Other Europe	176	8,205	6,130	7,568	34	8
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>521</u></b>	<b><u>23,722</u></b>	<b><u>17,793</u></b>	<b><u>18,055</u></b>	<b><u>33</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>
Reunion	41	4,018	2,521	2,292	59	75
Mauritius	51	2,788	2,393	2,300	17	21
East Africa	101	5,744	3,294	3,380	74	70
South Africa	262	8,614	7,891	8,265	9	4
Other Southern Africa	8	377	251	202	50	87
Other Africa	58	2,181	1,443	1,616	51	35
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>1,337</u></b>	<b><u>41,380</u></b>	<b><u>30,627</u></b>	<b><u>26,464</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>	<b><u>56</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	601	14,660	9,801	10,109	50	45
Other Middle East	309	6,553	4,807	6,183	36	6
India	127	5,002	1,730	1,578	189	217
Indian Sub Continent	46	1,457	1,429	784	2	86
China	154	11,023	10,287	5,346	7	106
Other Far East	100	2,685	2,573	2,464	4	9
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>48</u></b>	<b><u>1,376</u></b>	<b><u>1,121</u></b>	<b><u>978</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b>	<b><u>41</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>184</u></b>	<b><u>5,813</u></b>	<b><u>4,651</u></b>	<b><u>4,191</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>
USA	134	4,166	3,104	2,810	34	48
Other America	50	1,647	1,547	1,381	6	19

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 38/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>5,033</u></b>	<b><u>191,642</u></b>	<b><u>161,361</u></b>	<b><u>163,005</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>
Holiday	4,724	176,497	148,833	150,732	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>
Business	170	6,930	6,131	5,383	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>
Holiday/Business	15	334	265	148	<b>26</b>	<b>126</b>
Transit	21	1,765	1,002	1,011	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>
Other/Not Stated	103	6,116	5,130	5,731	<b>19</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
Week 36	6-Sep-15	4,593	18	266	-	-	-	-	4,877
Week 37	13-Sep-15	4,468	34	-	-	18	-	-	4,520
Week 38	20-Sep-15	4,969	50	-	-	14	-	-	5,033
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>184,836</b>	<b>3,763</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>191,642</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