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Week ending Sunday 27th September 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 27th 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

Six thousand two hundred and eighty seven (6,287) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 27th September 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 197,929 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 20% above that of 2014 (165,505).

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 (31%), Germany (1%) and Italy (10%). 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 40% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 58% and 7% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 25% and 20% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	26,267
Germany	25,613
Italy	17,153
United Arab Emirates	15,805
UK & Eire	11,846
China	11,297

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 20% 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 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 7th October 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 27TH SEPTEMBER 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 39/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,287</u>	<u>197,929</u>	<u>165,505</u>	<u>166,728</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,780</u>	<u>122,131</u>	<u>109,818</u>	<u>115,869</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>
France	417	26,267	23,035	26,200	14	0
UK & Eire	271	11,846	9,028	9,268	31	28
Germany	748	25,613	25,462	24,419	1	5
Italy	503	17,153	15,631	17,403	10	-1
Switzerland	302	7,680	6,476	6,434	19	19
Austria	75	4,145	3,213	3,408	29	22
Belgium & Luxembourg	40	2,296	1,906	2,055	20	12
Netherlands	30	1,490	1,239	1,414	20	5
Scandinavia	49	3,562	3,020	3,234	18	10
Spain & Portugal	65	2,630	2,242	2,209	17	19
Russia	73	9,085	10,469	10,226	-13	-11
Other C.I.S.	23	1,975	1,909	1,929	3	2
Other Europe	184	8,389	6,188	7,670	36	9
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>24,457</u>	<u>18,322</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>
Reunion	39	4,057	2,598	2,306	56	76
Mauritius	88	2,876	2,460	2,356	17	22
East Africa	202	5,946	3,384	3,474	76	71
South Africa	335	8,949	8,174	8,529	9	5
Other Southern Africa	9	386	254	215	52	80
Other Africa	62	2,243	1,452	1,646	54	36
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>2,562</u>	<u>43,942</u>	<u>31,403</u>	<u>26,973</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>63</u>
United Arab Emirates	1,145	15,805	10,021	10,284	58	54
Other Middle East	868	7,421	4,930	6,239	51	19
India	85	5,087	1,771	1,615	187	215
Indian Sub Continent	47	1,504	1,446	797	4	89
China	274	11,297	10,568	5,507	7	105
Other Far East	143	2,828	2,667	2,531	6	12
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1,401</u>	<u>1,167</u>	<u>1,041</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>5,998</u>	<u>4,795</u>	<u>4,319</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>39</u>
USA	126	4,292	3,205	2,899	34	48
Other America	59	1,706	1,590	1,420	7	20

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 39/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,287</u>	<u>197,929</u>	<u>165,505</u>	<u>166,728</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
Holiday	5,938	182,435	152,630	154,143	20	18
Business	234	7,164	6,292	5,592	14	28
Holiday/Business	11	345	271	148	27	133
Transit	19	1,784	1,023	1,015	74	76
Other/Not Stated	85	6,201	5,289	5,830	17	6

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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
Week 38	20-Sep-15	4,969	50	-	-	14	-	-	5,033
Week 39	27-Sep-15	5,728	51	502	-	6	-	-	6,287
Cumulative TOTAL		190,564	3,814	2,401	28	331	491	300	197,929

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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