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Week ending Sunday 4th October 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 4th October 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 eight hundred and eighty three (6,883) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 4th October 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 204,812 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 20% above that of 2014 (171,079).

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%) and Italy (10%). A decrease of 13% was recorded in visitors from Russia. Visitors coming from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 35% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 11% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 38% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 51% and 8% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 25% and 18% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	26,883
Germany	26,532
Italy	17,589
United Arab Emirates	16,018
UK & Eire	12,252
China	12,247

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 18% 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 14th October 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 4TH OCTOBER 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 40/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,883</u>	<u>204,812</u>	<u>171,079</u>	<u>171,707</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,590</u>	<u>125,721</u>	<u>112,870</u>	<u>119,132</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>
France	616	26,883	23,501	26,730	14	1
UK & Eire	406	12,252	9,307	9,517	32	29
Germany	919	26,532	26,513	25,417	0	4
Italy	436	17,589	15,978	17,768	10	-1
Switzerland	474	8,154	6,828	6,787	19	20
Austria	115	4,260	3,273	3,492	30	22
Belgium & Luxembourg	48	2,344	1,933	2,108	21	11
Netherlands	44	1,534	1,263	1,471	21	4
Scandinavia	82	3,644	3,071	3,294	19	11
Spain & Portugal	65	2,695	2,297	2,275	17	18
Russia	153	9,238	10,627	10,435	-13	-11
Other C.I.S.	17	1,992	1,927	1,987	3	0
Other Europe	215	8,604	6,352	7,851	35	10
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>946</u>	<u>25,403</u>	<u>18,762</u>	<u>18,950</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>34</u>
Reunion	96	4,153	2,644	2,329	57	78
Mauritius	109	2,985	2,539	2,446	18	22
East Africa	269	6,215	3,438	3,530	81	76
South Africa	389	9,338	8,390	8,703	11	7
Other Southern Africa	3	389	261	238	49	63
Other Africa	80	2,323	1,490	1,704	56	36
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>2,140</u>	<u>46,082</u>	<u>33,290</u>	<u>28,110</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>64</u>
United Arab Emirates	213	16,018	10,574	10,380	51	54
Other Middle East	629	8,050	5,265	6,273	53	28
India	201	5,288	1,857	1,681	185	215
Indian Sub Continent	51	1,555	1,482	805	5	93
China	950	12,247	11,390	6,355	8	93
Other Far East	96	2,924	2,722	2,616	7	12
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1,425</u>	<u>1,203</u>	<u>1,066</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>34</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>6,181</u>	<u>4,954</u>	<u>4,449</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>39</u>
USA	131	4,423	3,331	2,988	33	48
Other America	52	1,758	1,623	1,461	8	20

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 40/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,883</u>	<u>204,812</u>	<u>171,079</u>	<u>171,707</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
Holiday	6,271	188,706	157,825	158,813	20	19
Business	388	7,552	6,448	5,775	17	31
Holiday/Business	18	363	282	151	29	140
Transit	17	1,801	1,027	1,022	75	76
Other/Not Stated	189	6,390	5,497	5,946	16	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
Week 38	20-Sep-15	4,969	50	-	-	14	-	-	5,033
Week 39	27-Sep-15	5,728	51	502	-	6	-	-	6,287
Week 40	4-Oct-15	6,354	23	502	-	4	-	-	6,883
Cumulative TOTAL		196,918	3,837	2,903	28	335	491	300	204,812

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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