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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

Five thousand five hundred and seven (5,507) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

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

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 210,319 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (176,155).

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%) 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 36% 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 18% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	27,590
Germany	27,368
Italy	17,971
United Arab Emirates	16,298
UK & Eire	12,751
China	12,478

### 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 19% above the 2014 level and the number in transit<sup>1</sup> was 78% 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 21<sup>st</sup> October 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 11TH OCTOBER 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 41/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>5,507</u></b>	<b><u>210,319</u></b>	<b><u>176,155</u></b>	<b><u>176,644</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>3,796</u></b>	<b><u>129,517</u></b>	<b><u>116,169</u></b>	<b><u>122,389</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>
France	707	27,590	24,060	27,362	15	1
UK & Eire	499	12,751	9,586	9,804	33	30
Germany	836	27,368	27,451	26,171	0	5
Italy	382	17,971	16,341	18,285	10	-2
Switzerland	481	8,635	7,202	7,141	20	21
Austria	100	4,360	3,358	3,639	30	20
Belgium & Luxembourg	69	2,413	1,982	2,155	22	12
Netherlands	47	1,581	1,310	1,507	21	5
Scandinavia	151	3,795	3,207	3,373	18	13
Spain & Portugal	82	2,777	2,367	2,341	17	19
Russia	201	9,439	10,802	10,602	-13	-11
Other C.I.S.	42	2,034	1,958	2,024	4	0
Other Europe	199	8,803	6,545	7,985	34	10
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>677</u></b>	<b><u>26,080</u></b>	<b><u>19,279</u></b>	<b><u>19,440</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>	<b><u>34</u></b>
Reunion	169	4,322	2,762	2,385	56	81
Mauritius	75	3,060	2,577	2,491	19	23
East Africa	171	6,386	3,518	3,631	82	76
South Africa	219	9,557	8,645	8,929	11	7
Other Southern Africa	12	401	273	240	47	67
Other Africa	31	2,354	1,504	1,764	57	33
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>817</u></b>	<b><u>46,899</u></b>	<b><u>34,384</u></b>	<b><u>29,125</u></b>	<b><u>36</u></b>	<b><u>61</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	280	16,298	10,867	10,834	50	50
Other Middle East	100	8,150	5,741	6,550	42	24
India	74	5,362	1,880	1,717	185	212
Indian Sub Continent	39	1,594	1,505	819	6	95
China	231	12,478	11,621	6,513	7	92
Other Far East	93	3,017	2,770	2,692	9	12
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>1,462</u></b>	<b><u>1,244</u></b>	<b><u>1,094</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>34</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>180</u></b>	<b><u>6,361</u></b>	<b><u>5,079</u></b>	<b><u>4,596</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
USA	119	4,542	3,413	3,081	33	47
Other America	61	1,819	1,666	1,515	9	20

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 41/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>5,507</u></b>	<b><u>210,319</u></b>	<b><u>176,155</u></b>	<b><u>176,644</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>
Holiday	5,132	193,838	162,702	163,438	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
Business	234	7,786	6,578	5,906	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>
Holiday/Business	5	368	284	158	<b>30</b>	<b>133</b>
Transit	28	1,829	1,028	1,035	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>
Other/Not Stated	108	6,498	5,563	6,107	<b>17</b>	<b>6</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
Week 39	27-Sep-15	5,728	51	502	-	6	-	-	6,287
Week 40	4-Oct-15	6,354	23	502	-	4	-	-	6,883
Week 41	11-Oct-15	5,466	33	1	-	7	-	-	5,507
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>202,384</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210,319</b>

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes day trippers

<sup>(2)</sup> Diverted flight due to bad weather in country of destination