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Week ending Sunday 18th October 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 18th 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 four hundred and fifty five (6,455) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 18th October 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 216,774 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (181,404).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 12% 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 (16%), UK & Eire (33%) and Italy (9%). A decrease of 13% was recorded in visitors from Russia. Visitors coming from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 34% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 8% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 37% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 51% and 7% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 26% and 17% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	28,946
Germany	28,477
Italy	18,295
United Arab Emirates	16,698
UK & Eire	13,203
China	12,657

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 transit¹ was 79% 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 28th 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 18TH OCTOBER 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 42/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,455</u>	<u>216,774</u>	<u>181,404</u>	<u>181,902</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>4,531</u>	<u>134,048</u>	<u>119,899</u>	<u>125,718</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>
France	1,356	28,946	24,904	28,068	16	3
UK & Eire	452	13,203	9,951	10,102	33	31
Germany	1,109	28,477	28,414	26,955	0	6
Italy	324	18,295	16,717	18,662	9	-2
Switzerland	426	9,061	7,530	7,528	20	20
Austria	124	4,484	3,472	3,722	29	20
Belgium & Luxembourg	46	2,459	2,034	2,185	21	13
Netherlands	91	1,672	1,375	1,539	22	9
Scandinavia	84	3,879	3,347	3,550	16	9
Spain & Portugal	96	2,873	2,424	2,388	19	20
Russia	126	9,565	11,054	10,812	-13	-12
Other C.I.S.	55	2,089	1,988	2,084	5	0
Other Europe	242	9,045	6,689	8,123	35	11
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>804</u>	<u>26,884</u>	<u>20,040</u>	<u>19,938</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>
Reunion	227	4,549	2,916	2,451	56	86
Mauritius	79	3,139	2,636	2,543	19	23
East Africa	249	6,635	3,696	3,766	80	76
South Africa	187	9,744	8,985	9,120	8	7
Other Southern Africa	17	418	276	245	51	71
Other Africa	45	2,399	1,531	1,813	57	32
ASIA TOTAL	<u>884</u>	<u>47,783</u>	<u>34,966</u>	<u>30,355</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>57</u>
United Arab Emirates	400	16,698	11,045	11,428	51	46
Other Middle East	72	8,222	5,868	6,921	40	19
India	107	5,469	1,898	1,743	188	214
Indian Sub Continent	48	1,642	1,530	840	7	95
China	179	12,657	11,802	6,642	7	91
Other Far East	78	3,095	2,823	2,781	10	11
OCEANIA	<u>30</u>	<u>1,492</u>	<u>1,273</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>31</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>206</u>	<u>6,567</u>	<u>5,226</u>	<u>4,756</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>38</u>
USA	139	4,681	3,494	3,176	34	47
Other America	67	1,886	1,732	1,580	9	19

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 42/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,455</u>	<u>216,774</u>	<u>181,404</u>	<u>181,902</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>
Holiday	6,122	199,960	167,578	168,392	19	19
Business	226	8,012	6,742	6,049	19	32
Holiday/Business	14	382	294	162	30	136
Transit	19	1,848	1,034	1,044	79	77
Other/Not Stated	74	6,572	5,756	6,255	14	5

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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
Week 41	11-Oct-15	5,466	33	1	-	7	-	-	5,507
Week 42	18-Oct-15	6,429	26	-	-	-	-	-	6,455
Cumulative TOTAL		208,813	3,896	2,904	28	342	491	300	216,774

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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