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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 25<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

Six thousand eight hundred and seven (6,807) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 25<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 223,581 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (187,226).

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 (10%). 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 9% 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 50% and 7% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 27% and 13% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	30,456
Germany	29,377
Italy	18,640
United Arab Emirates	16,954
UK & Eire	13,826
China	12,766

### 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 20% above the 2014 level and the number in transit<sup>1</sup> was 81% 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 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 25TH OCTOBER 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 43/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>6,807</u></b>	<b><u>223,581</u></b>	<b><u>187,226</u></b>	<b><u>187,270</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>4,828</u></b>	<b><u>138,876</u></b>	<b><u>124,150</u></b>	<b><u>129,853</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
France	1,510	30,456	26,335	29,599	16	3
UK & Eire	623	13,826	10,380	10,429	33	33
Germany	900	29,377	29,395	27,827	0	6
Italy	345	18,640	16,980	18,930	10	-2
Switzerland	277	9,338	7,814	7,769	20	20
Austria	169	4,653	3,545	3,782	31	23
Belgium & Luxembourg	45	2,504	2,141	2,238	17	12
Netherlands	59	1,731	1,407	1,563	23	11
Scandinavia	282	4,161	3,504	3,770	19	10
Spain & Portugal	87	2,960	2,484	2,431	19	22
Russia	168	9,733	11,248	11,082	-13	-12
Other C.I.S.	50	2,139	2,016	2,155	6	-1
Other Europe	313	9,358	6,901	8,278	36	13
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>975</u></b>	<b><u>27,859</u></b>	<b><u>20,860</u></b>	<b><u>20,589</u></b>	<b><u>34</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>
Reunion	167	4,716	3,180	2,572	48	83
Mauritius	158	3,297	2,763	2,637	19	25
East Africa	218	6,853	3,890	3,893	76	76
South Africa	246	9,990	9,156	9,376	9	7
Other Southern Africa	14	432	279	255	55	69
Other Africa	172	2,571	1,592	1,856	61	39
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>778</u></b>	<b><u>48,561</u></b>	<b><u>35,538</u></b>	<b><u>30,769</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	256	16,954	11,271	11,549	50	47
Other Middle East	69	8,291	5,926	6,988	40	19
India	172	5,641	1,977	1,781	185	217
Indian Sub Continent	95	1,737	1,553	852	12	104
China	109	12,766	11,936	6,735	7	90
Other Far East	77	3,172	2,875	2,864	10	11
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>1,520</u></b>	<b><u>1,340</u></b>	<b><u>1,177</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>	<b><u>29</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>198</u></b>	<b><u>6,765</u></b>	<b><u>5,338</u></b>	<b><u>4,882</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>
USA	141	4,822	3,573	3,258	35	48
Other America	57	1,943	1,765	1,624	10	20

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 43/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>6,807</u></b>	<b><u>223,581</u></b>	<b><u>187,226</u></b>	<b><u>187,270</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>
Holiday	6,266	206,226	172,955	173,261	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
Business	259	8,271	6,938	6,377	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>
Holiday/Business	7	389	299	168	<b>30</b>	<b>132</b>
Transit	22	1,870	1,036	1,050	<b>81</b>	<b>78</b>
Other/Not Stated	253	6,825	5,998	6,414	<b>14</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
Week 42	18-Oct-15	6,429	26	-	-	-	-	-	6,455
Week 43	25-Oct-15	6,755	51	-	-	1	-	-	6,807
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>215,568</b>	<b>3,947</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>223,581</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