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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> November 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 01st November 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 one hundred and fifty eight (5,158) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> November 2015.

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

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 228,739 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (191,874).

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 14% 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 26% and 13% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	31,265
Germany	30,206
Italy	18,889
United Arab Emirates	17,165
UK & Eire	14,195
China	12,854

### 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 82% 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 11<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 01ST NOVEMBER 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 44/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>5,158</u></b>	<b><u>228,739</u></b>	<b><u>191,874</u></b>	<b><u>192,130</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>3,569</u></b>	<b><u>142,445</u></b>	<b><u>127,658</u></b>	<b><u>133,356</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
France	809	31,265	27,053	30,431	16	3
UK & Eire	369	14,195	10,653	10,643	33	33
Germany	829	30,206	30,339	28,538	0	6
Italy	249	18,889	17,278	19,303	9	-2
Switzerland	292	9,630	8,067	7,986	19	21
Austria	99	4,752	3,670	3,920	29	21
Belgium & Luxembourg	161	2,665	2,177	2,390	22	12
Netherlands	22	1,753	1,438	1,580	22	11
Scandinavia	110	4,271	3,645	3,968	17	8
Spain & Portugal	47	3,007	2,524	2,488	19	21
Russia	350	10,083	11,667	11,396	-14	-12
Other C.I.S.	58	2,197	2,054	2,226	7	-1
Other Europe	174	9,532	7,093	8,487	34	12
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>723</u></b>	<b><u>28,582</u></b>	<b><u>21,378</u></b>	<b><u>21,125</u></b>	<b><u>34</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>
Reunion	99	4,815	3,331	2,586	45	86
Mauritius	111	3,408	2,843	2,716	20	25
East Africa	171	7,024	3,961	3,944	77	78
South Africa	156	10,146	9,335	9,726	9	4
Other Southern Africa	5	437	281	259	56	69
Other Africa	181	2,752	1,627	1,894	69	45
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>657</u></b>	<b><u>49,218</u></b>	<b><u>35,976</u></b>	<b><u>31,202</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	211	17,165	11,408	11,666	50	47
Other Middle East	90	8,381	5,994	7,060	40	19
India	157	5,798	1,997	1,840	190	215
Indian Sub Continent	29	1,766	1,603	863	10	105
China	88	12,854	12,050	6,826	7	88
Other Far East	82	3,254	2,924	2,947	11	10
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>1,547</u></b>	<b><u>1,370</u></b>	<b><u>1,416</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>182</u></b>	<b><u>6,947</u></b>	<b><u>5,492</u></b>	<b><u>5,031</u></b>	<b><u>26</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
USA	147	4,969	3,671	3,367	35	48
Other America	35	1,978	1,821	1,664	9	19

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 44/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>5,158</u></b>	<b><u>228,739</u></b>	<b><u>191,874</u></b>	<b><u>192,130</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>
Holiday	4,539	210,765	177,298	177,678	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
Business	209	8,480	7,072	6,637	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>
Holiday/Business	3	392	307	189	<b>28</b>	<b>107</b>
Transit	67	1,937	1,066	1,068	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>
Other/Not Stated	340	7,165	6,131	6,558	<b>17</b>	<b>9</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
Week 44	1-Nov-15	5,077	74	-	-	7	-	-	5,158
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>220,645</b>	<b>4,021</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>228,739</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