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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> 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 eight hundred and five (5,805) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

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

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 234,544 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (197,423).

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 (9%). A decrease of 16% was recorded in visitors from Russia. Visitors coming from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 33% 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 50% and 6% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 26% and 12% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	32,472
Germany	31,242
Italy	19,196
United Arab Emirates	17,369
UK & Eire	14,545
China	12,983

### 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 18<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 08TH NOVEMBER 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 45/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>5,805</u></b>	<b><u>234,544</u></b>	<b><u>197,423</u></b>	<b><u>196,756</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>4,377</u></b>	<b><u>146,822</u></b>	<b><u>131,998</u></b>	<b><u>136,943</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
France	1,207	32,472	28,130	31,322	15	4
UK & Eire	350	14,545	10,967	10,936	33	33
Germany	1,036	31,242	31,361	29,405	0	6
Italy	307	19,196	17,576	19,556	9	-2
Switzerland	372	10,002	8,321	8,276	20	21
Austria	135	4,887	3,797	3,991	29	22
Belgium & Luxembourg	57	2,722	2,224	2,432	22	12
Netherlands	51	1,804	1,491	1,612	21	12
Scandinavia	130	4,401	3,803	4,073	16	8
Spain & Portugal	52	3,059	2,567	2,546	19	20
Russia	278	10,361	12,342	11,799	-16	-12
Other C.I.S.	82	2,279	2,091	2,319	9	-2
Other Europe	320	9,852	7,328	8,676	34	14
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>520</u></b>	<b><u>29,102</u></b>	<b><u>21,840</u></b>	<b><u>21,617</u></b>	<b><u>33</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>
Reunion	95	4,910	3,441	2,639	43	86
Mauritius	60	3,468	2,901	2,802	20	24
East Africa	127	7,151	4,006	4,001	79	79
South Africa	209	10,355	9,583	9,990	8	4
Other Southern Africa	6	443	281	265	58	67
Other Africa	23	2,775	1,628	1,920	70	45
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>725</u></b>	<b><u>49,943</u></b>	<b><u>36,525</u></b>	<b><u>31,622</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	204	17,369	11,552	11,779	50	47
Other Middle East	61	8,442	6,074	7,161	39	18
India	221	6,019	2,046	1,915	194	214
Indian Sub Continent	26	1,792	1,655	876	8	105
China	129	12,983	12,227	6,902	6	88
Other Far East	84	3,338	2,971	2,989	12	12
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>1,578</u></b>	<b><u>1,410</u></b>	<b><u>1,428</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>152</u></b>	<b><u>7,099</u></b>	<b><u>5,650</u></b>	<b><u>5,146</u></b>	<b><u>26</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
USA	90	5,059	3,801	3,453	33	47
Other America	62	2,040	1,849	1,693	10	20

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 08TH NOVEMBER 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 45/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>5,805</u></b>	<b><u>234,544</u></b>	<b><u>197,423</u></b>	<b><u>196,756</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>
Holiday	5,482	216,247	182,465	181,939	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
Business	191	8,671	7,211	6,798	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>
Holiday/Business	5	397	318	196	<b>25</b>	<b>103</b>
Transit	43	1,980	1,086	1,074	<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>
Other/Not Stated	84	7,249	6,343	6,749	<b>14</b>	<b>7</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
Week 45	8-Nov-15	5,742	40	-	5	5	13	-	5,805
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>226,387</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>234,544</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