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Week ending Sunday 29th November 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 29th 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

Four thousand one hundred and sixty one (4,161) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 29th November 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 249,047 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 18% above that of 2014 (210,247).

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 (8%). A decrease of 15% was recorded in visitors from Russia. Visitors coming from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 31% 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 52% and 5% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 24% and 7% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	34,738
Germany	33,615
Italy	19,903
United Arab Emirates	18,556
UK & Eire	15,465
China	13,349

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 18% above the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday increased by 18% above the 2014 level and the number in transit¹ was 89% 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 Thursday 10th December 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 29TH NOVEMBER 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 48/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>4,161</u>	<u>249,047</u>	<u>210,247</u>	<u>208,984</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>156,376</u>	<u>140,711</u>	<u>145,548</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>
France	561	34,738	30,203	33,370	15	4
UK & Eire	198	15,465	11,663	11,626	33	33
Germany	527	33,615	33,626	31,391	0	7
Italy	196	19,903	18,352	20,454	8	-3
Switzerland	136	10,672	8,954	8,840	19	21
Austria	86	5,254	4,074	4,244	29	24
Belgium & Luxembourg	29	2,870	2,363	2,584	21	11
Netherlands	24	1,912	1,558	1,679	23	14
Scandinavia	79	4,720	4,023	4,443	17	6
Spain & Portugal	33	3,226	2,709	2,658	19	21
Russia	168	10,970	12,944	12,431	-15	-12
Other C.I.S.	44	2,458	2,237	2,473	10	-1
Other Europe	193	10,573	8,005	9,355	32	13
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>30,768</u>	<u>23,484</u>	<u>23,006</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>34</u>
Reunion	65	5,124	3,780	2,755	36	86
Mauritius	97	3,705	3,229	3,062	15	21
East Africa	117	7,520	4,310	4,238	74	77
South Africa	297	11,014	10,173	10,646	8	3
Other Southern Africa	19	494	293	288	69	72
Other Africa	33	2,911	1,699	2,017	71	44
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,066</u>	<u>52,631</u>	<u>38,382</u>	<u>33,404</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>58</u>
United Arab Emirates	668	18,556	12,238	12,518	52	48
Other Middle East	54	8,667	6,326	7,461	37	16
India	133	6,611	2,161	2,029	206	226
Indian Sub Continent	30	1,877	1,852	1,006	1	87
China	105	13,349	12,654	7,210	5	85
Other Far East	76	3,571	3,151	3,180	13	12
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>1,545</u>	<u>1,493</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>7,620</u>	<u>6,125</u>	<u>5,533</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>38</u>
USA	113	5,429	4,166	3,709	30	46
Other America	55	2,191	1,959	1,824	12	20

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 48/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>4,161</u>	<u>249,047</u>	<u>210,247</u>	<u>208,984</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
Holiday	3,846	229,696	193,938	193,014	18	19
Business	149	9,306	7,916	7,522	18	24
Holiday/Business	8	429	340	214	26	100
Transit	38	2,103	1,115	1,098	89	92
Other/Not Stated	120	7,513	6,938	7,136	8	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
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
Week 46	15-Nov-15	5,417	44	-	1	4	24	-	5,490
Week 47	22-Nov-15	4,733	108	-	7	4	-	-	4,852
Week 48	29-Nov-15	4,110	35	-	-	5	11	-	4,161
Cumulative TOTAL		240,647	4,248	2,904	41	368	539	300	249,047

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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