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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 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

Three thousand eight hundred and twenty four (3,824) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 257,841 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (216,950).

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 (32%) and Italy (9%). A decrease of 16% was recorded in visitors from Russia. Visitors coming from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 29% 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 39% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 52% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 25% and 6% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	35,461
Germany	34,370
Italy	20,187
United Arab Emirates	20,001
UK & Eire	15,775
China	13,627

### 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 16% above the 2014 level and the number in transit<sup>1</sup> was 86% 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 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 13TH DECEMBER 2015**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 50/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>3,824</u></b>	<b><u>257,841</u></b>	<b><u>216,950</u></b>	<b><u>215,330</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>
<b>EUROPE TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1,555</u></b>	<b><u>159,887</u></b>	<b><u>143,742</u></b>	<b><u>148,752</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
France	255	35,461	30,771	34,122	15	4
UK & Eire	180	15,775	11,945	11,884	32	33
Germany	313	34,370	34,336	32,104	0	7
Italy	71	20,187	18,528	20,681	9	-2
Switzerland	80	10,862	9,140	9,012	19	21
Austria	34	5,375	4,138	4,293	30	25
Belgium & Luxembourg	29	2,920	2,404	2,630	21	11
Netherlands	37	1,966	1,608	1,726	22	14
Scandinavia	119	4,861	4,093	4,538	19	7
Spain & Portugal	49	3,324	2,817	2,756	18	21
Russia	134	11,245	13,344	12,816	-16	-12
Other C.I.S.	54	2,572	2,381	2,597	8	-1
Other Europe	200	10,969	8,237	9,593	33	14
<b>AFRICA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>889</u></b>	<b><u>32,373</u></b>	<b><u>25,002</u></b>	<b><u>24,443</u></b>	<b><u>29</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>
Reunion	60	5,243	3,927	2,809	34	87
Mauritius	92	3,860	3,365	3,227	15	20
East Africa	134	7,753	4,605	4,430	68	75
South Africa	534	12,008	11,033	11,593	9	4
Other Southern Africa	8	514	321	301	60	71
Other Africa	61	2,995	1,751	2,083	71	44
<b>ASIA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1,192</u></b>	<b><u>55,962</u></b>	<b><u>40,279</u></b>	<b><u>34,827</u></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>	<b><u>61</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	337	20,001	13,126	13,112	52	53
Other Middle East	332	9,550	6,540	7,620	46	25
India	281	7,070	2,343	2,212	202	220
Indian Sub Continent	30	1,945	1,917	1,110	1	75
China	119	13,627	13,072	7,464	4	83
Other Far East	93	3,769	3,281	3,309	15	14
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b><u>53</u></b>	<b><u>1,730</u></b>	<b><u>1,631</u></b>	<b><u>1,596</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>
<b>AMERICA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>135</u></b>	<b><u>7,889</u></b>	<b><u>6,296</u></b>	<b><u>5,712</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
USA	99	5,614	4,280	3,808	31	47
Other America	36	2,275	2,016	1,904	13	19

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE			<i>% Change</i>		
	Week 50/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>3,824</u></b>	<b><u>257,841</u></b>	<b><u>216,950</u></b>	<b><u>215,330</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>
Holiday	3,457	237,750	199,898	198,515	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Business	215	9,684	8,349	7,899	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>
Holiday/Business	17	453	373	220	<b>21</b>	<b>106</b>
Transit	34	2,209	1,185	1,123	<b>86</b>	<b>97</b>
Other/Not Stated	101	7,745	7,145	7,573	<b>8</b>	<b>2</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
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
Week 49	6-Dec-15	4,362	73	477	-	-	58	-	4,970
Week 50	13-Dec-15	3,512	61	221	-	30	-	-	3,824
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>248,521</b>	<b>4,382</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>257,841</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