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Week ending Sunday 27th December 2015

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 27th 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

Eight thousand five hundred and seventy seven (8,577) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 27th December 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 271,989 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 19% above that of 2014 (229,034).

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 17% was recorded in visitors from Russia. Visitors coming from Germany remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa increased by 28% 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 39% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 53% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from America and Oceania recorded increases of 27% and 7% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	37,114
Germany	35,583
Italy	21,183
United Arab Emirates	21,019
UK & Eire	16,472
China	13,892

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 transit¹ was 102% 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 6th January 2016.

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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 27TH DECEMBER 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 52/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>8,577</u>	<u>271,989</u>	<u>229,034</u>	<u>226,242</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>5,255</u>	<u>167,969</u>	<u>151,153</u>	<u>155,392</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
France	997	37,114	32,158	35,447	15	5
UK & Eire	393	16,472	12,472	12,398	32	33
Germany	800	35,583	35,652	33,212	0	7
Italy	742	21,183	19,485	21,470	9	-1
Switzerland	337	11,387	9,691	9,546	18	19
Austria	345	5,797	4,487	4,603	29	26
Belgium & Luxembourg	117	3,096	2,561	2,745	21	13
Netherlands	83	2,120	1,714	1,831	24	16
Scandinavia	372	5,500	4,528	5,047	21	9
Spain & Portugal	167	3,536	2,963	2,884	19	23
Russia	389	11,795	14,131	13,359	-17	-12
Other C.I.S.	108	2,717	2,524	2,757	8	-1
Other Europe	405	11,669	8,787	10,093	33	16
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>1,578</u>	<u>35,140</u>	<u>27,532</u>	<u>26,641</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>
Reunion	260	5,629	4,293	2,863	31	97
Mauritius	72	4,001	3,536	3,345	13	20
East Africa	486	8,565	5,252	4,890	63	75
South Africa	615	13,184	12,204	12,931	8	2
Other Southern Africa	16	573	384	363	49	58
Other Africa	129	3,188	1,863	2,249	71	42
ASIA TOTAL	<u>1,363</u>	<u>58,642</u>	<u>42,040</u>	<u>36,494</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>61</u>
United Arab Emirates	516	21,019	13,726	13,801	53	52
Other Middle East	231	9,931	6,836	7,926	45	25
India	300	7,608	2,651	2,361	187	222
Indian Sub Continent	88	2,089	2,016	1,227	4	70
China	91	13,892	13,310	7,699	4	80
Other Far East	137	4,103	3,501	3,480	17	18
OCEANIA	<u>76</u>	<u>1,865</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,709</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>305</u>	<u>8,373</u>	<u>6,569</u>	<u>6,006</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>39</u>
USA	220	5,949	4,462	3,996	33	49
Other America	85	2,424	2,107	2,010	15	21

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 52/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>8,577</u>	<u>271,989</u>	<u>229,034</u>	<u>226,242</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
Holiday	8,364	251,332	211,661	209,110	19	20
Business	33	9,824	8,472	8,010	16	23
Holiday/Business	2	456	382	222	19	105
Transit	82	2,478	1,227	1,163	102	113
Other/Not Stated	96	7,899	7,292	7,737	8	2

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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
Week 49	6-Dec-15	4,362	73	477	-	-	58	-	4,970
Week 50	13-Dec-15	3,512	61	221	-	30	-	-	3,824
Week 51	20-Dec-15	5,389	38	-	1	24	119	-	5,571
Week 52	27-Dec-15	8,445	117	-	5	3	7	-	8,577
Cumulative TOTAL		262,355	4,537	3,602	47	425	723	300	271,989

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

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