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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016

A total of **3,980** visitors arrived in Seychelles during week 01 of 2016. This was 7% above that of 2015 (3,720).

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016. 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 nine hundred and eighty (3,980) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

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

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 5% compared to the same period in 2015. 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 (25%), Italy (66%) and Russia (3%). Decreases were recorded in visitors from UK & Eire (-23%) and Germany (-2%).

Visitors from Africa decreased by 6% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 39% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 48% increase in visitor arrivals. Increase was recorded in visitors from United Arab Emirates (17%), whereas visitors from China decreased by 26%.

Visitors from Oceania and America recorded decreases of 39% and 9% respectively compared to the same period of 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
Russia	543
France	456
Germany	378
Reunion	261
Italy	249
UK & Eire	167

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 7% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday was 75% above the 2015 level and the number in transit<sup>1</sup> was 118% above the 2015 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## 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 10TH JANUARY 2016**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	Week 01/16	Week 01/15	Week 01/14	% Change	
				16/15	16/14
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>3,980</u></b>	<b><u>3,720</u></b>	<b><u>3,746</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>2,403</u></b>	<b><u>2,281</u></b>	<b><u>2,623</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>-8</u></b>
France	456	365	392	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>
UK & Eire	167	216	90	<b>-23</b>	<b>86</b>
Germany	378	387	334	<b>-2</b>	<b>13</b>
Italy	249	150	231	<b>66</b>	<b>8</b>
Switzerland	84	72	94	<b>17</b>	<b>-11</b>
Austria	80	64	54	<b>25</b>	<b>48</b>
Belgium & Luxembourg	13	21	14	<b>-38</b>	<b>-7</b>
Netherlands	27	19	16	<b>42</b>	<b>69</b>
Scandinavia	81	106	124	<b>-24</b>	<b>-35</b>
Spain & Portugal	35	27	18	<b>30</b>	<b>94</b>
Russia	543	526	904	<b>3</b>	<b>-40</b>
Other C.I.S.	85	150	215	<b>-43</b>	<b>-60</b>
Other Europe	205	178	137	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>687</u></b>	<b><u>728</u></b>	<b><u>521</u></b>	<b><u>-6</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>
Reunion	261	231	98	<b>13</b>	<b>166</b>
Mauritius	61	29	43	<b>110</b>	<b>42</b>
East Africa	118	83	72	<b>42</b>	<b>64</b>
South Africa	215	354	269	<b>-39</b>	<b>-20</b>
Other Southern Africa	5	16	15	<b>-69</b>	<b>-67</b>
Other Africa	27	15	24	<b>80</b>	<b>13</b>
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>699</u></b>	<b><u>471</u></b>	<b><u>443</u></b>	<b><u>48</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	161	138	180	<b>17</b>	<b>-11</b>
Other Middle East	238	114	93	<b>109</b>	<b>156</b>
India	140	58	35	<b>141</b>	<b>300</b>
Indian Sub Continent	27	23	22	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>
China	82	111	83	<b>-26</b>	<b>-1</b>
Other Far East	51	27	30	<b>89</b>	<b>70</b>
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>55</u></b>	<b><u>90</u></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>	<b><u>-39</u></b>	<b><u>41</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>136</u></b>	<b><u>150</u></b>	<b><u>120</u></b>	<b><u>-9</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>
USA	86	86	55	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>
Other America	50	64	65	<b>-22</b>	<b>-23</b>

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 01/16	Week 01/15	Week 01/14	16/15	16/14
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>3,980</u></b>	<b><u>3,720</u></b>	<b><u>3,746</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>
Holiday	3,664	3,437	3,355	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
Business	93	52	121	<b>79</b>	<b>-23</b>
Holiday/Business	3	3	4	<b>0</b>	<b>-25</b>
Transit	74	34	8	<b>118</b>	<b>825</b>
Other/Not Stated	146	194	258	<b>-25</b>	<b>-43</b>

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**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY TYPE OF CARRIER - 2016**

**TABLE 3**

WEEK	Week ending Sunday	TYPE OF CARRIER						TOTAL
		Scheduled Flight	Private Plane	Chartered Plane	Vessel	Yacht	Cruise Ship <sup>(1)</sup>	
Week 1	10-Jan-16	3,870	104	-	-	-	6	<b>3,980</b>
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>3,870</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3,980</b>

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**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes day trippers