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Week ending Sunday 17th January 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 17th 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 eight hundred and thirty seven (3,837) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 17th January 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 10,437 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 1% above that of 2015 (10,315).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe decreased by 2% compared to the same period in 2016. 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 (4%) and Russia (2%). Decreases were recorded in visitors from UK & Eire (-6%), Germany (-9%) and Italy (-4%).

Visitors from Africa decreased by 9% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 16% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 35% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 49% and 16% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 27% whereas from America, an increase of 3% was recorded in visitors arriving in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
Russia	1,336
France	1,205
Germany	1,116
United Arab Emirates	576
Reunion	502
UK & Eire	403

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 1% above the 2015 level. There was no change in the number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday compared to the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 35% 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 27th January 2016.

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 17TH JANUARY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	Week 02/16	YEAR TO DATE			% Change	
		2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>3,837</u>	<u>10,437</u>	<u>10,315</u>	<u>8,943</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>6,536</u>	<u>6,692</u>	<u>6,093</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>7</u>
France	589	1,205	1,163	1,094	4	10
UK & Eire	186	403	427	234	-6	72
Germany	469	1,116	1,231	819	-9	36
Italy	157	734	761	561	-4	31
Switzerland	102	259	215	256	20	1
Austria	101	242	242	141	0	72
Belgium & Luxembourg	35	54	66	49	-18	10
Netherlands	29	68	57	47	19	45
Scandinavia	68	201	317	246	-37	-18
Spain & Portugal	29	85	110	57	-23	49
Russia	179	1,336	1,312	1,848	2	-28
Other C.I.S.	116	277	276	322	0	-14
Other Europe	252	556	515	419	8	33
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>1,557</u>	<u>1,718</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>-9</u>	<u>36</u>
Reunion	234	502	562	163	-11	208
Mauritius	37	128	174	158	-26	-19
East Africa	68	295	233	162	27	82
South Africa	141	562	670	547	-16	3
Other Southern Africa	4	10	26	21	-62	-52
Other Africa	24	60	53	93	13	-35
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>1,829</u>	<u>1,356</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>38</u>
United Arab Emirates	281	576	387	347	49	66
Other Middle East	98	406	365	334	11	22
India	111	301	127	103	137	192
Indian Sub Continent	36	72	73	73	-1	-1
China	239	337	291	323	16	4
Other Far East	61	137	113	150	21	-9
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>-27</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>34</u>
USA	99	250	224	148	12	69
Other America	40	142	157	144	-10	-1

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 02/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,837</u>	<u>10,437</u>	<u>10,315</u>	<u>8,943</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>
Holiday	3,564	9,675	9,554	8,023	1	21
Business	117	233	224	407	4	-43
Holiday/Business	4	8	16	34	-50	-76
Transit	60	185	137	35	35	429
Other/Not Stated	92	336	384	444	-13	-24

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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 ⁽¹⁾	
Week 1	10-Jan-16	6,395	199	-	-	-	6	6,600
Week 2	17-Jan-16	3,766	39	-	-	24	8	3,837
Cumulative TOTAL		10,161	238	-	-	24	14	10,437

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers