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Week ending Sunday 24th January 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 24th 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 fifty five (3,955) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 24th January 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 14,392 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 5% above that of 2015 (13,756).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe decreased by 1% 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. An increase was recorded in visitors from France (6%). Decreases were recorded in visitors from UK & Eire and Italy with both (-7%) and Germany (-6%). Visitors coming from Russia remained unchanged.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 14% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 14% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 59% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 90% and 43% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania and America recorded decreases of 26% and 3% respectively compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	1,854
Germany	1,506
Russia	1,479
United Arab Emirates	1,050
Italy	895
Reunion	685

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 5% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday decreased by 3% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 46% 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 3rd February 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 24TH JANUARY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 03/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,955</u>	<u>14,392</u>	<u>13,756</u>	<u>12,236</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>2,181</u>	<u>8,717</u>	<u>8,814</u>	<u>8,057</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>8</u>
France	649	1,854	1,754	1,652	6	12
UK & Eire	124	527	567	351	-7	50
Germany	390	1,506	1,595	1,190	-6	27
Italy	161	895	964	715	-7	25
Switzerland	107	366	315	334	16	10
Austria	76	318	293	193	9	65
Belgium & Luxembourg	51	105	102	65	3	62
Netherlands	21	89	71	59	25	51
Scandinavia	97	298	414	341	-28	-13
Spain & Portugal	31	116	133	76	-13	53
Russia	143	1,479	1,483	2,037	0	-27
Other C.I.S.	79	356	323	416	10	-14
Other Europe	252	808	800	628	1	29
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>433</u>	<u>1,990</u>	<u>2,306</u>	<u>1,447</u>	<u>-14</u>	<u>38</u>
Reunion	183	685	712	173	-4	296
Mauritius	52	180	240	206	-25	-13
East Africa	60	355	472	236	-25	50
South Africa	108	670	780	698	-14	-4
Other Southern Africa	4	14	29	23	-52	-39
Other Africa	26	86	73	111	18	-23
ASIA TOTAL	<u>1,174</u>	<u>3,003</u>	<u>1,887</u>	<u>2,181</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>38</u>
United Arab Emirates	474	1,050	553	488	90	115
Other Middle East	97	503	472	550	7	-9
India	251	552	185	164	198	237
Indian Sub Continent	30	102	103	125	-1	-18
China	261	598	417	639	43	-6
Other Far East	61	198	157	215	26	-8
OCEANIA	<u>25</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>-26</u>	<u>42</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>142</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>19</u>
USA	76	326	354	244	-8	34
Other America	66	208	196	203	6	2

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2015

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 03/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,955</u>	<u>14,392</u>	<u>13,756</u>	<u>12,236</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>
Holiday	3,647	13,322	12,706	10,998	5	21
Business	147	380	378	607	1	-37
Holiday/Business	3	11	25	38	-56	-71
Transit	48	233	160	40	46	483
Other/Not Stated	110	446	487	553	-8	-19

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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
Week 3	24-Jan-16	3,747	193	-	-	10	5	3,955
Cumulative TOTAL		13,908	431	-	-	34	19	14,392

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers