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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 31st January 2016

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 31<sup>st</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.

In our endeavor to cater for user demand on more disaggregated statistics, **Table 3** has been expanded to provide information on “total passengers” arriving as opposed to “visitors” only. The breakdown is by type of carrier and category of passenger. It must be noted however that these figures do not include transit passengers who do not go through immigration but connect directly on the next outbound flight.

## 2. RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

### TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS

Four thousand three hundred and sixty eight (4,368) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

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

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 18,760 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 8% above that of 2015 (17,415).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 3% 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 and UK & Eire with both (5%), Italy and Russia with both (1%). A decrease of (-1%) was recorded in visitors from Germany.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 13% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 15% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 56% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 79% and 43% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania and America recorded decreases of 23% and 1% respectively compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	2,479
Germany	2,051
Russia	1,702
United Arab Emirates	1,306
Italy	1,157
China	971

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

#### Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 8% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday decreased by 11% below the 2015 level and the number in transit<sup>1</sup> was 57% above the 2015 level.

### ARRIVALS BY TYPE OF CARRIER AND CATEGORY OF PASSENGER (TABLE 3)

In Week 4, visitors made up 74%, residents 24% and seamen 2% of total passengers arriving and 96% of total arrivals were on scheduled flights.

## 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.”

<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.

#### 4. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Bulletin will be released on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

#### 5. CONTACT US

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**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 2016**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 04/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>4,368</u></b>	<b><u>18,760</u></b>	<b><u>17,415</u></b>	<b><u>16,521</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>14</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>2,765</u></b>	<b><u>11,482</u></b>	<b><u>11,197</u></b>	<b><u>10,207</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
France	625	2,479	2,356	2,216	5	12
UK & Eire	188	715	678	442	5	62
Germany	545	2,051	2,078	1,628	-1	26
Italy	262	1,157	1,142	893	1	30
Switzerland	165	531	431	470	23	13
Austria	157	475	442	289	7	64
Belgium & Luxembourg	61	166	127	90	31	84
Netherlands	37	126	84	71	50	77
Scandinavia	95	393	512	435	-23	-10
Spain & Portugal	52	168	157	85	7	98
Russia	223	1,702	1,678	2,317	1	-27
Other C.I.S.	70	426	380	477	12	-11
Other Europe	285	1,093	1,132	794	-3	38
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>385</u></b>	<b><u>2,375</u></b>	<b><u>2,716</u></b>	<b><u>1,642</u></b>	<b><u>-13</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>
Reunion	46	731	783	179	-7	308
Mauritius	107	287	339	247	-15	16
East Africa	101	456	554	305	-18	50
South Africa	105	775	911	758	-15	2
Other Southern Africa	1	15	34	23	-56	-35
Other Africa	25	111	95	130	17	-15
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>1,055</u></b>	<b><u>4,058</u></b>	<b><u>2,601</u></b>	<b><u>4,004</u></b>	<b><u>56</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	256	1,306	730	595	79	119
Other Middle East	153	656	612	655	7	0
India	164	716	245	224	192	220
Indian Sub Continent	24	126	130	154	-3	-18
China	373	971	677	2,086	43	-53
Other Far East	85	283	207	290	37	-2
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>165</u></b>	<b><u>213</u></b>	<b><u>121</u></b>	<b><u>-23</u></b>	<b><u>36</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>146</u></b>	<b><u>680</u></b>	<b><u>688</u></b>	<b><u>547</u></b>	<b><u>-1</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b>
USA	102	428	442	312	-3	37
Other America	44	252	246	235	2	7

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 04/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>4,368</u></b>	<b><u>18,760</u></b>	<b><u>17,415</u></b>	<b><u>16,521</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>14</u></b>
Holiday	4,006	17,328	16,032	15,015	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
Business	152	532	580	702	<b>-8</b>	<b>-24</b>
Holiday/Business	4	15	34	46	<b>-56</b>	<b>-67</b>
Transit	41	274	175	46	<b>57</b>	<b>496</b>
Other/Not Stated	165	611	594	712	<b>3</b>	<b>-14</b>

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## ARRIVALS BY TYPE OF CARRIER AND CATEGORY OF PASSENGER - 2016

TABLE 3

WEEK	Week ending Sunday	TYPE OF CARRIER												CATEGORY OF PASSENGER				
		Scheduled Flight		Private Plane		Chartered Plane		Vessel		Yacht		Cruise Ship <sup>(1)</sup>		Seamen <sup>(2)</sup>	Visitors	Residents	Seamen	All passenger categories
		Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Residents		Visitors	Residents	Seamen	
Week 1	10-Jan-16	6,395	2,164	199	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	131	6,600	2,165	131	8,896
Week 2	17-Jan-16	3,766	1,764	39	1	-	-	-	-	24	-	8	-	125	3,837	1,765	125	5,727
Week 3	24-Jan-16	3,747	1,546	193	3	-	-	-	-	10	-	5	-	106	3,955	1,549	106	5,610
Week 4	31-Jan-16	4,282	1,408	41	-	-	-	30	-	2	-	13	-	123	4,368	1,408	123	5,899
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>18,190</b>	<b>6,882</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>18,760</b>	<b>6,887</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>26,132</b>

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

## Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes day trippers<sup>(2)</sup> All seamen arrive on scheduled flights