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Week ending Sunday 7th February 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 7th February 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

Six thousand three hundred and fifty nine (6,359) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 7th February 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 25,119 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 14% above that of 2015 (22,019).

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 (12%), UK & Eire (10%), Germany (1%), Italy (4%) and Russia (3%).

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

Asia recorded a 77% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 60% and 115% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 15% where as from America, an increase of 3% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	3,432
Germany	2,780
China	2,308
Russia	1,882
United Arab Emirates	1,530
Italy	1,467

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 15% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday decreased by 18% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 71% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 5, visitors made up 81%, residents 17% and seamen 1% of total passengers arriving and 98% 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."

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.

4. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Bulletin will be released on Wednesday 17th February 2016.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 05/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,359</u>	<u>25,119</u>	<u>22,019</u>	<u>21,855</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,489</u>	<u>14,971</u>	<u>14,303</u>	<u>13,124</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>
France	953	3,432	3,054	2,853	12	20
UK & Eire	243	958	867	620	10	55
Germany	729	2,780	2,755	2,283	1	22
Italy	310	1,467	1,415	1,107	4	33
Switzerland	209	740	644	691	15	7
Austria	206	681	628	486	8	40
Belgium & Luxembourg	102	268	179	135	50	99
Netherlands	33	159	118	94	35	69
Scandinavia	98	491	693	523	-29	-6
Spain & Portugal	42	210	200	108	5	94
Russia	180	1,882	1,834	2,585	3	-27
Other C.I.S.	69	495	440	539	13	-8
Other Europe	315	1,408	1,476	1,100	-5	28
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>496</u>	<u>2,871</u>	<u>3,149</u>	<u>1,995</u>	<u>-9</u>	<u>44</u>
Reunion	57	788	824	195	-4	304
Mauritius	101	388	405	316	-4	23
East Africa	113	569	688	401	-17	42
South Africa	189	964	1,062	898	-9	7
Other Southern Africa	3	18	35	25	-49	-28
Other Africa	33	144	135	160	7	-10
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>2,198</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>3,533</u>	<u>5,959</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>5</u>
United Arab Emirates	224	1,530	954	728	60	110
Other Middle East	96	752	737	787	2	-4
India	346	1,062	328	294	224	261
Indian Sub Continent	49	175	186	188	-6	-7
China	1,337	2,308	1,075	3,591	115	-36
Other Far East	146	429	253	371	70	16
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>-15</u>	<u>44</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>821</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>638</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>29</u>
USA	80	508	505	357	1	42
Other America	61	313	295	281	6	11

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 05/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,359</u>	<u>25,119</u>	<u>22,019</u>	<u>21,855</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
Holiday	5,986	23,314	20,271	20,061	15	16
Business	166	698	827	838	-16	-17
Holiday/Business	10	25	50	49	-50	-49
Transit	42	316	185	56	71	464
Other/Not Stated	155	766	686	851	12	-10

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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 ⁽¹⁾		Seamen ⁽²⁾	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
Week 5	7-Feb-16	6,277	1,354	60	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	112	6,359	1,354	112	7,825
Cumulative TOTAL		24,467	8,236	532	5	-	-	30	-	58	-	32	-	597	25,119	8,241	597	33,957

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights