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Week ending Sunday 14th February 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 14th 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

Seven thousand five hundred and fifty seven (7,557) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 14th February 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 32,676 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 16% above that of 2015 (28,050).

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 (7%), UK & Eire (30%), Italy (3%) and Russia (5%). A decrease of 3% was recorded in visitors from Germany.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 6% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 5% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded an 80% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 50% and 128% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 5% where as from America, an increase of 7% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	4,684
China	3,946
Germany	3,450
Russia	2,099
United Arab Emirates	1,944
Italy	1,748

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 17% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday decreased by 12% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 134% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 6, visitors made up 83%, residents 16% 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.”

4. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Bulletin will be released on Wednesday 24th February 2016.

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.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 06/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>7,557</u>	<u>32,676</u>	<u>28,050</u>	<u>26,492</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>4,216</u>	<u>19,187</u>	<u>18,321</u>	<u>16,297</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>
France	1,252	4,684	4,389	3,490	7	34
UK & Eire	541	1,499	1,151	829	30	81
Germany	670	3,450	3,573	2,909	-3	19
Italy	281	1,748	1,702	1,388	3	26
Switzerland	263	1,003	896	928	12	8
Austria	202	883	818	651	8	36
Belgium & Luxembourg	39	307	238	169	29	82
Netherlands	32	191	151	120	26	59
Scandinavia	222	713	870	727	-18	-2
Spain & Portugal	43	253	251	166	1	52
Russia	217	2,099	2,004	2,864	5	-27
Other C.I.S.	74	569	481	621	18	-8
Other Europe	380	1,788	1,797	1,435	-1	25
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>3,409</u>	<u>3,609</u>	<u>2,418</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>41</u>
Reunion	44	832	861	205	-3	306
Mauritius	53	441	478	384	-8	15
East Africa	186	755	844	523	-11	44
South Africa	194	1,158	1,223	1,036	-5	12
Other Southern Africa	8	26	44	28	-41	-7
Other Africa	53	197	159	242	24	-19
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>2,554</u>	<u>8,810</u>	<u>4,908</u>	<u>6,893</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>28</u>
United Arab Emirates	414	1,944	1,294	950	50	105
Other Middle East	119	871	913	896	-5	-3
India	271	1,333	430	360	210	270
Indian Sub Continent	29	204	229	221	-11	-8
China	1,638	3,946	1,727	4,033	128	-2
Other Far East	83	512	315	433	63	18
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>1,036</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>711</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>46</u>
USA	124	632	619	403	2	57
Other America	91	404	347	308	16	31

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 06/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>7,557</u>	<u>32,676</u>	<u>28,050</u>	<u>26,492</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>
Holiday	6,971	30,285	25,912	24,402	17	24
Business	193	891	989	999	-10	-11
Holiday/Business	3	28	60	58	-53	-52
Transit	169	485	207	68	134	613
Other/Not Stated	221	987	882	965	12	2

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

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
Week 6	14-Feb-16	7,319	1,424	131	1	-	-	2	-	3	-	102	-	171	7,557	1,425	171	9,153
Cumulative TOTAL		31,786	9,660	663	6	-	-	32	-	61	-	134	-	768	32,676	9,666	768	43,110

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights