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Week ending Sunday 21st February 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 21st 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

Five thousand nine hundred and twenty seven (5,927) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 21st February 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 38,603 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 12% above that of 2015 (34,612).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 7% 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 (9%), UK & Eire (28%), Italy (4%) and Russia (9%). A decrease of 2% was recorded in visitors from Germany.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 2% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 4% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 34% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 53% and 17% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania increased by 1% whereas from America, an increase of 5% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	6,010
China	4,196
Germany	4,121
Russia	2,401
United Arab Emirates	2,248
Italy	2,146

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 11% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday decreased by 2% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 126% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 7, visitors made up 80%, residents 18% and seamen 2% 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.”

4. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Bulletin will be released on Wednesday 2nd March 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 21ST FEBRUARY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 07/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>38,603</u>	<u>34,612</u>	<u>32,480</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>4,255</u>	<u>23,442</u>	<u>21,928</u>	<u>20,727</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>
France	1,326	6,010	5,489	4,418	9	36
UK & Eire	279	1,778	1,386	1,082	28	64
Germany	671	4,121	4,225	4,268	-2	-3
Italy	398	2,146	2,055	1,736	4	24
Switzerland	224	1,227	1,127	1,164	9	5
Austria	210	1,093	952	824	15	33
Belgium & Luxembourg	47	354	274	222	29	59
Netherlands	58	249	182	170	37	46
Scandinavia	206	919	1,062	905	-13	2
Spain & Portugal	41	294	297	202	-1	46
Russia	302	2,401	2,193	3,201	9	-25
Other C.I.S.	70	639	544	734	17	-13
Other Europe	423	2,211	2,142	1,801	3	23
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>3,906</u>	<u>3,988</u>	<u>3,111</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>26</u>
Reunion	51	883	886	227	0	289
Mauritius	82	523	544	440	-4	19
East Africa	149	904	933	698	-3	30
South Africa	171	1,329	1,383	1,421	-4	-6
Other Southern Africa	2	28	49	34	-43	-18
Other Africa	42	239	193	291	24	-18
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>994</u>	<u>9,804</u>	<u>7,306</u>	<u>7,583</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>29</u>
United Arab Emirates	304	2,248	1,469	1,117	53	101
Other Middle East	108	979	1,022	1,034	-4	-5
India	175	1,508	534	421	182	258
Indian Sub Continent	36	240	274	247	-12	-3
China	250	4,196	3,577	4,253	17	-1
Other Far East	121	633	430	511	47	24
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>1,189</u>	<u>1,131</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>43</u>
USA	115	747	738	474	1	58
Other America	38	442	393	356	12	24

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 07/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,927</u>	<u>38,603</u>	<u>34,612</u>	<u>32,480</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>
Holiday	5,571	35,856	32,253	29,285	11	22
Business	206	1,097	1,100	1,231	0	-11
Holiday/Business	13	41	63	75	-35	-45
Transit	26	511	226	650	126	-21
Other/Not Stated	111	1,098	970	1,239	13	-11

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					
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
Week 7	21-Feb-16	5,885	1,377	34	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	143	5,927	1,377	143	7,447
Cumulative TOTAL		37,671	11,037	697	6	-	-	32	-	69	-	134	-	911	38,603	11,043	911	50,557

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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