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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 28th 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 thirty three (5,933) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 28th February 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 44,536 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 9% above that of 2015 (40,787).

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 (12%), UK & Eire (18%), Italy (7%) and Russia (8%). A decrease of 5% was recorded in visitors from Germany.

Visitors from Africa increased by 1% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 3% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 21% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 53% and China decreased by 6% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 16% where as from America, an increase of 2% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	7,328
Germany	4,781
China	4,342
Russia	2,712
Italy	2,611
United Arab Emirates	2,555

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 9% 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 29% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 8, visitors made up 81%, residents 18% 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."

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 9th March 2016.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 08/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,933</u>	<u>44,536</u>	<u>40,787</u>	<u>37,108</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>4,140</u>	<u>27,582</u>	<u>25,746</u>	<u>24,269</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>
France	1,318	7,328	6,560	5,496	12	33
UK & Eire	315	2,093	1,767	1,289	18	62
Germany	660	4,781	5,040	5,009	-5	-5
Italy	465	2,611	2,432	2,109	7	24
Switzerland	157	1,384	1,255	1,315	10	5
Austria	161	1,254	1,090	926	15	35
Belgium & Luxembourg	25	379	330	274	15	38
Netherlands	63	312	196	213	59	46
Scandinavia	152	1,071	1,182	1,009	-9	6
Spain & Portugal	42	336	326	245	3	37
Russia	311	2,712	2,510	3,510	8	-23
Other C.I.S.	58	697	615	796	13	-12
Other Europe	413	2,624	2,443	2,078	7	26
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>543</u>	<u>4,449</u>	<u>4,390</u>	<u>3,443</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>29</u>
Reunion	46	929	924	256	1	263
Mauritius	80	603	604	488	0	24
East Africa	192	1,096	1,053	780	4	41
South Africa	166	1,495	1,538	1,545	-3	-3
Other Southern Africa	8	36	52	38	-31	-5
Other Africa	51	290	219	336	32	-14
ASIA TOTAL	<u>1,078</u>	<u>10,882</u>	<u>8,997</u>	<u>8,152</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>33</u>
United Arab Emirates	307	2,555	1,672	1,234	53	107
Other Middle East	159	1,138	1,216	1,185	-6	-4
India	283	1,791	679	483	164	271
Indian Sub Continent	55	295	304	290	-3	2
China	146	4,342	4,616	4,385	-6	-1
Other Far East	128	761	510	575	49	32
OCEANIA	<u>24</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>-16</u>	<u>14</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>148</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>1,315</u>	<u>994</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>35</u>
USA	111	858	872	577	-2	49
Other America	37	479	443	417	8	15

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 08/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,933</u>	<u>44,536</u>	<u>40,787</u>	<u>37,108</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>
Holiday	5,487	41,343	37,856	33,677	9	23
Business	187	1,284	1,283	1,363	0	-6
Holiday/Business	5	46	73	81	-37	-43
Transit	66	577	447	682	29	-15
Other/Not Stated	188	1,286	1,128	1,305	14	-1

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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
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
Week 8	28-Feb-16	5,793	1,289	99	1	-	-	-	-	6	10	35	-	120	5,933	1,300	120	7,353
Cumulative TOTAL		43,464	12,326	796	7	-	-	32	-	75	10	169	-	1,031	44,536	12,343	1,031	57,910

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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