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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

#### Week ending Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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 two hundred and eighty two (5,282) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

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

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 49,818 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 12% above that of 2015 (44,593).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 10% 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 (15%), UK & Eire (22%), Germany (2%), Italy (11%) and Russia (8%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 1% 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 22% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 46% and China a decrease of 5%.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 13% whereas 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	8,274
Germany	5,616
China	4,475
Italy	3,054
Russia	2,967
United Arab Emirates	2,774

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

#### Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 12% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday increased by 2% above the 2015 level and the number in transit<sup>1</sup> was 27% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 9, visitors made up 79%, residents 19% and seamen 2% of total passengers arriving and 97% 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

<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.

## 5. CONTACT US

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**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2016**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 09/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>5,282</u></b>	<b><u>49,818</u></b>	<b><u>44,593</u></b>	<b><u>41,531</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>3,785</u></b>	<b><u>31,367</u></b>	<b><u>28,413</u></b>	<b><u>27,671</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>
France	946	8,274	7,185	6,604	15	25
UK & Eire	337	2,430	1,998	1,464	22	66
Germany	835	5,616	5,508	5,779	2	-3
Italy	443	3,054	2,762	2,455	11	24
Switzerland	175	1,559	1,378	1,470	13	6
Austria	137	1,391	1,172	998	19	39
Belgium & Luxembourg	41	420	372	392	13	7
Netherlands	45	357	216	240	65	49
Scandinavia	131	1,202	1,266	1,124	-5	7
Spain & Portugal	49	385	352	274	9	41
Russia	255	2,967	2,760	3,724	8	-20
Other C.I.S.	62	759	662	851	15	-11
Other Europe	329	2,953	2,782	2,296	6	29
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>410</u></b>	<b><u>4,859</u></b>	<b><u>4,795</u></b>	<b><u>3,879</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>
Reunion	67	996	1,010	313	-1	218
Mauritius	71	674	643	517	5	30
East Africa	134	1,230	1,159	911	6	35
South Africa	127	1,622	1,686	1,725	-4	-6
Other Southern Africa	4	40	53	41	-25	-2
Other Africa	7	297	244	372	22	-20
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>883</u></b>	<b><u>11,765</u></b>	<b><u>9,608</u></b>	<b><u>8,586</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	219	2,774	1,895	1,319	46	110
Other Middle East	119	1,257	1,348	1,327	-7	-5
India	262	2,053	759	522	170	293
Indian Sub Continent	34	329	328	310	0	6
China	133	4,475	4,735	4,502	-5	-1
Other Far East	116	877	543	606	62	45
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>	<b><u>318</u></b>	<b><u>366</u></b>	<b><u>260</u></b>	<b><u>-13</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>172</u></b>	<b><u>1,509</u></b>	<b><u>1,411</u></b>	<b><u>1,135</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>33</u></b>
USA	121	979	948	689	3	42
Other America	51	530	463	446	14	19

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

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2016**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 09/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>5,282</u></b>	<b><u>49,818</u></b>	<b><u>44,593</u></b>	<b><u>41,531</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>
Holiday	4,973	46,316	41,376	37,763	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>
Business	201	1,485	1,427	1,513	<b>4</b>	<b>-2</b>
Holiday/Business	2	48	81	89	<b>-41</b>	<b>-46</b>
Transit	20	597	469	686	<b>27</b>	<b>-13</b>
Other/Not Stated	86	1,372	1,240	1,480	<b>11</b>	<b>-7</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					
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
Week 9	6-Mar-16	5,229	1,238	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	5,282	1,238	133	6,653
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>48,693</b>	<b>13,564</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>49,818</b>	<b>13,581</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>64,563</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