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Week ending Sunday 13th March 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 13th 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 five hundred and forty seven (5,547) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 13th March 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 55,365 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 11% above that of 2015 (49,681).

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 (19%), UK & Eire (25%), Italy (10%) and Russia (4%). A decrease of 1% was recorded in visitors from Germany.

Visitors from Africa increased by 6% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. An increase of 2% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 20% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 37% and China decreased by 5% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 7% 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	9,570
Germany	6,267
China	4,650
Italy	3,487
Russia	3,167
United Arab Emirates	3,004

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 3% above the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 23% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 10, visitors made up 79%, residents 19% 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 23rd March 2016.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 10/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>5,547</u>	<u>55,365</u>	<u>49,681</u>	<u>46,035</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,702</u>	<u>35,069</u>	<u>31,849</u>	<u>30,913</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>
France	1,296	9,570	8,054	7,371	19	30
UK & Eire	313	2,743	2,200	1,670	25	64
Germany	651	6,267	6,334	6,556	-1	-4
Italy	433	3,487	3,177	2,785	10	25
Switzerland	148	1,707	1,533	1,639	11	4
Austria	103	1,494	1,336	1,093	12	37
Belgium & Luxembourg	42	462	414	426	12	8
Netherlands	32	389	248	254	57	53
Scandinavia	92	1,294	1,357	1,200	-5	8
Spain & Portugal	43	428	405	315	6	36
Russia	200	3,167	3,036	4,161	4	-24
Other C.I.S.	53	812	733	916	11	-11
Other Europe	296	3,249	3,022	2,527	8	29
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>798</u>	<u>5,657</u>	<u>5,352</u>	<u>4,428</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>28</u>
Reunion	283	1,279	1,142	409	12	213
Mauritius	64	738	772	580	-4	27
East Africa	126	1,356	1,255	1,026	8	32
South Africa	278	1,900	1,861	1,946	2	-2
Other Southern Africa	16	56	53	48	6	17
Other Africa	31	328	269	419	22	-22
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>12,619</u>	<u>10,543</u>	<u>9,170</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>38</u>
United Arab Emirates	230	3,004	2,186	1,480	37	103
Other Middle East	238	1,495	1,541	1,438	-3	4
India	126	2,179	969	581	125	275
Indian Sub Continent	16	345	361	352	-4	-2
China	175	4,650	4,872	4,644	-5	0
Other Far East	69	946	614	675	54	40
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>31</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>1,659</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>1,248</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>33</u>
USA	104	1,083	1,055	756	3	43
Other America	46	576	493	492	17	17

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 10/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,547</u>	<u>55,365</u>	<u>49,681</u>	<u>46,035</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>20</u>
Holiday	5,064	51,380	46,044	41,913	12	23
Business	272	1,757	1,667	1,708	5	3
Holiday/Business	6	54	90	92	-40	-41
Transit	81	678	552	692	23	-2
Other/Not Stated	124	1,496	1,328	1,630	13	-8

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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
Week 9	6-Mar-16	5,229	1,238	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	5,282	1,238	133	6,653
Week 10	13-Mar-16	5,395	1,322	93	2	-	-	1	13	37	-	21	-	106	5,547	1,337	106	6,990
Cumulative TOTAL		54,088	14,886	942	9	-	-	33	13	112	10	190	-	1,270	55,365	14,918	1,270	71,553

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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