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Week ending Sunday 20th March 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 20th 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

Six thousand seven hundred and thirty one (6,731) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 20th March 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 62,096 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 12% above that of 2015 (55,234).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 13% 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 (23%), Italy (9%), Germany (7%) and Russia (2%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 8% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. An increase of 15% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 16% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 32% and China decreased by 3% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 6% where as from America, an increase of 3% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	10,509
Germany	7,499
China	4,831
Italy	3,917
Russia	3,479
United Arab Emirates	3,351

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 13% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday increased by 6% above the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 14% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 11, visitors made up 83%, residents 15% and seamen 1% 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 30th 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 20TH MARCH 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 11/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,731</u>	<u>62,096</u>	<u>55,234</u>	<u>50,424</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>4,515</u>	<u>39,584</u>	<u>35,173</u>	<u>34,097</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>
France	939	10,509	8,850	8,224	19	28
UK & Eire	285	3,028	2,452	1,899	23	59
Germany	1,232	7,499	6,988	7,262	7	3
Italy	430	3,917	3,603	3,141	9	25
Switzerland	211	1,918	1,724	1,767	11	9
Austria	242	1,736	1,422	1,186	22	46
Belgium & Luxembourg	64	526	457	477	15	10
Netherlands	28	417	285	268	46	56
Scandinavia	229	1,523	1,475	1,287	3	18
Spain & Portugal	192	620	451	362	37	71
Russia	312	3,479	3,417	4,527	2	-23
Other C.I.S.	96	908	816	1,003	11	-9
Other Europe	255	3,504	3,233	2,694	8	30
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>909</u>	<u>6,566</u>	<u>6,080</u>	<u>4,786</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>37</u>
Reunion	120	1,399	1,460	430	-4	225
Mauritius	65	803	818	612	-2	31
East Africa	178	1,534	1,357	1,076	13	43
South Africa	496	2,396	2,083	2,160	15	11
Other Southern Africa	12	68	60	61	13	11
Other Africa	38	366	302	447	21	-18
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>13,733</u>	<u>11,793</u>	<u>9,845</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>39</u>
United Arab Emirates	347	3,351	2,546	1,672	32	100
Other Middle East	170	1,665	1,830	1,611	-9	3
India	230	2,409	1,295	609	86	296
Indian Sub Continent	112	457	451	397	1	15
China	181	4,831	4,994	4,822	-3	0
Other Far East	74	1,020	677	734	51	39
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>1,822</u>	<u>1,774</u>	<u>1,378</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>32</u>
USA	121	1,204	1,233	848	-2	42
Other America	42	618	541	530	14	17

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 11/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,731</u>	<u>62,096</u>	<u>55,234</u>	<u>50,424</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23</u>
Holiday	6,344	57,724	51,083	45,950	13	26
Business	256	2,013	1,849	1,905	9	6
Holiday/Business	4	58	102	99	-43	-41
Transit	10	688	602	751	14	-8
Other/Not Stated	117	1,613	1,598	1,719	1	-6

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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
Week 11	20-Mar-16	6,565	1,224	132	14					32	2	2		95	6,731	1,240	95	8,066
Cumulative TOTAL		60,653	16,110	1,074	23	-	-	33	13	144	12	192	-	1,365	62,096	16,158	1,365	79,619

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights