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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 27th 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

Eight thousand one hundred and four (8,104) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 27th March 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 70,200 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 15% above that of 2015 (60,996).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 16% 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 (17%), UK & Eire (30%), Germany (10%) and Italy (20%). A decrease of (1%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa increased by 12% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. An increase of 19% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 18% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 35% and China decreased by 2% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 5% 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	11,280
Germany	8,515
China	5,040
Italy	4,725
United Arab Emirates	4,412
Russia	3,775

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 16% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday increased by 4% above the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 13% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 12, visitors made up 86%, residents 13% and seamen 1% of total passengers arriving and 93% 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 6th April 2016.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 12/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>8,104</u>	<u>70,200</u>	<u>60,996</u>	<u>54,708</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>5,123</u>	<u>44,707</u>	<u>38,648</u>	<u>37,026</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>
France	771	11,280	9,628	8,961	17	26
UK & Eire	586	3,614	2,773	2,091	30	73
Germany	1,016	8,515	7,740	7,887	10	8
Italy	808	4,725	3,934	3,379	20	40
Switzerland	471	2,389	1,891	1,882	26	27
Austria	91	1,827	1,543	1,282	18	43
Belgium & Luxembourg	186	712	500	507	42	40
Netherlands	24	441	305	284	45	55
Scandinavia	216	1,739	1,639	1,373	6	27
Spain & Portugal	119	739	502	400	47	85
Russia	296	3,775	3,809	5,035	-1	-25
Other C.I.S.	136	1,044	907	1,086	15	-4
Other Europe	403	3,907	3,477	2,859	12	37
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>7,369</u>	<u>6,601</u>	<u>5,176</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>42</u>
Reunion	56	1,455	1,568	444	-7	228
Mauritius	68	871	883	667	-1	31
East Africa	284	1,818	1,474	1,112	23	63
South Africa	277	2,673	2,248	2,400	19	11
Other Southern Africa	34	102	61	62	67	65
Other Africa	84	450	367	491	23	-8
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>15,693</u>	<u>13,352</u>	<u>10,656</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>47</u>
United Arab Emirates	1,061	4,412	3,259	1,909	35	131
Other Middle East	320	1,985	2,196	1,819	-10	9
India	182	2,591	1,432	662	81	291
Indian Sub Continent	84	541	576	480	-6	13
China	209	5,040	5,142	4,987	-2	1
Other Far East	104	1,124	747	799	50	41
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>457</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>1,995</u>	<u>1,938</u>	<u>1,513</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>32</u>
USA	122	1,326	1,340	940	-1	41
Other America	51	669	598	573	12	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>8,104</u>	<u>70,200</u>	<u>60,996</u>	<u>54,708</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>
Holiday	7,684	65,408	56,422	50,004	16	31
Business	116	2,129	1,995	1,996	7	7
Holiday/Business	3	61	104	104	-41	-41
Transit	30	718	634	755	13	-5
Other/Not Stated	271	1,884	1,841	1,849	2	2

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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
Week 12	27-Mar-16	7,605	1,226	482	1	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	122	8,104	1,227	122	9,453
Cumulative TOTAL		68,258	17,336	1,556	24	-	-	33	13	161	12	192	-	1,487	70,200	17,385	1,487	89,072

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights