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Week ending Sunday 3rd April 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 3rd April 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 three hundred and twenty seven (6,327) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 3rd April 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 76,527 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 12% above that of 2015 (68,560).

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 (21%), UK & Eire (27%), Germany (2%), Italy (10%) and Russia (1%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 2% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. An increase of 4% 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 27% and China decreased by 1% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 1% 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	12,412
Germany	9,158
United Arab Emirates	5,448
China	5,237
Italy	5,047
UK & Eire	4,213

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 1% above the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 7% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 13, visitors made up 82%, residents 15% and seamen 2% of total passengers arriving and 94% 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 13th April 2016.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 13/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,327</u>	<u>76,527</u>	<u>68,560</u>	<u>59,540</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,898</u>	<u>48,605</u>	<u>43,159</u>	<u>40,015</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>
France	1,132	12,412	10,250	9,773	21	27
UK & Eire	599	4,213	3,329	2,397	27	76
Germany	643	9,158	8,938	8,531	2	7
Italy	322	5,047	4,568	3,691	10	37
Switzerland	283	2,672	2,270	2,080	18	28
Austria	85	1,912	1,697	1,355	13	41
Belgium & Luxembourg	162	874	573	537	53	63
Netherlands	27	468	322	312	45	50
Scandinavia	84	1,823	1,909	1,446	-5	26
Spain & Portugal	64	803	663	424	21	89
Russia	196	3,971	3,943	5,288	1	-25
Other C.I.S.	56	1,100	950	1,126	16	-2
Other Europe	245	4,152	3,747	3,055	11	36
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>7,969</u>	<u>7,821</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>40</u>
Reunion	46	1,501	1,655	452	-9	232
Mauritius	61	932	1,008	728	-8	28
East Africa	140	1,958	1,835	1,203	7	63
South Africa	300	2,973	2,855	2,705	4	10
Other Southern Africa	7	109	70	74	56	47
Other Africa	46	496	398	527	25	-6
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,619</u>	<u>17,312</u>	<u>14,976</u>	<u>11,780</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>47</u>
United Arab Emirates	1,036	5,448	4,278	2,641	27	106
Other Middle East	180	2,165	2,445	1,900	-11	14
India	74	2,665	1,499	689	78	287
Indian Sub Continent	67	608	609	519	0	17
China	197	5,237	5,299	5,153	-1	2
Other Far East	65	1,189	846	878	41	35
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>2,158</u>	<u>2,114</u>	<u>1,691</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>28</u>
USA	113	1,439	1,455	1,070	-1	34
Other America	50	719	659	621	9	16

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 13/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,327</u>	<u>76,527</u>	<u>68,560</u>	<u>59,540</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>29</u>
Holiday	5,968	71,376	63,349	54,225	13	32
Business	143	2,272	2,207	2,190	3	4
Holiday/Business	3	64	109	108	-41	-41
Transit	46	764	715	756	7	1
Other/Not Stated	167	2,051	2,180	2,261	-6	-9

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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
Week 13	3-Apr-16	6,042	1,187	263	1	-	-	-	-	9	-	13	-	158	6,327	1,188	158	7,673
Cumulative TOTAL		74,300	18,523	1,819	25	-	-	33	13	170	12	205	-	1,645	76,527	18,573	1,645	96,745

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Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights