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Week ending Sunday 10th April 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 10th 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 and sixty nine (6,069) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 10th April 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 82,596 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 11% above that of 2015 (74,228).

Overall, visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 14% 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 (29%), UK & Eire (22%), Germany (5%), Italy (9%) and Russia (2%).

Visitors from Africa remained at the same level as in 2015. An increase of 4% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 12% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 21% and China remained unchanged.

Visitors from Oceania increased by 1% whereas visitors from America remained at the same level as in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	13,922
Germany	9,947
United Arab Emirates	5,952
China	5,416
Italy	5,361
UK & Eire	4,624

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 transit¹ was 8% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 14, visitors made up 81%, residents 17% 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 20th April 2016.

5. CONTACT US

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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.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 14/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,069</u>	<u>82,596</u>	<u>74,228</u>	<u>64,454</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>4,165</u>	<u>52,770</u>	<u>46,409</u>	<u>43,375</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>22</u>
France	1,510	13,922	10,791	10,451	29	33
UK & Eire	411	4,624	3,778	2,912	22	59
Germany	789	9,947	9,431	9,152	5	9
Italy	314	5,361	4,936	4,046	9	33
Switzerland	256	2,928	2,700	2,366	8	24
Austria	96	2,008	1,757	1,434	14	40
Belgium & Luxembourg	70	944	809	785	17	20
Netherlands	51	519	366	326	42	59
Scandinavia	125	1,948	1,977	1,533	-1	27
Spain & Portugal	40	843	714	475	18	77
Russia	229	4,200	4,128	5,505	2	-24
Other C.I.S.	44	1,144	998	1,175	15	-3
Other Europe	230	4,382	4,024	3,215	9	36
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>608</u>	<u>8,577</u>	<u>8,546</u>	<u>6,172</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39</u>
Reunion	87	1,588	1,730	462	-8	244
Mauritius	111	1,043	1,088	802	-4	30
East Africa	138	2,096	2,101	1,289	0	63
South Africa	234	3,207	3,071	2,955	4	9
Other Southern Africa	7	116	75	81	55	43
Other Africa	31	527	481	583	10	-10
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,156</u>	<u>18,468</u>	<u>16,501</u>	<u>12,727</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>45</u>
United Arab Emirates	504	5,952	4,902	3,089	21	93
Other Middle East	210	2,375	3,103	2,154	-23	10
India	132	2,797	1,546	717	81	290
Indian Sub Continent	50	658	639	552	3	19
China	179	5,416	5,411	5,292	0	2
Other Far East	81	1,270	900	923	41	38
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>31</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>2,256</u>	<u>2,254</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27</u>
USA	65	1,504	1,541	1,122	-2	34
Other America	33	752	713	658	5	14

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 14/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,069</u>	<u>82,596</u>	<u>74,228</u>	<u>64,454</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>28</u>
Holiday	5,723	77,099	68,649	58,717	12	31
Business	137	2,409	2,326	2,313	4	4
Holiday/Business	8	72	112	120	-36	-40
Transit	34	798	737	766	8	4
Other/Not Stated	167	2,218	2,404	2,538	-8	-13

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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	All passenger categories
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
Week 14	10-Apr-16	5,948	1,289	119	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	119	6,069	1,292	119	7,480
Cumulative TOTAL		80,248	19,812	1,938	28	-	-	33	13	172	12	205	-	1,764	82,596	19,865	1,764	104,225

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights