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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 17th 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

Five thousand five hundred and fifty one (5,551) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 17th April 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 88,147 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 11% above that of 2015 (79,617).

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 (29%), UK & Eire (20%), Germany (6%) and Italy (8%). A decrease of (1%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 3% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. An increase of 3% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 14% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 19% and 1% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 2% whereas visitors from America remained at the same level as in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	15,267
Germany	10,589
United Arab Emirates	6,218
China	5,632
Italy	5,755
UK & Eire	4,935

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 6% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 15, visitors made up 80%, residents 18% 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.”

4. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Bulletin will be released on Wednesday 27th April 2016.

5. CONTACT US

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¹Note 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 17TH APRIL 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 15/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>5,551</u>	<u>88,147</u>	<u>79,617</u>	<u>70,396</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,656</u>	<u>56,426</u>	<u>49,908</u>	<u>47,489</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>
France	1,345	15,267	11,850	11,182	29	37
UK & Eire	311	4,935	4,099	3,150	20	57
Germany	642	10,589	10,010	10,430	6	2
Italy	394	5,755	5,322	4,419	8	30
Switzerland	207	3,135	2,928	2,756	7	14
Austria	95	2,103	1,887	1,632	11	29
Belgium & Luxembourg	48	992	880	859	13	15
Netherlands	57	576	392	348	47	66
Scandinavia	54	2,002	2,037	1,793	-2	12
Spain & Portugal	45	888	774	629	15	41
Russia	150	4,350	4,382	5,687	-1	-24
Other C.I.S.	47	1,191	1,063	1,191	12	0
Other Europe	261	4,643	4,284	3,413	8	36
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>9,160</u>	<u>9,469</u>	<u>6,859</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>34</u>
Reunion	76	1,664	1,795	478	-7	248
Mauritius	60	1,103	1,152	863	-4	28
East Africa	139	2,235	2,223	1,473	1	52
South Africa	249	3,456	3,343	3,326	3	4
Other Southern Africa	16	132	77	110	71	20
Other Africa	43	570	879	609	-35	-6
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,158</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>17,289</u>	<u>13,657</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>44</u>
United Arab Emirates	266	6,218	5,211	3,334	19	87
Other Middle East	361	2,736	3,232	2,604	-15	5
India	169	2,966	1,613	741	84	300
Indian Sub Continent	68	726	696	609	4	19
China	216	5,632	5,574	5,376	1	5
Other Far East	78	1,348	963	993	40	36
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>2,386</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>1,921</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>
USA	77	1,581	1,647	1,202	-4	32
Other America	53	805	746	719	8	12

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 15/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,551</u>	<u>88,147</u>	<u>79,617</u>	<u>70,396</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>
Holiday	5,206	82,305	73,589	64,455	12	28
Business	191	2,600	2,489	2,409	4	8
Holiday/Business	9	81	125	123	-35	-34
Transit	33	831	783	767	6	8
Other/Not Stated	112	2,330	2,631	2,642	-11	-12

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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					
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
Week 15	17-Apr-16	5,294	1,261	34	-	218	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	135	5,551	1,262	135	6,948
Cumulative TOTAL		85,542	21,073	1,972	28	218	-	33	13	177	13	205	-	1,899	88,147	21,127	1,899	111,173

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights