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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 24th 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

Seven thousand two hundred and forty nine (7,249) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 24th April 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 95,396 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 11% above that of 2015 (86,153).

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 (25%), UK & Eire (20%), Germany (5%) and Italy (13%). A decrease of (3%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 7% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 2% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 19% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 18% and 3% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania and America both decreased by 8%.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	16,451
Germany	11,178
Italy	6,569
United Arab Emirates	6,495
UK & Eire	5,318
Russia	4,533

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 remained unchanged and the number in transit¹ was 2% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 16, visitors made up 83%, residents 16% and seamen 1% of total passengers arriving and 88% 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 Thursday 05th May 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 24TH APRIL 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 16/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>7,249</u>	<u>95,396</u>	<u>86,153</u>	<u>76,006</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>4,178</u>	<u>60,604</u>	<u>53,748</u>	<u>51,271</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>
France	1,184	16,451	13,134	12,132	25	36
UK & Eire	383	5,318	4,440	3,375	20	58
Germany	589	11,178	10,598	11,082	5	1
Italy	814	6,569	5,825	5,406	13	22
Switzerland	349	3,484	3,243	3,056	7	14
Austria	89	2,192	1,995	1,701	10	29
Belgium & Luxembourg	41	1,033	914	887	13	16
Netherlands	86	662	413	380	60	74
Scandinavia	58	2,060	2,119	1,833	-3	12
Spain & Portugal	129	1,017	848	709	20	43
Russia	183	4,533	4,659	5,894	-3	-23
Other C.I.S.	41	1,232	1,100	1,231	12	0
Other Europe	232	4,875	4,460	3,585	9	36
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>10,100</u>	<u>10,820</u>	<u>7,769</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>30</u>
Reunion	117	1,781	1,925	540	-7	230
Mauritius	113	1,216	1,251	1,027	-3	18
East Africa	179	2,414	2,425	1,655	0	46
South Africa	363	3,819	3,911	3,746	-2	2
Other Southern Africa	20	152	133	128	14	19
Other Africa	148	718	1,175	673	-39	7
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,951</u>	<u>21,577</u>	<u>18,203</u>	<u>14,378</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>50</u>
United Arab Emirates	277	6,495	5,495	3,497	18	86
Other Middle East	1,121	3,857	3,451	2,766	12	39
India	142	3,108	1,694	819	83	279
Indian Sub Continent	38	764	729	669	5	14
China	276	5,908	5,751	5,543	3	7
Other Far East	97	1,445	1,083	1,084	33	33
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>-8</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>2,532</u>	<u>2,749</u>	<u>2,091</u>	<u>-8</u>	<u>21</u>
USA	83	1,664	1,893	1,300	-12	28
Other America	63	868	856	791	1	10

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

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
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
Week 16	24-Apr-16	6,257	1,392	35	-	941	-	-	12	16	-	-	-	66	7,249	1,404	66	8,719
Cumulative TOTAL		91,799	22,465	2,007	28	1,159	-	33	25	193	13	205	-	1,965	95,396	22,531	1,965	119,892

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights