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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

#### Week ending Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> May 2016

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 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 one (6,061) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 101,457 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (91,999).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 11% 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 (20%), Germany (7%) and Italy (4%). A decrease of (2%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 8% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 7% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 21% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 19% and 5% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 7% whereas from America, a decrease of 8% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	17,301
Germany	11,827
Italy	6,901
United Arab Emirates	6,775
China	6,233
UK & Eire	5,592

### 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 decreased by 1% below the 2015 level and number in transit<sup>1</sup> was 2% below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 17, visitors made up 77%, residents 22% 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.”

## 4. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Bulletin will be released on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

## 5. CONTACT US

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<sup>1</sup> 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 01ST MAY 2016**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 17/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>6,061</u></b>	<b><u>101,457</u></b>	<b><u>91,999</u></b>	<b><u>81,563</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b>
<b>EUROPE TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3,821</u></b>	<b><u>64,425</u></b>	<b><u>57,815</u></b>	<b><u>55,405</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>
France	850	17,301	14,341	13,325	21	30
UK & Eire	274	5,592	4,661	3,592	20	56
Germany	649	11,827	11,064	11,679	7	1
Italy	332	6,901	6,621	6,061	4	14
Switzerland	310	3,794	3,419	3,200	11	19
Austria	104	2,296	2,078	1,780	10	29
Belgium & Luxembourg	58	1,091	951	935	15	17
Netherlands	130	792	474	461	67	72
Scandinavia	64	2,124	2,161	1,860	-2	14
Spain & Portugal	96	1,113	914	748	22	49
Russia	567	5,100	5,229	6,671	-2	-24
Other C.I.S.	136	1,368	1,192	1,311	15	4
Other Europe	251	5,126	4,710	3,782	9	36
<b>AFRICA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>637</u></b>	<b><u>10,737</u></b>	<b><u>11,687</u></b>	<b><u>8,344</u></b>	<b><u>-8</u></b>	<b><u>29</u></b>
Reunion	71	1,852	2,027	547	-9	239
Mauritius	69	1,285	1,328	1,107	-3	16
East Africa	212	2,626	2,596	1,765	1	49
South Africa	227	4,046	4,338	4,073	-7	-1
Other Southern Africa	11	163	152	136	7	20
Other Africa	47	765	1,246	716	-39	7
<b>ASIA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1,441</u></b>	<b><u>23,018</u></b>	<b><u>18,946</u></b>	<b><u>15,102</u></b>	<b><u>21</u></b>	<b><u>52</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	280	6,775	5,716	3,662	19	85
Other Middle East	440	4,297	3,578	2,833	20	52
India	222	3,330	1,794	872	86	282
Indian Sub Continent	28	792	746	685	6	16
China	325	6,233	5,919	5,825	5	7
Other Far East	146	1,591	1,193	1,225	33	30
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b><u>21</u></b>	<b><u>604</u></b>	<b><u>651</u></b>	<b><u>534</u></b>	<b><u>-7</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>
<b>AMERICA TOTAL</b>	<b><u>141</u></b>	<b><u>2,673</u></b>	<b><u>2,900</u></b>	<b><u>2,178</u></b>	<b><u>-8</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b>
USA	110	1,774	2,009	1,347	-12	32
Other America	31	899	891	831	1	8

**SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS**

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 01ST MAY 2016**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 17/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>6,061</u></b>	<b><u>101,457</u></b>	<b><u>91,999</u></b>	<b><u>81,563</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b>
Holiday	5,817	94,684	84,550	74,681	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>
Business	130	2,981	2,967	2,917	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Holiday/Business	4	95	148	138	<b>-36</b>	<b>-31</b>
Transit	16	863	880	774	<b>-2</b>	<b>11</b>
Other/Not Stated	94	2,834	3,454	3,053	<b>-18</b>	<b>-7</b>

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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 <sup>(1)</sup>		Seamen <sup>(2)</sup>	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
Week 17	1-May-16	5,680	1,676	155	4	223	77	-	-	3	-	-	-	60	6,061	1,757	60	7,878
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>97,479</b>	<b>24,141</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>101,457</b>	<b>24,288</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>127,770</b>

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes day trippers

<sup>(2)</sup> All seamen arrive on scheduled flights