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Week ending Sunday 08th May 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 08th 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

Five thousand nine hundred and fifty eight (5,958) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 08th May 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 107,415 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 11% above that of 2015 (96,899).

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 (22%), UK & Eire (17%), Germany (7%) and Italy (4%). A decrease of (4%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 7% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 6% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 24% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 24% and 5% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 9% whereas from America, a decrease of 6% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	18,572
Germany	12,525
United Arab Emirates	7,568
Italy	7,138
China	6,408
UK & Eire	5,836

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

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

In Week 18, visitors made up 77%, residents 22% and seamen 1% of total passengers arriving and 98% 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 18th 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 8TH MAY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 18/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,958</u>	<u>107,415</u>	<u>96,899</u>	<u>85,510</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>26</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>3,494</u>	<u>67,919</u>	<u>61,077</u>	<u>58,156</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>
France	1,271	18,572	15,276	14,032	22	32
UK & Eire	244	5,836	4,979	3,806	17	53
Germany	698	12,525	11,676	12,254	7	2
Italy	237	7,138	6,888	6,365	4	12
Switzerland	276	4,070	3,642	3,371	12	21
Austria	74	2,370	2,140	1,816	11	31
Belgium & Luxembourg	43	1,134	1,005	978	13	16
Netherlands	44	836	550	515	52	62
Scandinavia	82	2,206	2,189	1,906	1	16
Spain & Portugal	43	1,156	950	781	22	48
Russia	280	5,380	5,612	7,114	-4	-24
Other C.I.S.	64	1,432	1,250	1,352	15	6
Other Europe	138	5,264	4,920	3,866	7	36
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>720</u>	<u>11,457</u>	<u>12,271</u>	<u>8,827</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>30</u>
Reunion	282	2,134	2,270	572	-6	273
Mauritius	51	1,336	1,400	1,195	-5	12
East Africa	177	2,803	2,687	1,877	4	49
South Africa	161	4,207	4,491	4,281	-6	-2
Other Southern Africa	5	168	157	147	7	14
Other Africa	44	809	1,266	755	-36	7
ASIA TOTAL	<u>1,578</u>	<u>24,596</u>	<u>19,852</u>	<u>15,697</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>57</u>
United Arab Emirates	793	7,568	6,092	3,870	24	96
Other Middle East	81	4,378	3,671	2,923	19	50
India	387	3,717	1,983	901	87	313
Indian Sub Continent	29	821	760	721	8	14
China	175	6,408	6,096	5,994	5	7
Other Far East	113	1,704	1,250	1,288	36	32
OCEANIA	<u>31</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>-9</u>	<u>13</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>135</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>3,001</u>	<u>2,266</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>24</u>
USA	97	1,871	2,073	1,385	-10	35
Other America	38	937	928	881	1	6

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 08TH MAY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 18/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,958</u>	<u>107,415</u>	<u>96,899</u>	<u>85,510</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>26</u>
Holiday	5,625	100,309	89,145	78,291	13	28
Business	222	3,203	3,131	3,086	2	4
Holiday/Business	7	102	165	138	-38	-26
Transit	21	884	899	782	-2	13
Other/Not Stated	83	2,917	3,559	3,213	-18	-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
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
Week 18	8-May-16	5,870	1,683	80	7	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	82	5,958	1,690	82	7,730
Cumulative TOTAL		103,349	25,824	2,242	39	1,382	77	33	25	204	13	205	-	2,107	107,415	25,978	2,107	135,500

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Excludes day trippers

⁽²⁾ All seamen arrive on scheduled flights