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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 15th 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

Four thousand nine hundred and sixty three (4,963) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 15th May 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 112,378 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (101,859).

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 (20%), UK & Eire (18%), Germany (10%) and Italy (4%). A decrease of (6%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 5% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 5% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 23% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 23% and 3% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 11% whereas from America, a decrease of 7% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	19,400
Germany	13,679
United Arab Emirates	7,949
Italy	7,402
China	6,526
UK & Eire	6,136

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 number in transit¹ was 3% below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 19, visitors made up 76%, residents 23% 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 25th 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 15TH MAY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 19/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>4,963</u>	<u>112,378</u>	<u>101,859</u>	<u>88,629</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,243</u>	<u>71,162</u>	<u>64,372</u>	<u>60,268</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>
France	828	19,400	16,123	14,553	20	33
UK & Eire	300	6,136	5,220	3,990	18	54
Germany	1,154	13,679	12,467	12,821	10	7
Italy	264	7,402	7,138	6,614	4	12
Switzerland	139	4,209	3,911	3,502	8	20
Austria	98	2,468	2,259	1,871	9	32
Belgium & Luxembourg	73	1,207	1,073	1,027	12	18
Netherlands	34	870	606	535	44	63
Scandinavia	34	2,240	2,235	1,944	0	15
Spain & Portugal	62	1,218	1,047	840	16	45
Russia	93	5,473	5,815	7,248	-6	-24
Other C.I.S.	24	1,456	1,296	1,378	12	6
Other Europe	140	5,404	5,182	3,945	4	37
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>613</u>	<u>12,070</u>	<u>12,761</u>	<u>9,150</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>32</u>
Reunion	169	2,303	2,398	578	-4	298
Mauritius	70	1,406	1,453	1,237	-3	14
East Africa	102	2,905	2,781	1,941	4	50
South Africa	228	4,435	4,675	4,441	-5	0
Other Southern Africa	7	175	159	150	10	17
Other Africa	37	846	1,295	803	-35	5
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>925</u>	<u>25,521</u>	<u>20,790</u>	<u>16,266</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>57</u>
United Arab Emirates	381	7,949	6,474	4,063	23	96
Other Middle East	98	4,476	3,768	3,003	19	49
India	268	3,985	2,080	977	92	308
Indian Sub Continent	20	841	795	756	6	11
China	118	6,526	6,345	6,119	3	7
Other Far East	40	1,744	1,328	1,348	31	29
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>671</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>2,954</u>	<u>3,178</u>	<u>2,352</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>26</u>
USA	105	1,976	2,201	1,424	-10	39
Other America	41	978	977	928	0	5

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 19/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>4,963</u>	<u>112,378</u>	<u>101,859</u>	<u>88,629</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>
Holiday	4,662	104,971	93,760	81,121	12	29
Business	207	3,410	3,349	3,274	2	4
Holiday/Business	5	107	181	141	-41	-24
Transit	18	902	926	787	-3	15
Other/Not Stated	71	2,988	3,643	3,306	-18	-10

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ARRIVALS BY TYPE OF CARRIER AND CATEGORY OF PASSENGER - 2016

TABLE 3

WEEK	Week ending Sunday	TYPE OF CARRIER												Seamen (2)	CATEGORY OF PASSENGER			All passenger categories
		Scheduled Flight		Private Plane		Chartered Plane		Vessel		Yacht		Cruise Ship ⁽¹⁾			Visitors	Residents	Seamen	
		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
Week 19	15-May-16	4,948	1,496	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	4,963	1,496	98	6,557
Cumulative TOTAL		108,297	27,320	2,257	39	1,382	77	33	25	204	13	205	-	2,205	112,378	27,474	2,205	142,057

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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