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Week ending Sunday 29th May 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 29th 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 two hundred and eighty one (4,281) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 29th May 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 121,071 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (109,970).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 10% 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 (17%), Germany (8%) and Italy (5%). A decrease of (8%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 6% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 8% 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 14% whereas from America, a decrease of 5% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	20,552
Germany	15,071
United Arab Emirates	8,669
Italy	7,969
China	6,926
UK & Eire	6,776

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 5% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 2% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 21, visitors made up 74%, residents 24% and seamen 2% of total passengers arriving and 96% 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 09th June 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 29TH MAY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 21/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>4,281</u>	<u>121,071</u>	<u>109,970</u>	<u>94,854</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,389</u>	<u>76,228</u>	<u>69,182</u>	<u>64,168</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>
France	503	20,552	17,046	15,440	21	33
UK & Eire	370	6,776	5,815	4,417	17	53
Germany	589	15,071	14,013	13,842	8	9
Italy	296	7,969	7,602	7,129	5	12
Switzerland	128	4,485	4,186	3,760	7	19
Austria	64	2,620	2,388	1,955	10	34
Belgium & Luxembourg	41	1,295	1,170	1,106	11	17
Netherlands	39	960	657	600	46	60
Scandinavia	33	2,317	2,308	1,988	0	17
Spain & Portugal	56	1,313	1,125	900	17	46
Russia	107	5,667	6,139	7,501	-8	-24
Other C.I.S.	26	1,515	1,344	1,408	13	8
Other Europe	137	5,688	5,389	4,122	6	38
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>13,012</u>	<u>13,873</u>	<u>9,657</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>35</u>
Reunion	60	2,478	2,546	603	-3	311
Mauritius	75	1,527	1,638	1,330	-7	15
East Africa	119	3,104	3,025	2,078	3	49
South Africa	91	4,717	5,112	4,635	-8	2
Other Southern Africa	5	183	191	152	-4	20
Other Africa	121	1,003	1,361	859	-26	17
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,205</u>	<u>27,810</u>	<u>22,605</u>	<u>17,809</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>56</u>
United Arab Emirates	362	8,669	7,065	4,759	23	82
Other Middle East	177	4,783	4,065	3,182	18	50
India	338	4,595	2,405	1,082	91	325
Indian Sub Continent	24	934	863	794	8	18
China	218	6,926	6,739	6,491	3	7
Other Far East	86	1,903	1,468	1,501	30	27
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>844</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>-14</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>3,298</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>2,601</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>27</u>
USA	143	2,225	2,417	1,610	-8	38
Other America	46	1,073	1,049	991	2	8

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 29TH MAY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 21/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>4,281</u>	<u>121,071</u>	<u>109,970</u>	<u>94,854</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>28</u>
Holiday	3,772	112,837	100,995	86,817	12	30
Business	235	3,782	3,919	3,657	-3	3
Holiday/Business	7	122	206	159	-41	-23
Transit	75	1,002	981	814	2	23
Other/Not Stated	192	3,328	3,869	3,407	-14	-2

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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
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
Week 20	22-May-16	4,389	1,364	22	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	103	4,412	1,367	103	5,882
Week 21	29-May-16	4,170	1,370	102	1	-	-	-	-	9	3	-	-	115	4,281	1,374	115	5,770
Cumulative TOTAL		116,856	30,054	2,381	43	1,382	77	33	25	214	16	205	-	2,423	121,071	30,215	2,423	153,709

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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