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Week ending Sunday 12th June 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 12th June 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

Three thousand nine hundred and seventeen (3,917) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 12th June 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 129,038 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (117,492).

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 (16%) and Germany and Italy both with (8%). A decrease of (9%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 5% 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 20% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 16% and 3% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 14% whereas from America, a decrease of 3% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	21,525
Germany	16,200
United Arab Emirates	9,174
Italy	8,852
China	7,368
UK & Eire	7,357

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 11% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday remained unchanged and the number in transit¹ was 4% below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 23, visitors made up 72%, residents 26% and seamen 2% of total passengers arriving and 97% 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 22nd 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 12TH JUNE 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 23/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>3,917</u>	<u>129,038</u>	<u>117,492</u>	<u>101,691</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,468</u>	<u>81,171</u>	<u>73,461</u>	<u>68,719</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>
France	487	21,525	17,809	16,176	21	33
UK & Eire	268	7,357	6,354	4,872	16	51
Germany	545	16,200	15,001	15,363	8	5
Italy	503	8,852	8,165	7,796	8	14
Switzerland	121	4,745	4,468	3,958	6	20
Austria	58	2,752	2,544	2,048	8	34
Belgium & Luxembourg	27	1,365	1,240	1,153	10	18
Netherlands	38	1,048	712	629	47	67
Scandinavia	81	2,433	2,373	2,124	3	15
Spain & Portugal	60	1,451	1,221	1,061	19	37
Russia	146	5,959	6,533	7,793	-9	-24
Other C.I.S.	22	1,556	1,407	1,454	11	7
Other Europe	112	5,928	5,634	4,292	5	38
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>13,876</u>	<u>14,611</u>	<u>10,438</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>33</u>
Reunion	61	2,592	2,622	640	-1	305
Mauritius	50	1,645	1,728	1,454	-5	13
East Africa	157	3,377	3,200	2,253	6	50
South Africa	171	4,990	5,414	4,983	-8	0
Other Southern Africa	3	190	199	183	-5	4
Other Africa	28	1,082	1,448	925	-25	17
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>29,576</u>	<u>24,749</u>	<u>19,034</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>55</u>
United Arab Emirates	199	9,174	7,898	5,178	16	77
Other Middle East	64	4,939	4,317	3,373	14	46
India	214	5,037	2,872	1,167	75	332
Indian Sub Continent	36	1,004	919	860	9	17
China	215	7,368	7,136	6,860	3	7
Other Far East	72	2,054	1,607	1,596	28	29
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>-14</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>3,615</u>	<u>3,745</u>	<u>2,844</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>27</u>
USA	111	2,480	2,612	1,786	-5	39
Other America	27	1,135	1,133	1,058	0	7

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 23/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,917</u>	<u>129,038</u>	<u>117,492</u>	<u>101,691</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>
Holiday	3,623	120,125	107,900	93,027	11	29
Business	220	4,267	4,187	4,069	2	5
Holiday/Business	12	136	225	188	-40	-28
Transit	15	1,032	1,073	826	-4	25
Other/Not Stated	47	3,478	4,107	3,581	-15	-3

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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
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
Week 22	5-Jun-16	4,011	1,280	37	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	116	4,050	1,281	116	5,447
Week 23	12-Jun-16	3,900	1,402	4	-	-	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	132	3,917	1,403	132	5,452
Cumulative TOTAL		124,767	32,736	2,422	44	1,382	77	35	25	227	17	205	-	2,671	129,038	32,899	2,671	164,608

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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