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Week ending Sunday 26th June 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 26th 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

Four thousand one hundred and eighty four (4,184) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 26th June 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 137,203 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (124,933).

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 (17%) 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 6% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 19% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 14% and 4% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 10% 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	22,227
Germany	17,258
Italy	9,818
United Arab Emirates	9,730
UK & Eire	7,980
China	7,814

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 4% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 1% below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 25, visitors made up 75%, residents 25% and seamen 1% of total passengers arriving and 99% 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 6th July 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 26TH JUNE 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 25/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>4,184</u>	<u>137,203</u>	<u>124,933</u>	<u>109,505</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>86,103</u>	<u>77,702</u>	<u>73,166</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>
France	330	22,227	18,401	16,859	21	32
UK & Eire	338	7,980	6,845	5,311	17	50
Germany	492	17,258	15,972	16,386	8	5
Italy	436	9,818	9,054	8,604	8	14
Switzerland	139	5,033	4,718	4,255	7	18
Austria	77	2,895	2,647	2,179	9	33
Belgium & Luxembourg	55	1,461	1,285	1,225	14	19
Netherlands	18	1,092	764	682	43	60
Scandinavia	175	2,661	2,489	2,302	7	16
Spain & Portugal	54	1,569	1,362	1,169	15	34
Russia	106	6,197	6,818	8,107	-9	-24
Other C.I.S.	37	1,648	1,480	1,551	11	6
Other Europe	193	6,264	5,867	4,536	7	38
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>14,990</u>	<u>15,780</u>	<u>11,472</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>31</u>
Reunion	59	2,691	2,809	765	-4	252
Mauritius	91	1,779	1,931	1,580	-8	13
East Africa	113	3,583	3,414	2,535	5	41
South Africa	355	5,543	5,876	5,387	-6	3
Other Southern Africa	5	204	206	193	-1	6
Other Africa	35	1,190	1,544	1,012	-23	18
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>31,319</u>	<u>26,362</u>	<u>21,055</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>49</u>
United Arab Emirates	283	9,730	8,518	5,947	14	64
Other Middle East	55	5,056	4,498	3,586	12	41
India	213	5,438	3,081	1,477	77	268
Indian Sub Continent	50	1,079	1,027	949	5	14
China	221	7,814	7,511	7,323	4	7
Other Far East	78	2,202	1,727	1,773	28	24
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>3,899</u>	<u>4,099</u>	<u>3,077</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>27</u>
USA	120	2,701	2,901	1,950	-7	39
Other America	28	1,198	1,198	1,127	0	6

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 25/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>4,184</u>	<u>137,203</u>	<u>124,933</u>	<u>109,505</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>25</u>
Holiday	3,812	127,668	114,491	99,878	12	28
Business	195	4,644	4,734	4,481	-2	4
Holiday/Business	10	147	250	201	-41	-27
Transit	48	1,094	1,108	912	-1	20
Other/Not Stated	119	3,650	4,350	4,033	-16	-9

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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
Week 24	19-Jun-16	3,969	1,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	142	3,981	1,282	142	5,405
Week 25	26-Jun-16	4,152	1,379	16	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	28	4,184	1,379	28	5,591
Cumulative TOTAL		132,888	35,397	2,438	44	1,382	77	35	25	255	17	205	-	2,841	137,203	35,560	2,841	175,604

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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