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Week ending Sunday 3rd July 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 3rd July 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 thirty five (4,935) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 3rd July 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 142,138 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (129,600).

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 (17%) and Germany and Italy both with (8%). A decrease of (10%) 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 20% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 14% and 5% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 8% whereas from America, a decrease of 4% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period in 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	22,615
Germany	17,799
Italy	10,227
United Arab Emirates	10,202
UK & Eire	8,334
China	8,097

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 decreased by 5% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 4% below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 26, visitors made up 75%, residents 24% 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 13th 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 3RD JULY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 26/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>4,935</u>	<u>142,138</u>	<u>129,600</u>	<u>112,957</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>26</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>2,701</u>	<u>88,804</u>	<u>80,352</u>	<u>75,266</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>
France	388	22,615	18,796	17,146	20	32
UK & Eire	354	8,334	7,149	5,555	17	50
Germany	541	17,799	16,545	16,790	8	6
Italy	409	10,227	9,488	9,037	8	13
Switzerland	203	5,236	4,858	4,374	8	20
Austria	81	2,976	2,713	2,242	10	33
Belgium & Luxembourg	74	1,535	1,338	1,299	15	18
Netherlands	28	1,120	785	704	43	59
Scandinavia	132	2,793	2,615	2,374	7	18
Spain & Portugal	86	1,655	1,434	1,232	15	34
Russia	113	6,310	6,976	8,248	-10	-23
Other C.I.S.	61	1,709	1,540	1,569	11	9
Other Europe	231	6,495	6,115	4,696	6	38
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>688</u>	<u>15,678</u>	<u>16,670</u>	<u>12,057</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>30</u>
Reunion	81	2,772	2,931	931	-5	198
Mauritius	78	1,857	2,010	1,624	-8	14
East Africa	153	3,736	3,536	2,578	6	45
South Africa	331	5,874	6,401	5,691	-8	3
Other Southern Africa	10	214	208	201	3	6
Other Africa	35	1,225	1,584	1,032	-23	19
ASIA TOTAL	<u>1,328</u>	<u>32,647</u>	<u>27,314</u>	<u>21,667</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>51</u>
United Arab Emirates	472	10,202	8,951	6,155	14	66
Other Middle East	152	5,208	4,577	3,646	14	43
India	270	5,708	3,222	1,517	77	276
Indian Sub Continent	34	1,113	1,062	1,047	5	6
China	283	8,097	7,712	7,473	5	8
Other Far East	117	2,319	1,790	1,829	30	27
OCEANIA	<u>52</u>	<u>944</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>-8</u>	<u>20</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>166</u>	<u>4,065</u>	<u>4,238</u>	<u>3,179</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>28</u>
USA	118	2,819	2,999	2,026	-6	39
Other America	48	1,246	1,239	1,153	1	8

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 26/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>4,935</u>	<u>142,138</u>	<u>129,600</u>	<u>112,957</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>26</u>
Holiday	4,566	132,234	118,642	103,095	11	28
Business	114	4,758	4,915	4,627	-3	3
Holiday/Business	4	151	253	209	-40	-28
Transit	21	1,115	1,158	916	-4	22
Other/Not Stated	230	3,880	4,632	4,110	-16	-6

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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
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
Week 26	3-Jul-16	4,857	1,568	72	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	103	4,935	1,568	103	6,606
Cumulative TOTAL		137,745	36,965	2,510	44	1,382	77	35	25	261	17	205	-	2,944	142,138	37,128	2,944	182,210

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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