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Week ending Sunday 24th July 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 24th 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

Five thousand eight hundred and ninety five (5,895) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 24th July 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 159,951 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (145,892).

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 (19%), UK & Eire (17%), Germany (8%) and Italy (6%). A decrease of (11%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 5% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 9% 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 17% and 2% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 6% whereas from America, an increase of 1% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period of 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	24,147
Germany	19,791
United Arab Emirates	12,885
Italy	11,422
UK & Eire	9,635
China	8,866

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 at the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 10% Below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 29, visitors made up 79%, residents 19% 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 3rd August 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 24TH JULY 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 29/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>5,895</u>	<u>159,951</u>	<u>145,892</u>	<u>125,259</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,560</u>	<u>98,731</u>	<u>89,864</u>	<u>82,888</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>
France	540	24,147	20,262	18,260	19	32
UK & Eire	415	9,635	8,270	6,346	17	52
Germany	733	19,791	18,242	18,474	8	7
Italy	469	11,422	10,746	10,128	6	13
Switzerland	449	6,306	5,838	5,122	8	23
Austria	159	3,406	3,143	2,561	8	33
Belgium & Luxembourg	139	1,841	1,647	1,523	12	21
Netherlands	94	1,327	1,043	843	27	57
Scandinavia	125	3,253	3,034	2,644	7	23
Spain & Portugal	108	1,936	1,652	1,454	17	33
Russia	115	6,744	7,612	8,709	-11	-23
Other C.I.S.	41	1,826	1,685	1,630	8	12
Other Europe	173	7,097	6,690	5,194	6	37
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>819</u>	<u>17,791</u>	<u>18,634</u>	<u>14,253</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>25</u>
Reunion	209	3,408	3,510	1,642	-3	108
Mauritius	81	2,094	2,267	1,851	-8	13
East Africa	167	4,097	3,907	2,853	5	44
South Africa	130	6,356	6,989	6,541	-9	-3
Other Southern Africa	31	264	234	231	13	14
Other Africa	201	1,572	1,727	1,135	-9	39
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,305</u>	<u>37,714</u>	<u>31,659</u>	<u>23,666</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>59</u>
United Arab Emirates	487	12,885	11,050	6,785	17	90
Other Middle East	175	5,878	5,188	3,859	13	52
India	169	6,193	3,569	1,646	74	276
Indian Sub Continent	48	1,297	1,183	1,131	10	15
China	320	8,866	8,658	8,264	2	7
Other Far East	106	2,595	2,011	1,981	29	31
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1,029</u>	<u>1,091</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>4,686</u>	<u>4,644</u>	<u>3,578</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>31</u>
USA	134	3,247	3,278	2,301	-1	41
Other America	49	1,439	1,366	1,277	5	13

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 29/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>5,895</u>	<u>159,951</u>	<u>145,892</u>	<u>125,259</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>28</u>
Holiday	5,380	148,773	133,896	114,683	11	30
Business	354	5,451	5,352	5,083	2	7
Holiday/Business	7	164	275	219	-40	-25
Transit	32	1,187	1,318	1,002	-10	18
Other/Not Stated	122	4,376	5,051	4,272	-13	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
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
Week 27	10-Jul-16	5,919	1,235	289	3	-	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	127	6,218	1,238	127	7,583
Week 28	17-Jul-16	5,443	1,389	255	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	156	5,700	1,390	156	7,246
Week 29	24-Jul-16	5,823	1,396	72	1	-	-	-	12	-	2	-	-	138	5,895	1,411	138	7,444
Cumulative TOTAL		154,930	40,985	3,126	49	1,382	77	44	37	264	19	205	-	3,365	159,951	41,167	3,365	204,483

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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