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WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS
Week ending Sunday 31st July 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 31st 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 seventy two (5,872) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 31st July 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 165,823 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 9% above that of 2015 (151,756).

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 (18%), UK & Eire (17%), Germany (9%) and Italy (6%). A decrease of (12%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 6% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 10% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 18% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 15% and 2% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 6% whereas from America, an increase of 3% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period of 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	24,898
Germany	20,512
United Arab Emirates	13,413
Italy	11,917
UK & Eire	10,075
China	9,150

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 4% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 11% Below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 30, visitors made up 78%, residents 20% 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 10th 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.