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Week ending Sunday 07th August 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 07th August 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

Seven thousand three hundred and fifty three (7,353) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 07th August 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 173,176 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 9% above that of 2015 (158,915).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 9% 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 (17%), UK & Eire (16%), Germany (8%) and Italy (5%). A decrease of (-12%) 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 an 17% 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 5% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period of 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	26,248
Germany	21,380
United Arab Emirates	13,989
Italy	12,861
UK & Eire	10,506
China	9,560

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 10% below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 31, visitors made up 83%, residents 15% 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 Thursday 18th 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 7TH AUGUST 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 31/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>7,353</u>	<u>173,176</u>	<u>158,915</u>	<u>135,661</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>28</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>4,942</u>	<u>107,433</u>	<u>98,157</u>	<u>89,342</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>
France	1,350	26,248	22,352	19,672	17	33
UK & Eire	431	10,506	9,079	6,951	16	51
Germany	868	21,380	19,721	19,910	8	7
Italy	944	12,861	12,197	11,289	5	14
Switzerland	260	6,937	6,337	5,473	9	27
Austria	182	3,707	3,372	2,760	10	34
Belgium & Luxembourg	122	2,078	1,853	1,646	12	26
Netherlands	72	1,527	1,220	942	25	62
Scandinavia	59	3,397	3,243	2,736	5	24
Spain & Portugal	193	2,272	1,917	1,643	19	38
Russia	181	7,069	8,053	9,170	-12	-23
Other C.I.S.	27	1,876	1,763	1,675	6	12
Other Europe	253	7,575	7,050	5,475	7	38
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>685</u>	<u>19,057</u>	<u>20,104</u>	<u>15,272</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>25</u>
Reunion	143	3,787	3,860	2,047	-2	85
Mauritius	79	2,253	2,485	1,978	-9	14
East Africa	123	4,328	4,253	3,047	2	42
South Africa	247	6,708	7,339	6,729	-9	0
Other Southern Africa	5	275	298	234	-8	18
Other Africa	88	1,706	1,869	1,237	-9	38
ASIA TOTAL	<u>1,491</u>	<u>40,475</u>	<u>34,601</u>	<u>26,292</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>54</u>
United Arab Emirates	576	13,989	12,139	7,907	15	77
Other Middle East	172	6,260	5,555	4,241	13	48
India	208	6,521	4,035	1,711	62	281
Indian Sub Continent	37	1,386	1,271	1,217	9	14
China	410	9,560	9,383	9,095	2	5
Other Far East	88	2,759	2,218	2,121	24	30
OCEANIA	<u>20</u>	<u>1,073</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>932</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>15</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>215</u>	<u>5,138</u>	<u>4,915</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>34</u>
USA	152	3,542	3,488	2,473	2	43
Other America	63	1,596	1,427	1,350	12	18

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 31/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>7,353</u>	<u>173,176</u>	<u>158,915</u>	<u>135,661</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>28</u>
Holiday	7,170	161,574	145,891	124,779	11	29
Business	85	5,652	5,813	5,267	-3	7
Holiday/Business	6	174	289	226	-40	-23
Transit	50	1,263	1,402	1,021	-10	24
Other/Not Stated	42	4,513	5,520	4,368	-18	3

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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		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
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
Week 30	31-Jul-16	5,824	1,464	46	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	146	5,872	1,464	146	7,482
Week 31	7-Aug-16	7,280	1,310	62	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	153	7,353	1,310	153	8,816
Cumulative TOTAL		168,034	43,759	3,234	49	1,382	77	44	37	277	19	205	-	3,664	173,176	43,941	3,664	220,781

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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