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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

Week ending Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Six thousand one hundred and twenty one (6,121) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 186,421 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 9% above that of 2015 (171,086).

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 (-13%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 4% 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 17% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 14% and 1% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 7% whereas from America, an increase of 4% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period of 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	28,078
Germany	22,889
Italy	15,221
United Arab Emirates	15,055
UK & Eire	11,485
China	10,316

### 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 3% below the 2015 level and the number in transit<sup>1</sup> was 8% below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 33, visitors made up 79%, residents 20% and seamen 1% of total passengers arriving and 94% 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

## 5. CONTACT US

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<sup>1</sup> 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 21ST AUGUST 2016**

**TABLE 1**

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE			% Change		
	Week 33/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<b><u>TOTAL VISITORS</u></b>	<b><u>6,121</u></b>	<b><u>186,421</u></b>	<b><u>171,086</u></b>	<b><u>145,715</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>
<b><u>EUROPE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>4,014</u></b>	<b><u>116,213</u></b>	<b><u>106,395</u></b>	<b><u>96,523</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>
France	778	28,078	23,972	21,027	17	34
UK & Eire	469	11,485	9,875	7,598	16	51
Germany	715	22,889	21,284	21,408	8	7
Italy	1,125	15,221	14,529	13,343	5	14
Switzerland	99	7,243	6,578	5,676	10	28
Austria	128	3,959	3,622	2,914	9	36
Belgium & Luxembourg	78	2,226	1,998	1,738	11	28
Netherlands	53	1,683	1,279	1,025	32	64
Scandinavia	24	3,481	3,304	2,784	5	25
Spain & Portugal	185	2,632	2,197	1,881	20	40
Russia	116	7,365	8,482	9,663	-13	-24
Other C.I.S.	42	1,961	1,827	1,748	7	12
Other Europe	202	7,990	7,448	5,718	7	40
<b><u>AFRICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>492</u></b>	<b><u>20,104</u></b>	<b><u>21,049</u></b>	<b><u>16,152</u></b>	<b><u>-4</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b>
Reunion	48	3,947	3,955	2,195	0	80
Mauritius	72	2,392	2,605	2,096	-8	14
East Africa	151	4,626	4,541	3,213	2	44
South Africa	153	7,033	7,654	7,071	-8	-1
Other Southern Africa	16	301	322	237	-7	27
Other Africa	52	1,805	1,972	1,340	-8	35
<b><u>ASIA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>1,458</u></b>	<b><u>43,548</u></b>	<b><u>37,215</u></b>	<b><u>28,008</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>55</u></b>
United Arab Emirates	483	15,055	13,217	8,482	14	77
Other Middle East	486	6,946	5,921	4,482	17	55
India	89	6,827	4,240	1,792	61	281
Indian Sub Continent	45	1,468	1,335	1,307	10	12
China	281	10,316	10,166	9,666	1	7
Other Far East	74	2,936	2,336	2,279	26	29
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>	<b><u>1,129</u></b>	<b><u>1,217</u></b>	<b><u>1,004</u></b>	<b><u>-7</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
<b><u>AMERICA TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>125</u></b>	<b><u>5,427</u></b>	<b><u>5,210</u></b>	<b><u>4,028</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>
USA	104	3,765	3,719	2,632	1	43
Other America	21	1,662	1,491	1,396	11	19

**SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS**

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**  
**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST 2016**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 33/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>6,121</u></b>	<b><u>186,421</u></b>	<b><u>171,086</u></b>	<b><u>145,715</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>
Holiday	5,796	174,334	157,562	134,427	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>
Business	167	5,913	6,001	5,535	<b>-1</b>	<b>7</b>
Holiday/Business	2	179	296	232	<b>-40</b>	<b>-23</b>
Transit	63	1,349	1,474	1,034	<b>-8</b>	<b>30</b>
Other/Not Stated	93	4,646	5,753	4,487	<b>-19</b>	<b>4</b>

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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 <sup>(1)</sup>		Seamen <sup>(2)</sup>	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
Week 32	14-Aug-16	7,092	1,375	31	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	121	7,124	1,375	121	8,620
Week 33	21-Aug-16	5,783	1,520	59	-	273	1	-	13	6	-	-	-	87	6,121	1,534	87	7,742
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>180,909</b>	<b>46,654</b>	<b>3,324</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>186,421</b>	<b>46,850</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>237,143</b>

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

## Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes day trippers<sup>(2)</sup> All seamen arrive on scheduled flights