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Week ending Sunday 2nd October 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 2nd October 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 eight hundred and nine (6,809) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 2nd October 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 219,571 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 9% above that of 2015 (202,096).

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 (17%), UK & Eire (16%), Germany (8%) and Italy (3%). A decrease of (11%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 6% in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. A decrease of 7% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded an 15% increase in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 19% and 2% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania decreased by 2% whereas from America, an increase of 6% was recorded in visitors compared to the same period of 2015.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	31,205
Germany	28,026
United Arab Emirates	18,977
Italy	18,040
UK & Eire	14,007
China	12,270

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 10% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday decreased by 8% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ was 3% above the 2015 level.

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

In Week 39, visitors made up 81%, residents 18% and seamen 1% 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 12th October 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 2ND OCTOBER 2016

TABLE 1

Country of residence	Week 39/16	YEAR TO DATE			% Change	
		2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>6,809</u>	<u>219,571</u>	<u>202,096</u>	<u>169,514</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>3,969</u>	<u>135,825</u>	<u>123,798</u>	<u>111,958</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>21</u>
France	615	31,205	26,588	23,336	17	34
UK & Eire	425	14,007	12,094	9,274	16	51
Germany	1,189	28,026	25,944	25,987	8	8
Italy	361	18,040	17,470	15,903	3	13
Switzerland	437	8,613	7,844	6,743	10	28
Austria	120	4,644	4,175	3,273	11	42
Belgium & Luxembourg	56	2,636	2,293	1,953	15	35
Netherlands	38	1,994	1,528	1,252	30	59
Scandinavia	118	3,954	3,562	3,099	11	28
Spain & Portugal	92	3,163	2,681	2,281	18	39
Russia	178	8,092	9,140	10,615	-11	-24
Other C.I.S.	18	2,084	1,972	1,934	6	8
Other Europe	322	9,367	8,507	6,308	10	48
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>23,581</u>	<u>25,137</u>	<u>18,600</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>27</u>
Reunion	69	4,233	4,247	2,549	0	66
Mauritius	121	2,798	2,989	2,462	-6	14
East Africa	114	5,459	6,002	3,525	-9	55
South Africa	421	8,580	9,229	8,352	-7	3
Other Southern Africa	8	403	381	269	6	50
Other Africa	30	2,108	2,289	1,443	-8	46
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,854</u>	<u>52,257</u>	<u>45,610</u>	<u>32,876</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>59</u>
United Arab Emirates	640	18,977	15,995	10,238	19	85
Other Middle East	340	8,280	8,069	5,050	3	64
India	79	7,547	5,045	2,042	50	270
Indian Sub Continent	34	1,753	1,578	1,473	11	19
China	676	12,270	12,068	11,337	2	8
Other Far East	85	3,430	2,855	2,736	20	25
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>1,396</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>6,546</u>	<u>6,155</u>	<u>4,873</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>34</u>
USA	132	4,552	4,415	3,256	3	40
Other America	49	1,994	1,740	1,617	15	23

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2016

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 39/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>6,809</u>	<u>219,571</u>	<u>202,096</u>	<u>169,514</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>30</u>
Holiday	6,407	205,328	186,267	156,280	10	31
Business	167	6,956	7,418	6,387	-6	9
Holiday/Business	6	216	365	275	-41	-21
Transit	95	1,776	1,732	1,090	3	63
Other/Not Stated	134	5,295	6,314	5,482	-16	-3

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