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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 18th December 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 sixty one (5,861) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 18th December 2016.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 287,225 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (259,958).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 11% 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 (14%), Germany (9%) and Italy (5%). A decrease of (8%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

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

Asia recorded an increase of 20% in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 18% and 6% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania and America recorded an increase of 4% and 10% respectively above the 2015 level.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	41,812
Germany	37,858
United Arab Emirates	23,129
Italy	21,338
UK & Eire	18,169
China	14,376

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holiday makers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 12% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday decreased by 11% below the 2015 level and the number in transit¹ decreased by 1% below the 2015 level.

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

In Week 50, visitors made up 71%, residents 28% 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 29th December 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.