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Week ending Sunday 01st January 2017

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 01st January 2017. 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

Eight thousand seven hundred and twenty four (8,724) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 01st January 2017.

NOTE: As at 31st December 2016, visitor arrivals recorded was 303,177 which was 10% above the 2015 level.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2016 shows that 304,149 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 10% above that of 2015 (275,885).

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 (15%), UK & Eire (14%), Germany (10%) and Italy (5%). A decrease of (6%) was recorded in visitors from Russia.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 7% 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 increase of 19% in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates and China recorded increases of 18% and 5% respectively.

Visitors from Oceania and America recorded an increase of 3% and 10% respectively above the the 2015 level.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	43,185
Germany	39,512
United Arab Emirates	24,160
Italy	22,981
UK & Eire	18,968
China	14,551

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2016 was 12% above the 2015 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday decreased by 10% 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 52, visitors made up 86%, residents 13% and seamen 1% of total passengers arriving and 99% 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 11th January 2017.

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 01ST JANUARY 2017

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 52/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
<u>TOTAL VISITORS</u>	<u>8,724</u>	<u>304,149</u>	<u>275,885</u>	<u>234,044</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>EUROPE TOTAL</u>	<u>5,992</u>	<u>190,040</u>	<u>171,353</u>	<u>154,955</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>23</u>
France	586	43,185	37,558	32,646	15	32
UK & Eire	320	18,968	16,701	12,651	14	50
Germany	856	39,512	36,082	36,174	10	9
Italy	1,167	22,981	21,860	20,148	5	14
Switzerland	318	12,352	11,539	9,922	7	24
Austria	247	6,496	5,869	4,638	11	40
Belgium & Luxembourg	113	3,635	3,109	2,628	17	38
Netherlands	80	2,813	2,161	1,753	30	60
Scandinavia	284	6,271	5,703	4,763	10	32
Spain & Portugal	156	4,296	3,658	3,011	17	43
Russia	770	11,564	12,349	14,898	-6	-22
Other C.I.S.	257	3,316	2,786	2,594	19	28
Other Europe	838	14,651	11,978	9,129	22	60
<u>AFRICA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,127</u>	<u>33,489</u>	<u>36,058</u>	<u>28,276</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>18</u>
Reunion	264	6,116	5,985	4,401	2	39
Mauritius	92	3,940	4,084	3,546	-4	11
East Africa	272	7,782	8,730	5,536	-11	41
South Africa	394	12,464	13,351	12,504	-7	0
Other Southern Africa	12	539	608	390	-11	38
Other Africa	93	2,648	3,300	1,899	-20	39
<u>ASIA TOTAL</u>	<u>1,248</u>	<u>69,174</u>	<u>57,974</u>	<u>42,305</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>64</u>
United Arab Emirates	474	24,160	20,453	13,311	18	82
Other Middle East	253	12,231	9,930	6,903	23	77
India	291	10,941	7,494	2,918	46	275
Indian Sub Continent	57	2,496	2,153	2,113	16	18
China	77	14,551	13,843	13,450	5	8
Other Far East	96	4,795	4,101	3,610	17	33
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>1,928</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>1,786</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>AMERICA TOTAL</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>9,518</u>	<u>8,620</u>	<u>6,722</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>42</u>
USA	176	6,553	6,085	4,539	8	44
Other America	134	2,965	2,535	2,183	17	36

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 01ST JANUARY 2017

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 52/16	2016	2015	2014	16/15	16/14
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>8,724</u>	<u>304,149</u>	<u>275,885</u>	<u>234,044</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>30</u>
Holiday	8,411	285,167	255,214	216,363	12	32
Business	42	9,165	10,090	8,519	-9	8
Holiday/Business	1	291	474	367	-39	-21
Transit	131	2,421	2,439	1,295	-1	87
Other/Not Stated	139	7,105	7,668	7,500	-7	-5

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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	All passenger categories
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		1,549	106	1,655
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
Week 34	28-Aug-16	4,752	1,609	24	1	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	76	4,788	1,610	76	6,474
Week 35	4-Sep-16	4,483	1,972	11	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	53	4,496	1,972	53	6,521
Week 36	11-Sep-16	6,493	1,643	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129	6,530	1,643	129	8,302
Week 37	18-Sep-16	5,391	1,144	40	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	163	5,434	1,146	163	6,743
Week 38	25-Sep-16	5,069	1,406	20	-	-	-	-	12	4	-	-	-	128	5,093	1,418	128	6,639
Week 39	2-Oct-16	6,558	1,454	29	15	222	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	6,809	1,469	84	8,362
Week 40	9-Oct-16	6,166	1,362	70	-	220	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	202	6,458	1,362	202	8,022
Week 41	16-Oct-16	6,201	1,501	49	-	219	-	-	-	-	-	49	-	112	6,518	1,501	112	8,131
Week 42	23-Oct-16	7,100	1,259	119	6	778	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	110	8,010	1,265	110	9,385
Week 43	30-Oct-16	6,819	1,466	99	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	107	6,920	1,466	107	8,493
Week 44	6-Nov-16	6,786	1,667	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	162	6,926	1,667	162	8,755
Week 45	13-Nov-16	6,375	1,534	80	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	6,455	1,535	132	8,122
Week 46	20-Nov-16	5,810	1,557	90	1	-	-	-	-	78	-	-	-	219	5,978	1,558	219	7,755
Week 47	27-Nov-16	5,245	1,660	47	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	5	-	100	5,307	1,660	100	7,067
Week 48	4-Dec-16	5,133	1,607	60	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	98	-	162	5,296	1,607	162	7,065
Week 49	11-Dec-16	3,903	2,045	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174	3,925	2,045	174	6,144
Week 50	18-Dec-16	5,644	2,280	194	16	-	-	-	-	7	-	16	-	127	5,861	2,296	127	8,284
Week 51	25-Dec-16	8,087	1,740	80	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	2	-	57	8,200	1,740	57	9,997
Week 52	1-Jan-17	8,495	1,323	100	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	98	8,606	1,326	98	10,030
Cumulative TOTAL		295,419	76,883	4,629	94	3,094	78	295	44	62	440	19	405	6,267	304,031	77,136	6,267	387,434

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

Notes:

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