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# FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – May 2024

### Foreign vessels on cruise realised more journeys and brought more passengers

In the period from January to May 2024, there were 40 foreign vessels on cruise that sailed into Croatian seaports and they realised 144 journeys. A total of 208 thousand passengers arrived on board these vessels and stayed in Croatia for 331 days.

The number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise in the period from January to May 2024 increased by 14.3% compared to the first five months of 2023, whereas the number of passengers on board increased by 27.9%. The number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 10.7%.

### The most journeys were realised by vessels on cruise under the flag of Malta

Foreign vessels on cruise sailed in the first five months of 2024 under flags of nine countries. The most of journeys were realised by vessels under the flag of Malta, 45 of them, which accounted for 31.3% of total realised journeys in the first five months of 2024. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels on cruise under the flags of Bahamas (27 journeys), Panama (22 journeys) and Norway (21 journeys).

Out of the total of 144 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (43.8%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (25.0%), which made a total of 68.8%. The remaining 31.2% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (15.3%), Istria (6.2%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (5.5%) and Šibenik-Knin (4.2%).

### Dubrovnik was the most visited seaport

The highest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (92 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (70 visits), Zadar (45 visits), Korčula and Šibenik (16 visits each), Hvar (13 visits) and Rovinj (12 visits).

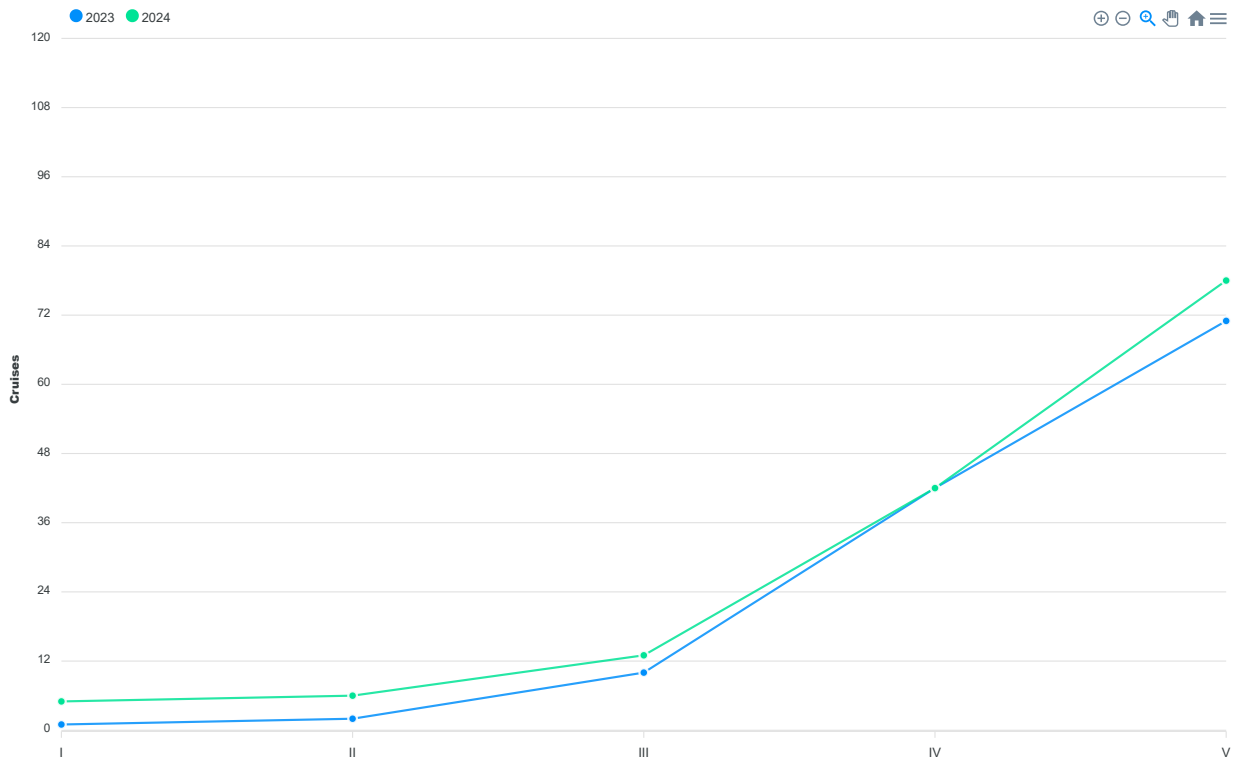
### Notice

Detailed monthly data are available on the website of the [Croatian Bureau of Statistics](#), under "PC-Axis databases", where it is possible to browse and print data in various forms. Databases are updated annually.

## 1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – V 2023	I – V 2024	Indices I – V 2024 I – V 2023
Foreign vessels on cruise	40	40	100,0
Cruises	126	144	114,3
Sojourns	299	331	110,7
Passengers on board	162 555	207 911	127,9

## G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2023 AND 2024



## 2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – MAY 2024

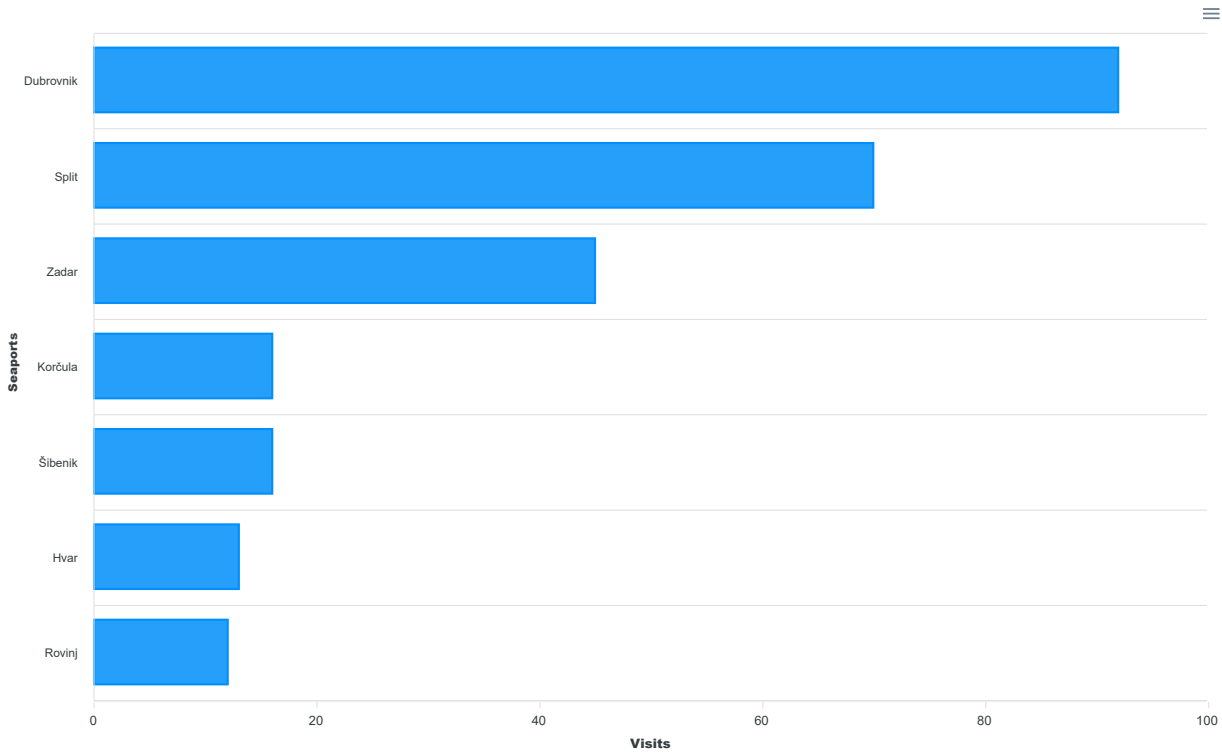
Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	V	I – V	V	I – V	V	I – V
Total	78	144	148	331	124 759	207 911
Bahamas	23	27	50	56	40 180	46 837
Bermuda	2	7	3	11	4 803	18 282
Italy	5	12	5	12	11 195	26 024
Malta	27	45	60	181	36 055	39 267
Marshall Islands	4	6	6	10	4 258	6 672
Netherlands	2	2	4	4	3 855	3 855
Norway	6	21	11	32	5 503	19 209
Panama	9	22	9	22	18 910	45 962
United Kingdom	-	2	-	3	-	1 803

## 3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2023 AND 2024

	Cruises			Sojourns			Passengers on board		
	2023	2024	Indices 2024 / 2023	2023	2024	Indices 2024 / 2023	2023	2024	Indices 2024 / 2023
Total	126	144	114,3	299	331	110,7	162 555	207 911	127,9
I	1	5	500,0	1	16	1) <sup>1)</sup>	944	3 550	376,1
II	2	6	300,0	21	40	190,5	94	1 152	1) <sup>1)</sup>
III	10	13	130,0	50	49	98,0	3 606	11 031	305,9
IV	42	42	100,0	85	78	91,8	54 909	67 419	122,8
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## G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – MAY 2024



## NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

### The purpose of the statistical survey

The statistical survey is aimed at monitoring the entries of foreign cruise vessels in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia, the number of passengers aboard and the days on which a ship stays in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia. The results of this survey provide indicators used in the analysis of tourism in the Republic of Croatia.

### Legal basis

The survey is carried out on the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, No. 25/20).

### Sources and methods of data collection

The data source for the statistical survey on cruises of foreign vessels in the Republic of Croatia is the Croatian Integrated Maritime Information System (CIMIS). The Croatian Bureau of Statistics takes over a part of the database from the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, after which it performs further processing.

Among other data, ships submit information on the ship, journey and passengers to this system through authorised maritime agents and shippers. The accuracy and completeness of the data in the official proceedings of registration is verified by harbour master's offices.

### Coverage and comparability

Observation unit for this survey is a foreign vessel on a tourist cruise journey that enters the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

In the tables 1, 2 and 3, the data on foreign cruise vessels include only **seaports of the first entry** of the foreign cruise vessel into the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

In the Graph G-2, the data on visits of foreign cruise vessels include **all seaports** visited by these vessels during their stay in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia. Visits to seaports are presented by statistical seaports consisting of one or more ports, normally controlled by harbour master's branch offices able to record ship and cargo movements.

### Definitions

**Cruise vessel** means a passenger ship intended to provide passengers with pleasure of journey and facilities for entertainment aboard (luxurious atmosphere, adventures, education, culture, entertainment, sports activities, wellness or recreation) rather than transport of persons from one seaport to another. It is equipped for a multi-day stay of passengers aboard and must provide food, drinks and accommodation services. On its journey, a foreign cruise vessel stops at seaports that are interesting tourist destinations.

**Journey** is an entry of a foreign cruise vessel at the first seaport of the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

**Visit** is an entry of a foreign cruise vessel at every seaport of the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

**Passengers on board** are persons who arrived by ship irrespective of their age, provided that they are not crew members.

**Sojourns** represent a total number of days a ship spends in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

**Flag of vessel** represents the country in which a ship was registered, that is, entered in the ship's registry and complies with its legislation.

**Statistical seaport** consists of one or more ports, normally controlled by harbour master's branch offices able to record ship and cargo movements.

**Abbreviations**

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

**Symbols**

- no occurrence

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