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

### Increase in journeys of foreign vessels on cruise: A total of 582 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise were realised in the first nine months

In the period from January to September 2024, there were 74 foreign vessels on cruise that sailed into Croatian seaports, and they realised 582 journeys. A total of 824 thousand passengers arrived on board these vessels and stayed in Croatia for 1 347 days.

The number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise in the period from January to September 2024 increased by 14.3% compared to the first nine months of 2023, whereas the number of passengers on board increased by 20.3%. The number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 16.2%.

### Vessels on cruise under the flag of Malta realised the most journeys

In the first nine months of 2024, foreign vessels on cruise sailed under flags of fifteen countries. The most of journeys were realised by vessels under the flag of Malta, 186 of them, which accounted for 32.0% of total realised journeys in the first nine months of 2024. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels on cruise under the flags of Bahamas (155 journeys), Panama (57 journeys) and Norway (42 journeys).

Out of the total of 582 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (47.6%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (22.0%), which made a total of 69.6%. The remaining 30.4% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (14.4%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (6.5%), Istria (5.7%) and Šibenik-Knin (3.8%).

### The seaport of Dubrovnik – traditionally the most visited seaport

The highest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (416 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (255 visits), Zadar (177 visits), Hvar (107 visits), Korčula (92 visits), Šibenik (70 visits) and Rovinj (67 visits).

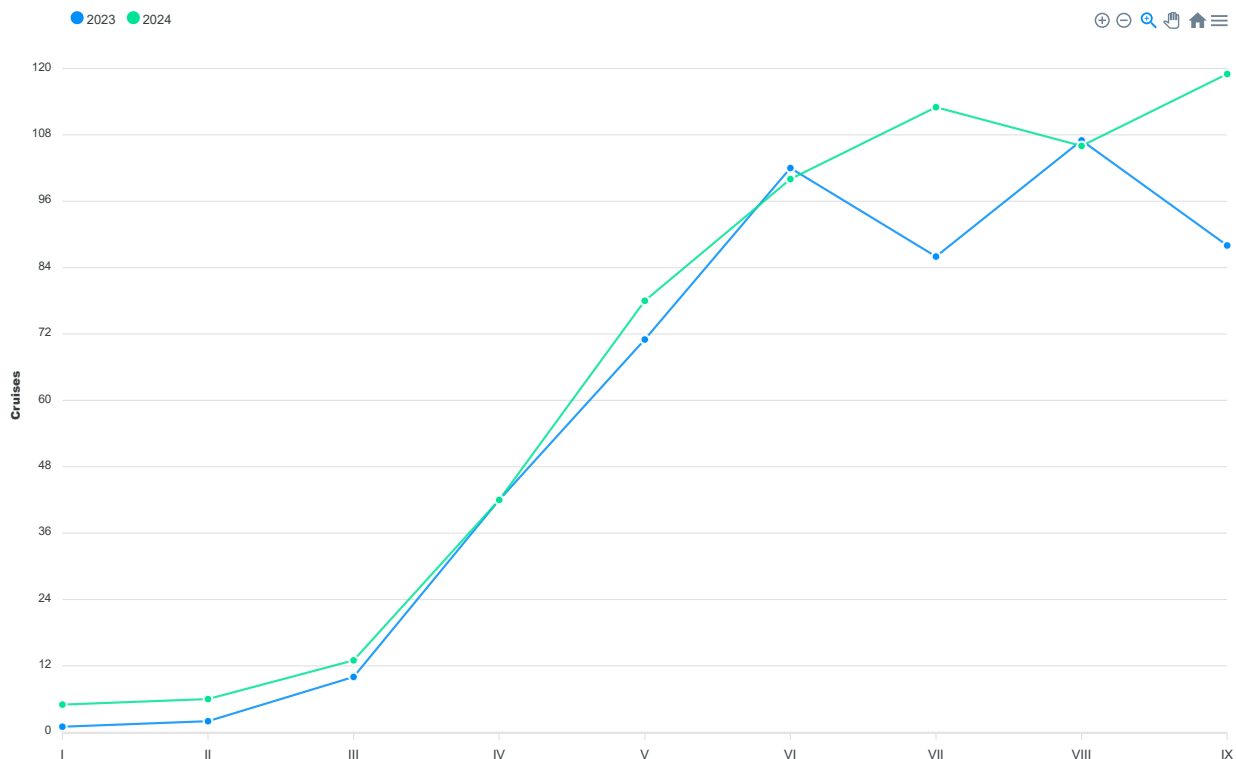
### Notice

Detailed 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 – IX 2023	I – IX 2024	Indices I – IX 2024 I – IX 2023
Foreign vessels on cruise	72	74	102,8
Cruises	509	582	114,3
Sojourns	1 159	1 347	116,2
Passengers on board	685 227	824 249	120,3

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 – SEPTEMBER 2024

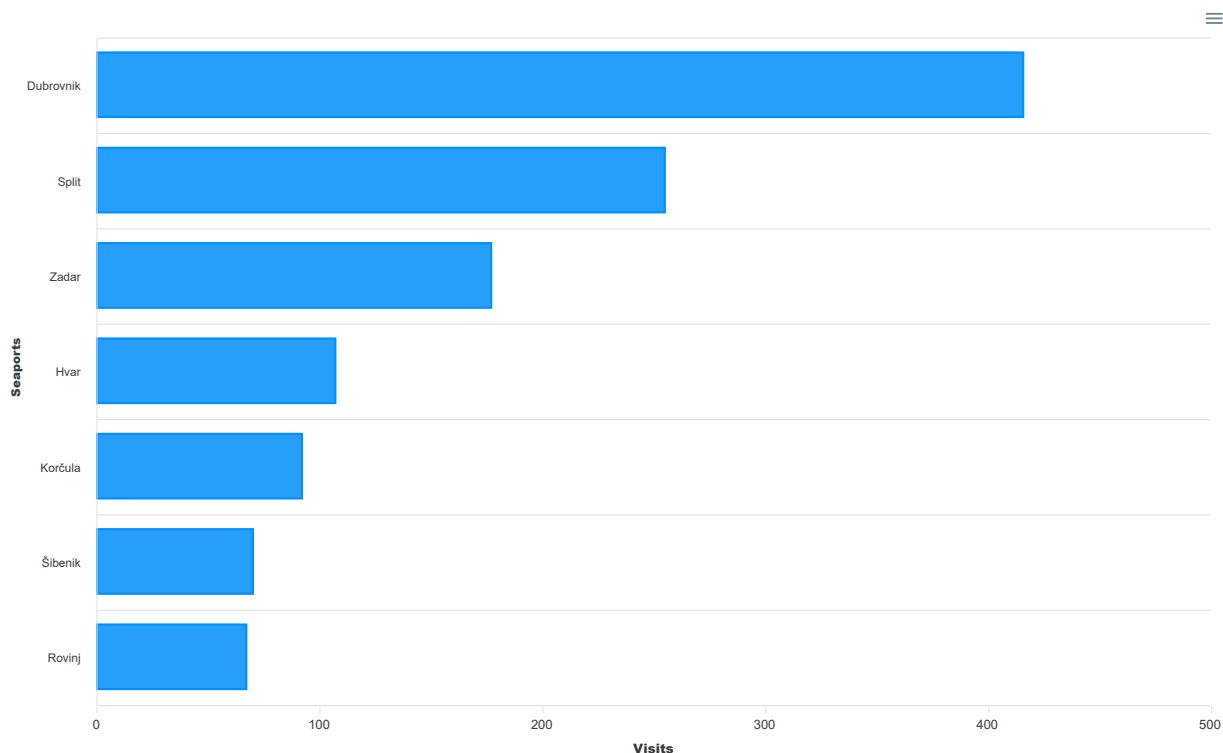
Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	IX	I – IX	IX	I – IX	IX	I – IX
Total	119	582	297	1 347	151 863	824 249
Bahamas	29	155	71	378	50 297	264 891
Belgium	4	13	22	70	619	1 845
Bermuda	6	24	9	37	14 912	57 748
France	15	36	50	118	1 981	5 389
Greece	1	2	6	17	40	57
Italy	5	31	5	31	11 599	72 515
Malta	41	186	103	507	49 587	226 728
Marshall Islands	-	16	-	23	-	17 114
Netherlands	-	6	-	10	-	12 372
Norway	6	42	12	71	5 492	38 466
Wallis and Futuna Islands	2	2	3	3	693	693
Panama	8	57	8	57	16 550	122 439
Portugal	-	8	-	14	-	2 096
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2	2	8	8	93	93
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 <u>2024</u> / <u>2023</u>	2023	2024	Indices <u>2024</u> / <u>2023</u>	2023	2024	Indices <u>2024</u> / <u>2023</u>
Total	509	582	114,3	1 159	1 347	116,2	685 227	824 249	120,3
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
V	71	78	109,9	142	148	104,2	103 002	124 759	121,1
VI	102	100	98,0	237	193	81,4	120 281	142 655	118,6
VII	86	113	131,4	197	277	140,6	128 563	164 455	127,9
VIII	107	106	99,1	237	249	105,1	151 975	157 365	103,5
IX	88	119	135,2	189	297	157,1	121 853	151 863	124,6

1) The index exceeds 999.

### G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 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, Nos 25/20 and 155/23).

### 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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