



FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – June 2022

58 foreign vessels on cruise arrived in the first six months of 2022

In the period from January to June 2022, there were 58 foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which realised 240 journeys. There were 189 thousand passengers on board who stayed for 466 days in Croatia.

The number of foreign vessels on cruise increased by 225 journeys and the total number of sojourns by 423 days in the first six months of 2022, as compared to the same period of 2021. The number of passengers on vessels on cruise in the first six months of 2022 increased by 180 thousand passengers compared to the first six months of 2021, when, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, stricter epidemiological measures were introduced that limited journeys of foreign vessels on cruise. In the first six months of 2021, the first entry of foreign vessels on cruise was recorded only in June, when 15 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise carrying 8 thousand passengers were realised.

Compared to the first six months of 2019, the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise decreased by 11.8%, the number of sojourns by 15.9% and the number of passengers on board by 53.9%.

In the first six months of 2022, foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 13 countries. The largest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of the Bahamas, as much as 66 journeys, which accounted for 27.5% of the total journeys realised in the first six months of 2022. Those were followed by journeys realised under the flag of Malta (45 journeys), Panama (26 journeys) and Italy (25 journeys).

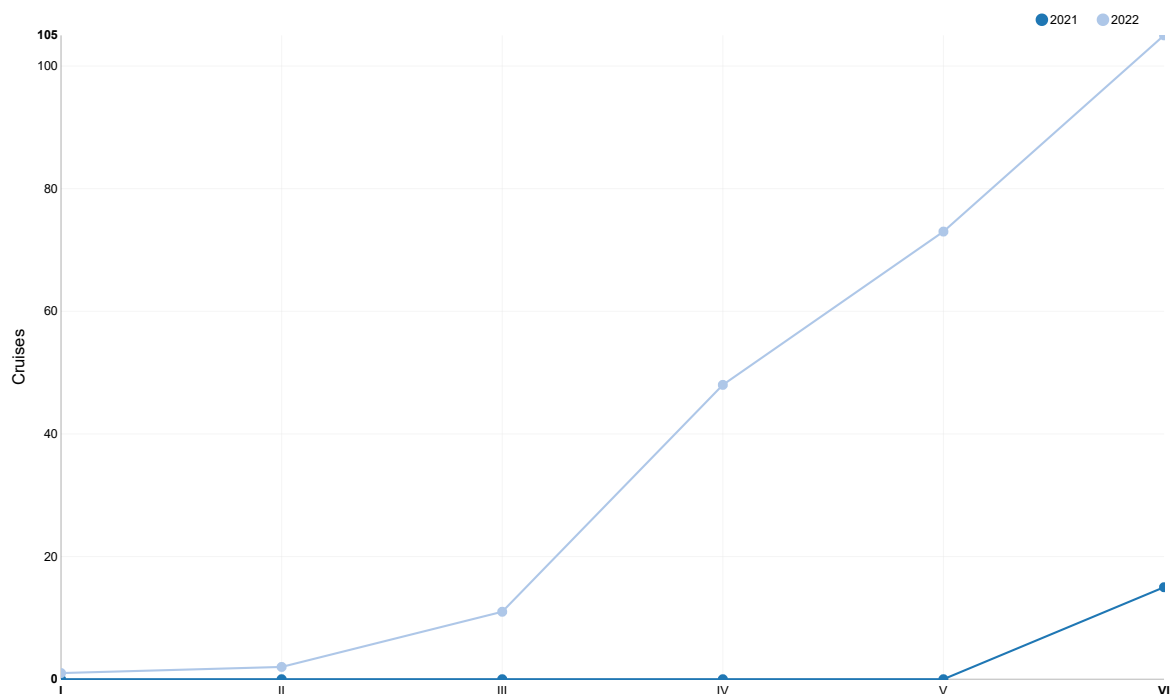
Out of a total of 240 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (45.8%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (30.8%), which made up a total of 76.6%. The remaining 23.4% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (13.8%), Primorje-Gorski kotar and Istria (3.3% each) and Šibenik-Knin (3.0%).

Dubrovnik was the most visited port

The majority of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (152 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (107 visits), Zadar (55 visits), Hvar and Korčula (31 visits each), Šibenik (25 visits) and Rovinj (21 visits).

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – VI 2021	I – VI 2022
Foreign vessels on cruise	6	58
Cruises	15	240
Sojourns	43	466
Passengers on board	8 203	188 699

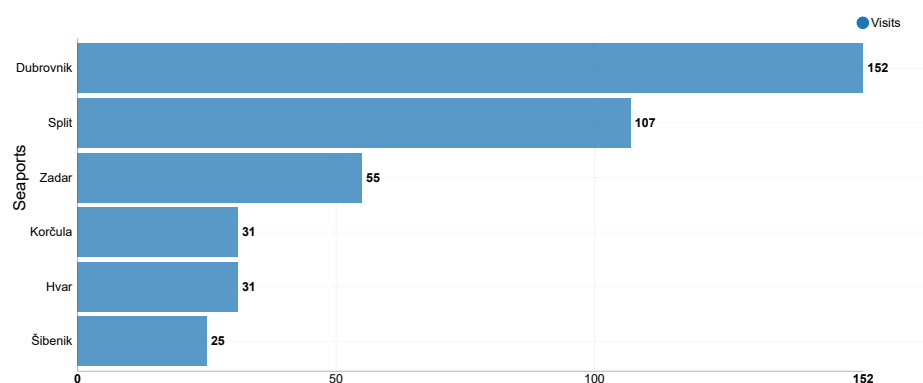
G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2021 AND 2022

2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – JUNE 2022

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VI	I – VI	VI	I – VI	VI	I – VI
Total	105	240	188	466	91 867	188 699
Bahamas	32	66	62	138	23 320	44 113
Belgium	-	8	-	35	-	1 007
Bermuda	2	7	6	13	4 224	14 292
France	8	10	18	24	1 301	1 634
Greece	1	1	3	3	25	25
Italy	11	25	12	26	13 449	30 713
Malta	23	45	41	115	27 550	41 771
Marshall Islands	2	16	2	20	726	7 370
Netherlands	3	5	4	6	3 198	5 021
Norway	6	21	11	37	5 056	14 991
Wallis and Futuna	8	8	20	20	1 177	1 177
Panama	9	26	9	26	11 841	25 225
United Kingdom	-	2	-	3	-	1 360

3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2019, 2020, 2021 AND 2022

	Cruises				Sojourns				Passengers on board			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	272	15	15	240	554	47	43	466	409 238	3 737	8 203	188 699
I	5	5	-	1	12	12	-	1	2 702	2 809	-	485
II	11	7	-	2	49	29	-	3	1 243	745	-	1 257
III	18	3	-	11	71	6	-	25	19 518	183	-	4 098
IV	49	-	-	48	97	-	-	98	82 924	-	-	34 603
V	88	-	-	73	157	-	-	151	141 183	-	-	56 389
VI	101	-	15	105	168	-	43	188	161 668	-	8 203	91 867

G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY - JUNE 2022



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the statistical survey

The statistical survey is aimed at monitoring the entries of foreign vessels on cruise in the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia, the number of passengers aboard and the days in which a ship stays in the internal sea waters 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 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 the harbour master's offices.

Coverage and comparability

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

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

In the Graph G-2, the data on visits of foreign vessels on cruise include **all seaports** visited by those vessels during their stay in the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia. Visits in 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

Foreign vessel on cruise means a passenger ship intended rather to provide passengers with a pleasure of a journey and facilities for entertainment aboard (luxurious atmosphere, adventures, education, culture, entertainment, sports activities, wellness or recreation) than the 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 vessel on cruise stops in seaports of several interesting destinations.

A **journey** is an entry of a foreign vessel on cruise into the first seaport of the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia.

Visit is an entry of a foreign vessel on cruise into every seaport of the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia.

Passengers on board are any persons who arrived by ship irrespective of age, providing that he/she is not a crew member.

Sojourns represent a total number of days a ship spends in the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia.

Flag of vessel represents the country in which a ship is registered, that is, entered into the ship registry and is bound by its laws.

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

Abbreviations

COVID-19 COrona Virus Disease-19
NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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