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# FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – May 2025

## Increase in journeys of foreign vessels on cruise and their sojourns in the Croatian Adriatic

In the period from January to May 2025 there were 45 foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which made a total of **151** journeys. There were **208 thousand** passengers on board those vessels, who stayed in the Republic of Croatia for **356** days.

Compared to the same period of 2024, the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise increased by 4.9% and the number of sojourns of those vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia by 7.6%. At the same time, however, the number of passengers on those journeys slightly decreased, by 0.2%.

## The largest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise arrived under the flag of Malta

In the first five months of 2025, foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 11 countries. The highest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of Malta, as much as 42 of them, which accounted for 27.8% of the total journeys realised in 2025. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels realised under the flags of Panama (26 journeys), Bahamas (25 journeys) and Norway (24 journeys).

Out of a total of 151 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (45.0%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (20.5%), which made up a total of 65.5% of journeys. The remaining 34.5% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (16.6%), Istria (8.6%), Šibenik-Knin (6.6%) and Primorje-Gorski kotar (2.7%).

## The Dubrovnik seaport is still the leading port for foreign vessels on cruise

In the first five months of 2025, the seaport of Dubrovnik kept the status of the most visited port for foreign vessels on cruise, with a total of 110 visits. It was followed by the seaports of Split (71 visits), Zadar (46 visits), Šibenik (20 visits) and Korčula (18 visits).

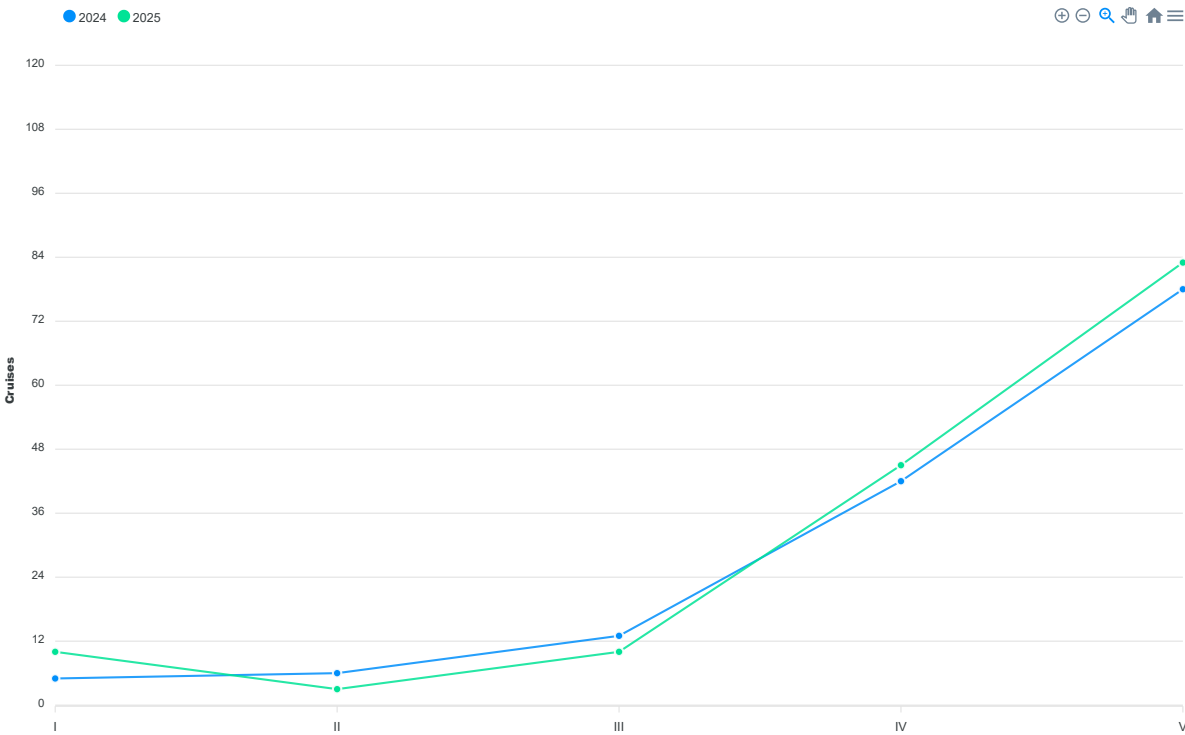
## Notice

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. The databases are updated annually.

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – V 2024	I – V 2025	Indices <u>I – V 2025</u> I – V 2024
Foreign vessels on cruise	40	45	112,5
Cruises	144	151	104,9
Sojourns	331	356	107,6
Passengers on board	207 911	207 501	99,8

G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2024 AND 2025



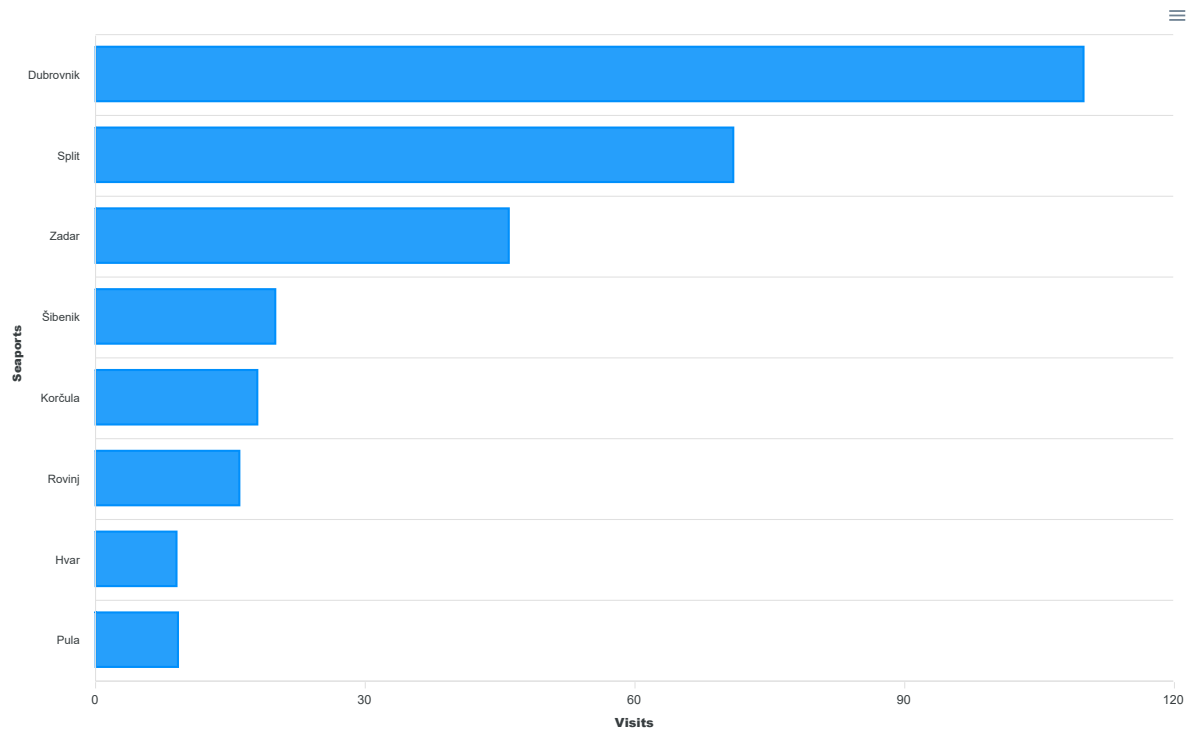
2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – MAY 2025

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	V	I – V	V	I – V	V	I – V
Total	83	151	162	356	131 954	207 501
Bahamas	15	25	41	61	21 059	28 452
Bermuda	6	10	10	19	12 872	19 030
France	1	1	2	2	223	223
Italy	8	13	13	18	18 923	32 066
Malta	23	42	57	174	33 381	36 130
Marshall Islands	2	4	3	6	1 400	2 818
Norway	10	24	15	38	9 170	21 727
Panama	14	26	14	27	29 677	57 316
Portugal	1	1	3	3	786	786
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	1	2	2	41	41
United Kingdom	2	4	2	6	4 422	8 912

3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2024 AND 2025

	Cruises			Sojourns			Passengers on board		
	2024	2025	Indices <u>2025</u> <u>2024</u>	2024	2025	Indices <u>2025</u> <u>2024</u>	2024	2025	Indices <u>2025</u> <u>2024</u>
Total	144	151	104,9	331	356	107,6	207 911	207 501	99,8
I	5	10	200,0	16	46	287,5	3 550	4 052	114,1
II	6	3	50,0	40	19	47,5	1 152	142	12,3
III	13	10	76,9	49	50	102,0	11 031	3 511	31,8
IV	42	45	107,1	78	79	101,3	67 419	67 842	100,6
V	78	83	106,4	148	162	109,5	124 759	131 954	105,8

G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – MAY 2025



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 are 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 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 Graph G-2, the data on the 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 the 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 cruise vessel stops at seaports that are interesting tourist destinations.

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

**Visit** is an entry of a foreign cruise vessel into 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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