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

Increase of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise in the first eleven months of 2024

In the period from January to November 2024, there were 85 foreign vessels on cruise that sailed into Croatian seaports, and they realised **727** journeys. A total of **1.0 million** passengers arrived on board these vessels and stayed in Croatia for **1 642** days.

The number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise in the period from January to November 2024 increased by 14.5% compared to the first eleven months of 2023, whereas the number of passengers on board increased by 21.2%. The number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 14.5%.

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

In the first eleven 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, 222 of them, which accounted for 30.5% of total realised journeys in the first eleven months of 2024. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels on cruise under the flags of Bahamas (194 journeys), Panama (76 journeys) and Norway (57 journeys).

Out of the total of 727 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (46.6%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (24.4%), which made a total of 71.0%. The remaining 29.0% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (13.6%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (5.8%), Istria (5.5%) and Šibenik-Knin (4.1%).

The seaport of Dubrovnik is still the most visited seaport in the Croatian Adriatic

The highest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (505 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (325 visits), Zadar (214 visits), Hvar (115 visits) and Korčula (103 visits).
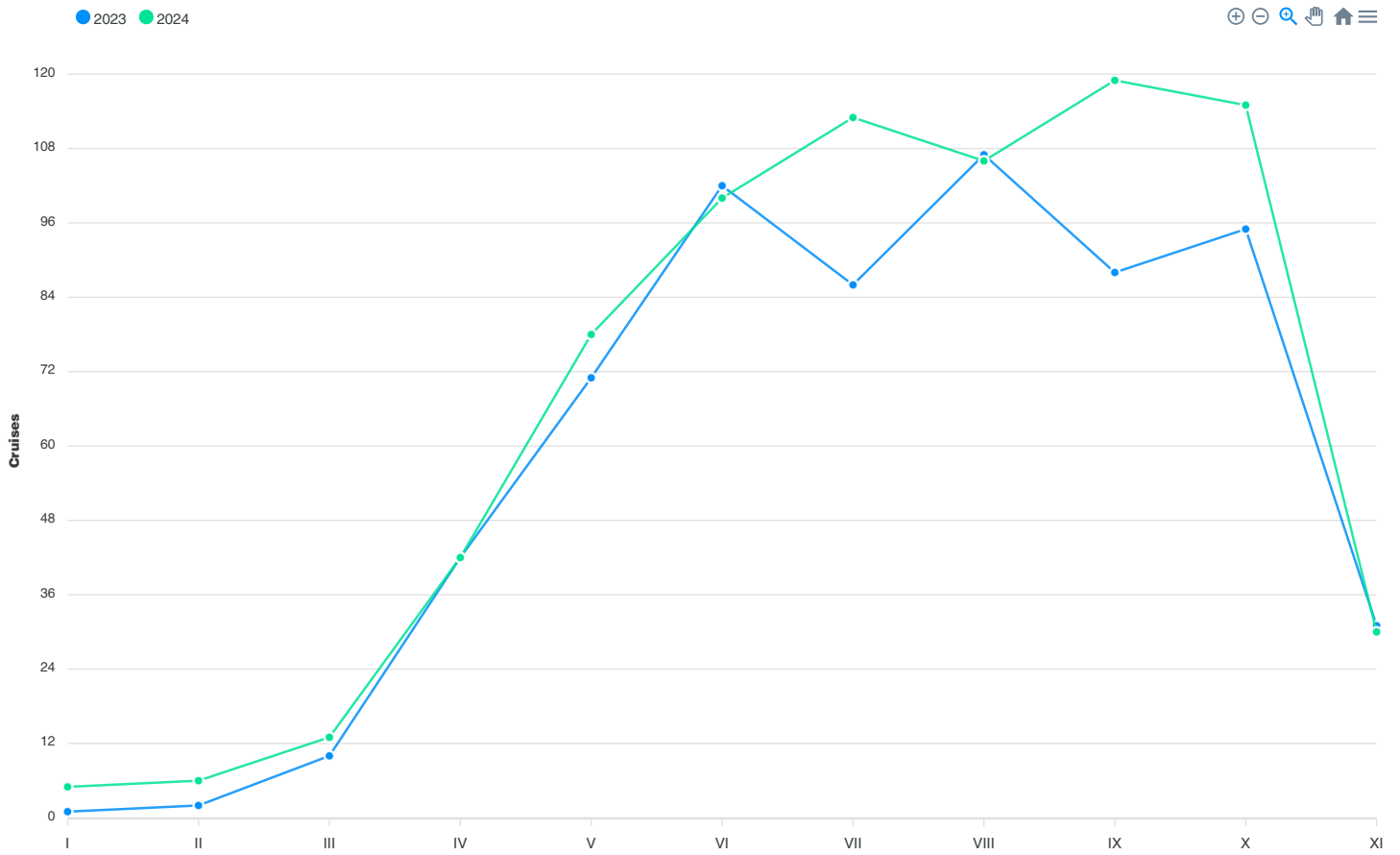
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Detailed data are available on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, under "PC-Axis databases", where it is possible to browse and print data in various forms. Databases are updated annually.

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – XI 2023	I – XI 2024	Indices I – XI 2024 I – XI 2023
Foreign vessels on cruise	85	85	100,0
Cruises	635	727	114,5
Sojourns	1 434	1 642	114,5
Passengers on board	860 181	1 042 731	121,2

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 – NOVEMBER 2024
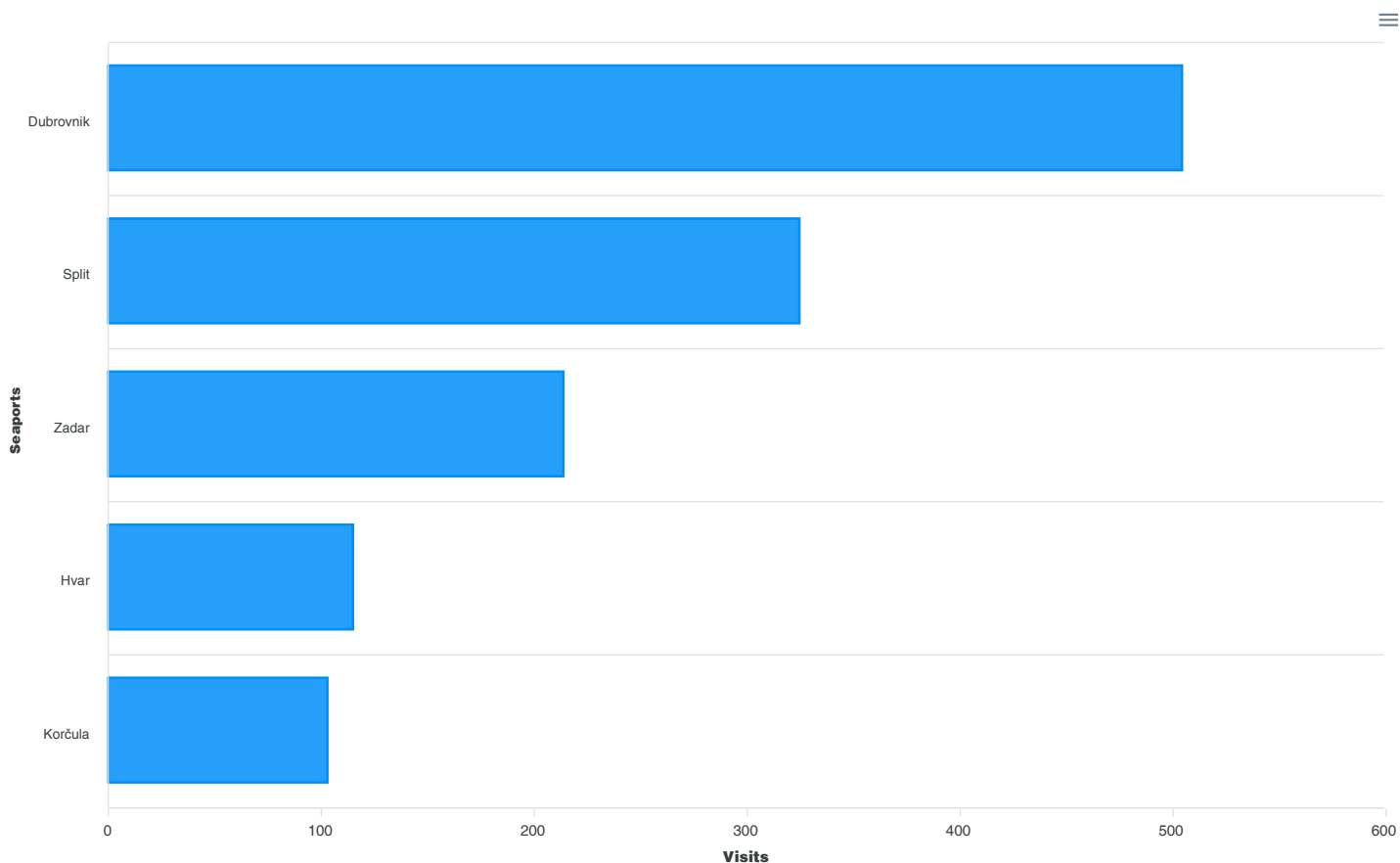
Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	XI	I – XI	XI	I – XI	XI	I – XI
Total	30	727	80	1 642	36 169	1 042 731
Bahamas	8	194	17	448	5 041	325 983
Belgium	-	18	-	94	-	2 714
Bermuda	-	29	-	45	-	69 846
France	-	37	-	119	-	5 415
Greece	-	2	-	17	-	57
Italy	-	40	-	41	-	94 475
Malta	7	222	45	618	2 428	274 273
Marshall Islands	2	25	2	34	2 371	27 754
Netherlands	2	10	2	16	5 228	21 552
Norway	2	57	4	95	1 793	52 151
Wallis and Futuna Islands	-	2	-	3	-	693
Panama	9	76	10	77	19 308	163 686
Portugal	-	8	-	14	-	2 096
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	5	-	18	-	233
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	635	727	114,5	1 434	1 642	114,5	860 181	1 042 731	121,2
I	1	5	500,0	1	16	1)	944	3 550	376,1
II	2	6	300,0	21	40	190,5	94	1 152	1)
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
X	95	115	121,1	190	215	113,2	137 013	182 313	133,1
XI	31	30	96,8	85	80	94,1	37 941	36 169	95,3

1) The index exceeds 999.

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