



FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – May 2026

Foreign vessels on cruise increased the number of journeys and brought more passengers to the Croatian Adriatic

In the period from January to May 2026, there were **49** foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which made a total of **163** journeys. There were **221 thousand** passengers on board those vessels, who stayed in Croatia for **405** days.

Compared to the same period of 2025, there was an 8.9% increase in the number of foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia. At the same time, the number of journeys of those vessels increased by 7.9%, and the number of passengers on those journeys by 6.7%. The number of days spent by those vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 13.8%.

A total of 64.4% of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise realised under the flags of Malta, the Bahamas and Norway

In the first five months of 2026, foreign vessels on cruise sailed to Croatia under the flags of eleven countries. The highest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of Malta, a total of 38 journeys, which accounted for 23.3% of the total realised journeys. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels realised under the flags of the Bahamas (36 journeys), Norway (31 journeys) and Panama (17 journeys).

Out of a total of 163 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (50.3%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (24.6%), which made up a total of 74.9% of journeys. The remaining 25.1% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (12.9%), Istria (6.1%), Šibenik-Knin (5.5%) and Primorje-Gorski Kotar (0.6%).

Dubrovnik seaport is still the most visited port

In the first five months of 2026, the seaport of Dubrovnik kept the status of the most visited port for foreign vessels on cruise, with a total of 130 visits. It was followed by the seaports of Split (87 visits), Zadar (55 visits), Korčula (26 visits) and Šibenik (25 visits).

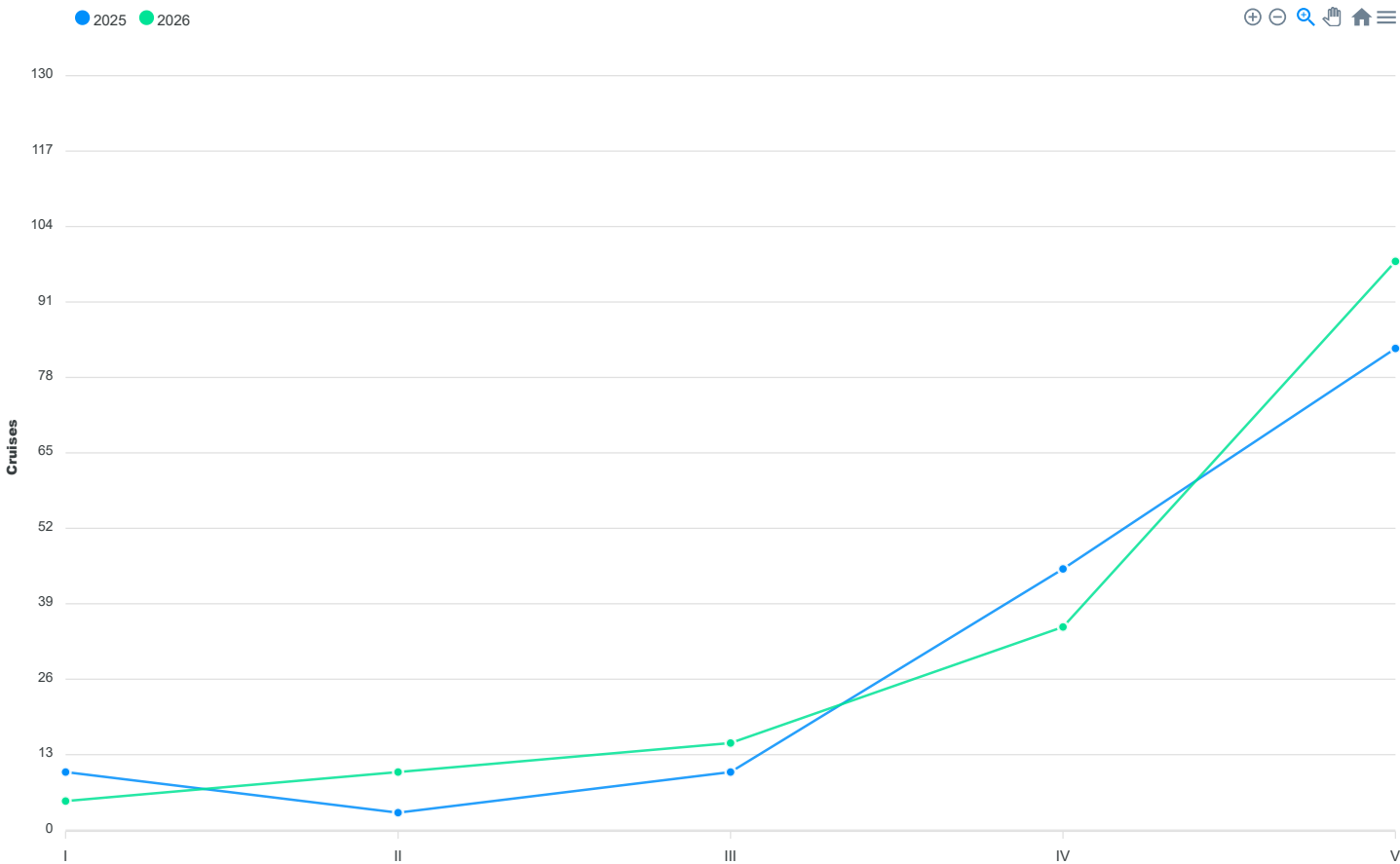
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Detailed data are available on the website of the [Croatian Bureau of Statistics](#), under "[PC-Axis databases](#)", where it is possible to browse and print data in various forms. The databases are updated annually.

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – V 2025	I – V 2026	Indices <u>I – V 2026</u> I – V 2025
Foreign vessels on cruise	45	49	108,9
Cruises	151	163	107,9
Sojourns	356	405	113,8
Passengers on board	207 501	221 480	106,7

G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2025 AND 2026



2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – MAY 2026

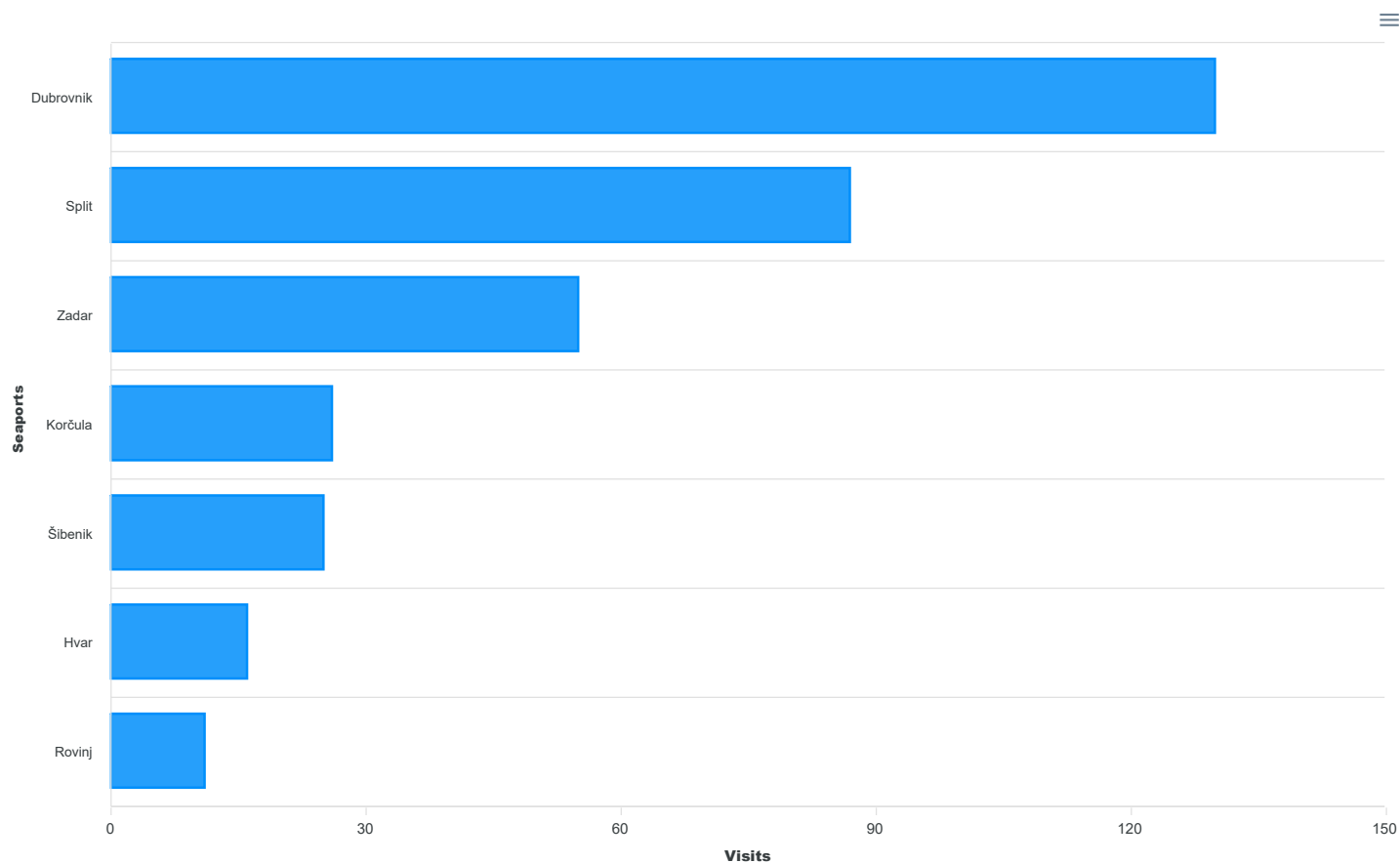
Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
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Total	98	163	199	405	157 775	221 480
Bahamas	27	36	55	77	50 083	53 239
Belgium	4	6	26	34	605	879
Bermuda	8	13	13	20	22 275	37 253
France	1	1	1	1	205	205
Italy	4	7	8	15	9 820	17 171
Malta	21	38	48	161	35 273	37 765
Marshall Islands	10	11	17	19	7 510	8 232
Netherlands	2	2	3	3	3 793	3 793
Norway	12	31	19	52	10 738	27 797
Panama	9	17	9	17	17 473	34 237
United Kingdom	-	1	-	6	-	909

3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2025 AND 2026

	Cruises			Sojourns			Passengers on board		
	2025	2026	Indices <u>2026</u> <u>2025</u>	2025	2026	Indices <u>2026</u> <u>2025</u>	2025	2026	Indices <u>2026</u> <u>2025</u>
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I	10	5	50,0	46	17	37,0	4 052	2 000	49,4
II	3	10	333,3	19	42	221,1	142	3 489	1) ¹⁾
III	10	15	150,0	50	67	134,0	3 511	10 756	306,4
IV	45	35	77,8	79	80	101,3	67 842	47 460	70,0
V	83	98	118,1	162	199	122,8	131 954	157 775	119,6

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G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – MAY 2026



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, 155/23 124/25 – corr. and 69/26).

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, passenger 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, passenger and cargo movements.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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