



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

Two-digit increase in the number of passengers and journeys of foreign vessels on cruise in the first half of 2026

In the period from January to June 2026, there were **62** foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which made a total of **282** journeys. There were **391 thousand** passengers on board those vessels, who stayed in Croatia for **672** days.

Compared to the same period of 2025, the number of foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia remained unchanged. At the same time, the number of journeys of those vessels increased by 11.9%, and the number of passengers on those journeys by 13.6%. The number of days spent by those vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 15.9%.

The most journeys of foreign vessels on cruise realised under the flag of Malta

In the first half of 2026, foreign vessels on cruise sailed to Croatia under the flags of 13 countries. The highest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of Malta, a total of 74 journeys, which accounted for 26.2% of the total realised journeys. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels realised under the flags of the Bahamas (68 journeys), Norway (38 journeys) and Panama (26 journeys).

Out of a total of 282 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (47.9%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (25.5%), which made up a total of 73.4% of journeys. The remaining 26.6% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (12.1%), Istria (6.4%), Šibenik-Knin (4.6%) and Primorje-Gorski Kotar (3.5%).

Dubrovnik seaport – the most visited port

In the first six months of 2026, the most popular destination for foreign vessels on cruise was the city of Dubrovnik, or rather the seaport of Dubrovnik as the most visited port, with a total of 216 visits. It was followed by the seaports of Split (135 visits), Zadar (88 visits), Korčula (39 visits), Hvar and Šibenik (35 visits each).

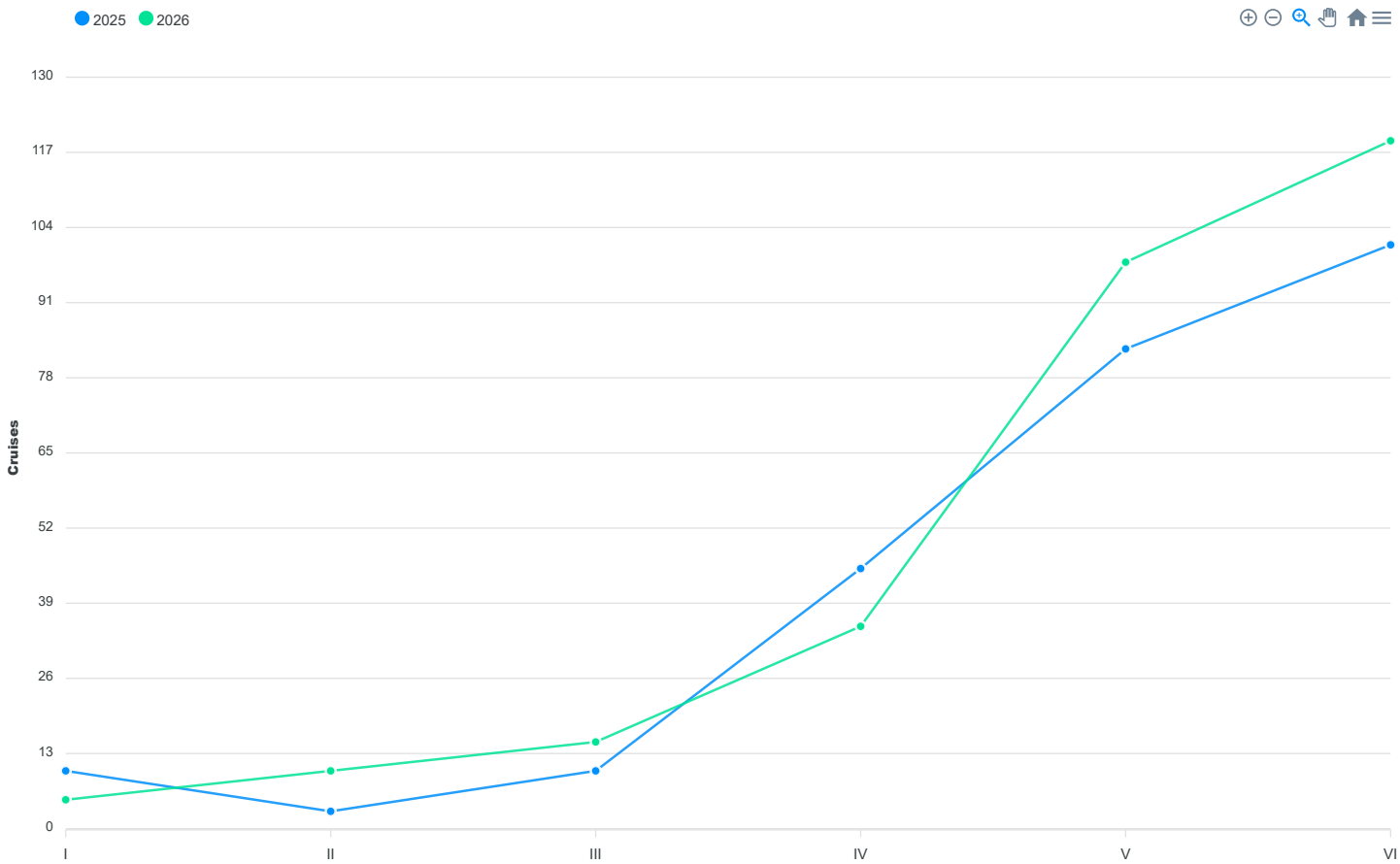
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1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – VI 2025	I – VI 2026	Indices <u>I – VI 2026</u> I – VI 2025
Foreign vessels on cruise	62	62	100,0
Cruises	252	282	111,9
Sojourns	580	672	115,9
Passengers on board	344 372	391 149	113,6

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 – JUNE 2026

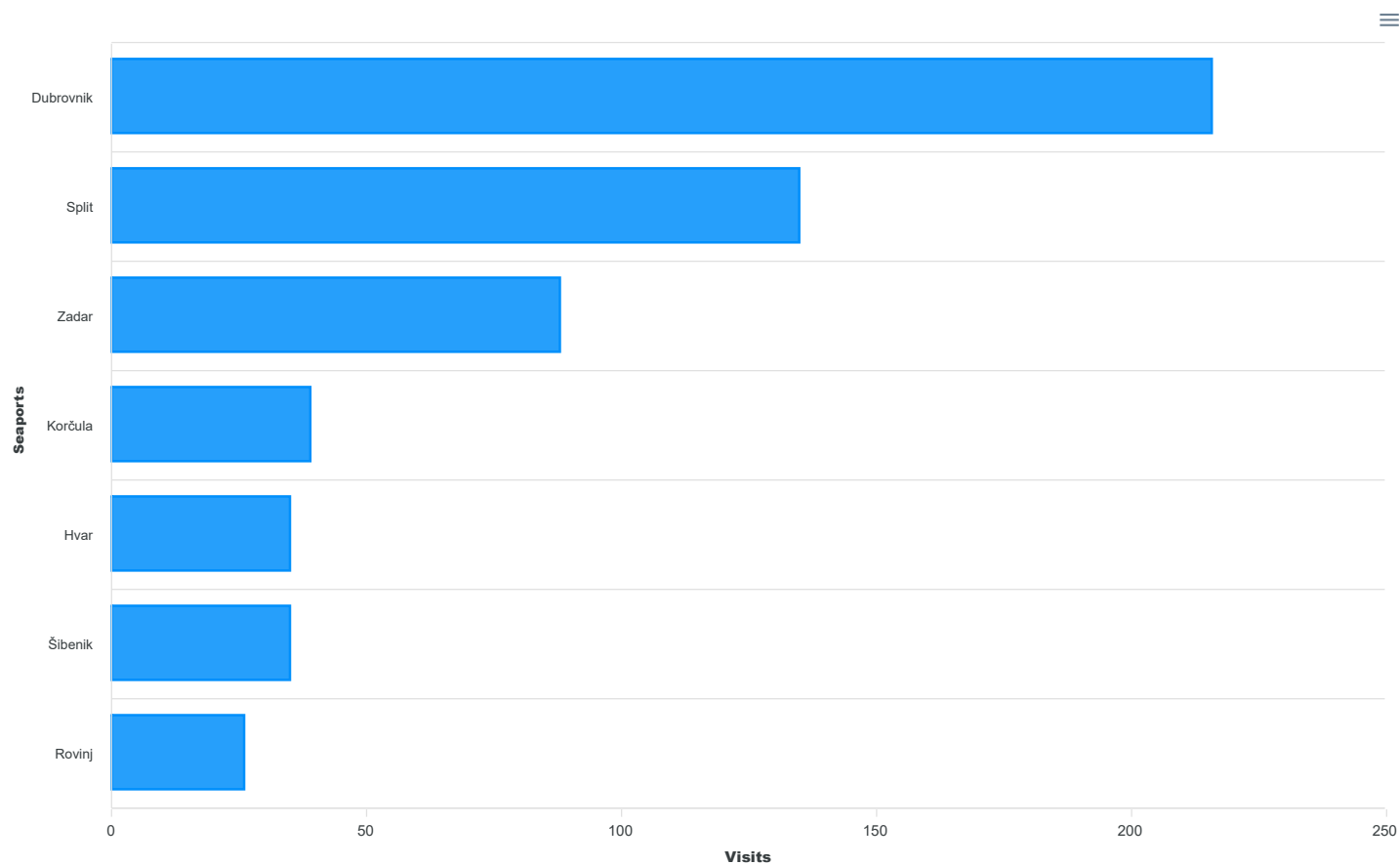
Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VI	I – VI	VI	I – VI	VI	I – VI
Total	119	282	267	672	169 669	391 149
Bahamas	32	68	69	146	61 564	114 803
Belgium	4	10	27	61	643	1 522
Bermuda	5	18	7	27	14 381	51 634
France	4	5	13	14	807	1 012
Italy	7	14	11	26	17 350	34 521
Malta	36	74	93	254	41 816	79 581
Marshall Islands	9	20	12	31	6 830	15 062
Netherlands	-	2	-	3	-	3 793
Norway	7	38	12	64	6 521	34 318
Wallis and Futuna	1	1	4	4	112	112
Panama	9	26	9	26	18 937	53 174
Portugal	5	5	10	10	708	708
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> 2025	2025	2026	Indices <u>2026</u> 2025	2025	2026	Indices <u>2026</u> 2025
Total	252	282	111,9	580	672	115,9	344 372	391 149	113,6
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
VI	101	119	117,8	224	267	119,2	136 871	169 669	124,0

1) The index exceeds 999.

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