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# FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

## January – November 2025

### **Increase in the number of foreign vessels on cruise and cruises in the first eleven months of 2025**

In the first eleven months of 2025, there were **95** foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in the Croatian Adriatic, realising a total of **747** journeys. There were **1.1 million** passengers on board those vessels, who stayed in the Republic of Croatia for a total of **1 684** days.

Compared to the same period of 2024, the number of foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia increased by 11.8%. At the same time, the number of their journeys increased by 2.8%, while the number of passengers on those vessels increased by 1.4%. Furthermore, the number of sojourns of those vessels in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia increased by 2.6%.

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

In the period from January to November 2025, foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatia sailed under the flags of 16 countries. The highest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of Malta, 227 in total, which accounted for 30.4% of all journeys realised in the first eleven months of 2025. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels on cruise realised under the flags of the Bahamas (156 journeys), Panama (98 journeys) and Norway (75 journeys).

Out of a total of 747 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, slightly more than two thirds (68.0%) were realised in two counties: the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (46.4%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (21.6%). The remaining 32.0% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (17.1%), Istria (5.8%), Šibenik-Knin (5.2%) and Primorje-Gorski Kotar (3.9%).

### **Dubrovnik remained the most visited seaports in the Croatian Adriatic**

The seaport of Dubrovnik was traditionally the most visited Croatian port for foreign vessels on cruise, with a total of 546 visits in the first eleven months of 2025. It was

followed by the seaports of Split (308 visits), Zadar (217 visits), Korčula (121 visits), Hvar (106 visits), Rovinj (98 visits) and Šibenik (89 visits).

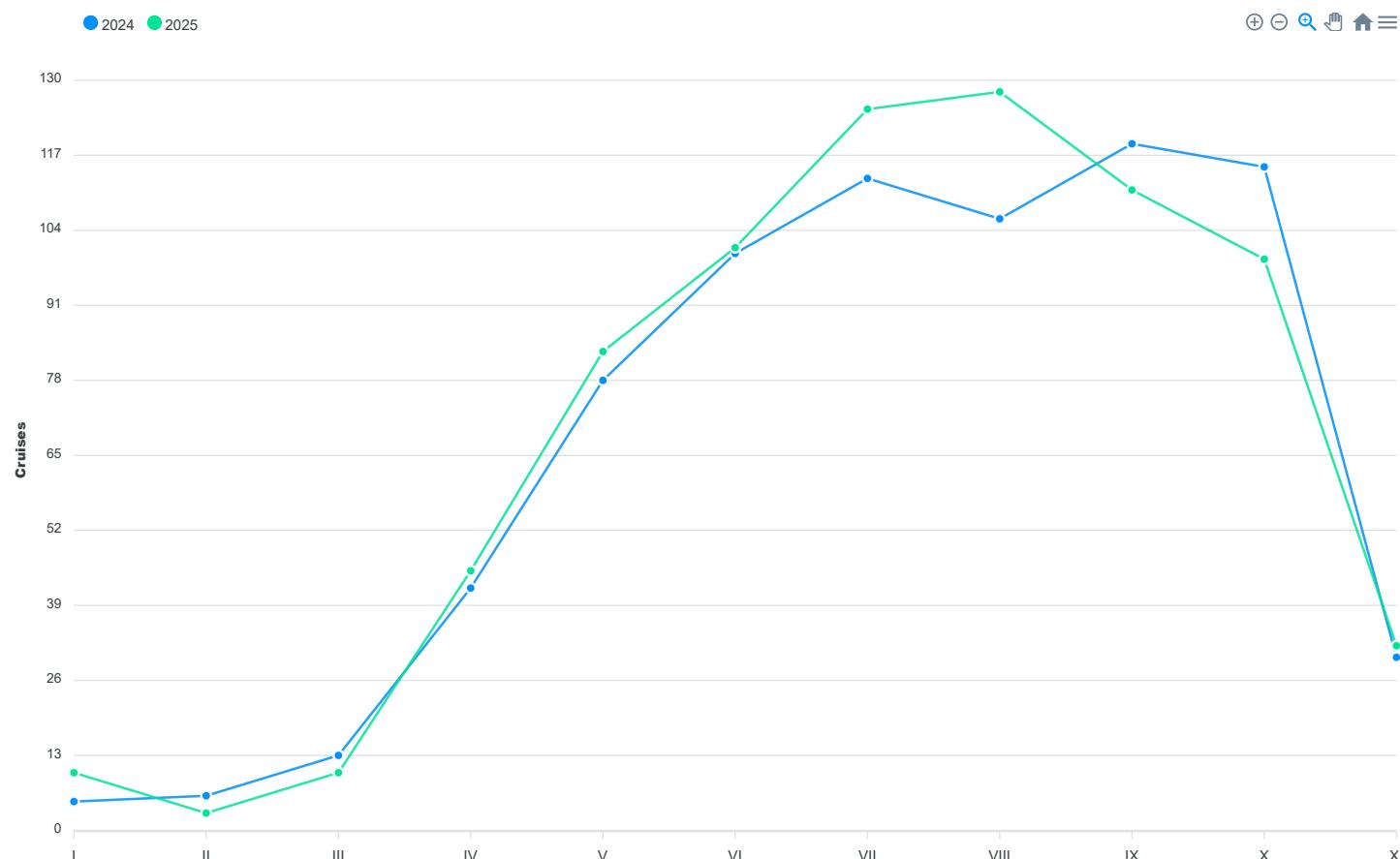
## Notice

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 – XI 2024	I – XI 2025	Indices I – XI 2025 I – XI 2024
Foreign vessels on cruise	85	95	111,8
Cruises	727	747	102,8
Sojourns	1 642	1 684	102,6
Passengers on board	1 042 731	1 057 296	101,4

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

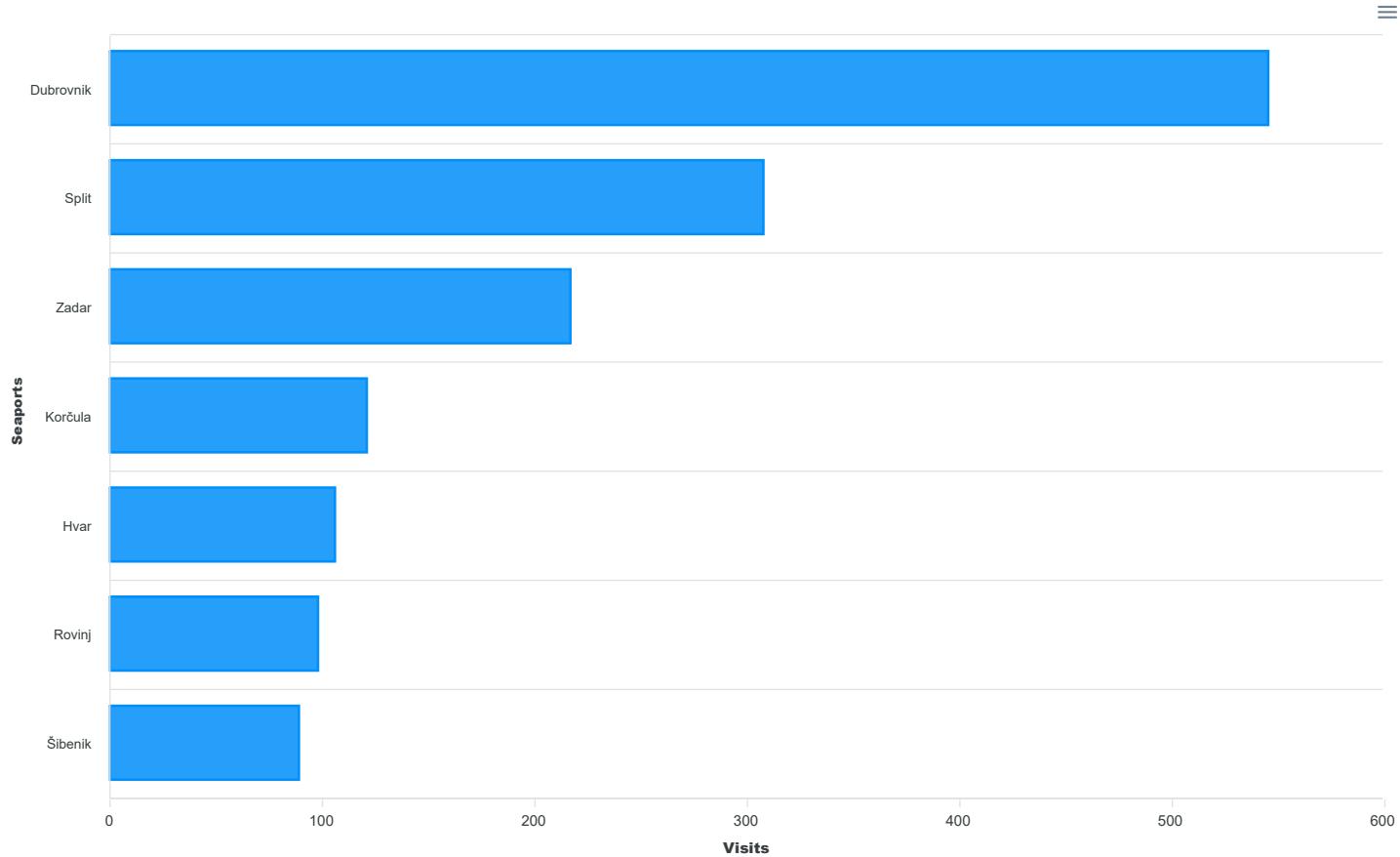


## 2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – NOVEMBER 2025

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	XI	I – XI	XI	I – XI	XI	I – XI
Total	32	747	60	1 684	48 739	1 057 296
Bahamas	6	156	6	385	13 499	238 097
Belgium	-	16	-	89	-	2 661
Bermuda	1	31	2	52	1 056	60 609
France	-	36	-	126	-	5 613
Italy	3	51	7	70	7 665	129 176
Liberia	-	1	-	3	-	154
Malta	5	227	21	611	2 298	277 210
Marshall Islands	-	19	-	28	-	15 342
Netherlands	2	12	2	16	5 188	25 176
Norway	10	75	16	124	9 223	68 377
Wallis and Futuna	-	2	-	7	-	249
Panama	5	98	6	101	9 810	216 618
Portugal	-	4	-	12	-	1 291
St. Kitts and Nevis	-	8	-	36	-	182
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	5	-	16	-	235
United Kingdom	-	6	-	8	-	16 306

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

	Cruises			Sojourns			Passengers on board		
	2024	2025	Indices 2025 2024	2024	2025	Indices 2025 2024	2024	2025	Indices 2025 2024
Total	727	747	102,8	1 642	1 684	102,6	1 042 731	1 057 296	101,4
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
VI	100	101	101,0	193	224	116,1	142 655	136 871	95,9
VII	113	125	110,6	277	295	106,5	164 455	171 846	104,5
VIII	106	128	120,8	249	332	133,3	157 365	175 616	111,6
IX	119	111	93,3	297	239	80,5	151 863	166 232	109,5
X	115	99	86,1	215	178	82,8	182 313	150 491	82,5
XI	30	32	106,7	80	60	75,0	36 169	48 739	134,8



## 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 and 124/25 – corr.).

### 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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