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FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – August 2022

71 foreign vessels on cruise arrived in the first eight months of 2022

In the period from January to August 2022, there were 71 foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which realised 442 journeys. There were 424 thousand passengers on board who stayed for 927 days in Croatia.

The number of foreign vessels on cruise increased by 357 journeys and the total number of sojourns by 690 days in the first eight months of 2022, as compared to the same period of 2021. The number of passengers on vessels on cruise in the first eight months of 2022 increased by 338 thousand passengers compared to the first eight months of 2021, when, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, stricter epidemiological measures were introduced that limited journeys of foreign vessels on cruise.

In the first eight months of 2022, compared to the first eight months of 2019, the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise decreased by 5.2%, the number of their sojourns by 0.2% and the number of passengers on board these vessels by 42.2%.

Foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 13 countries in the first eight months of 2022. The largest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of the Bahamas, as much as 119 journeys, which accounted for 26.9% of the total journeys realised in the first eight months of 2022. Those were followed by journeys realised under the flags of Malta (97 journeys), Italy (52 journeys) and Panama (44 journeys).

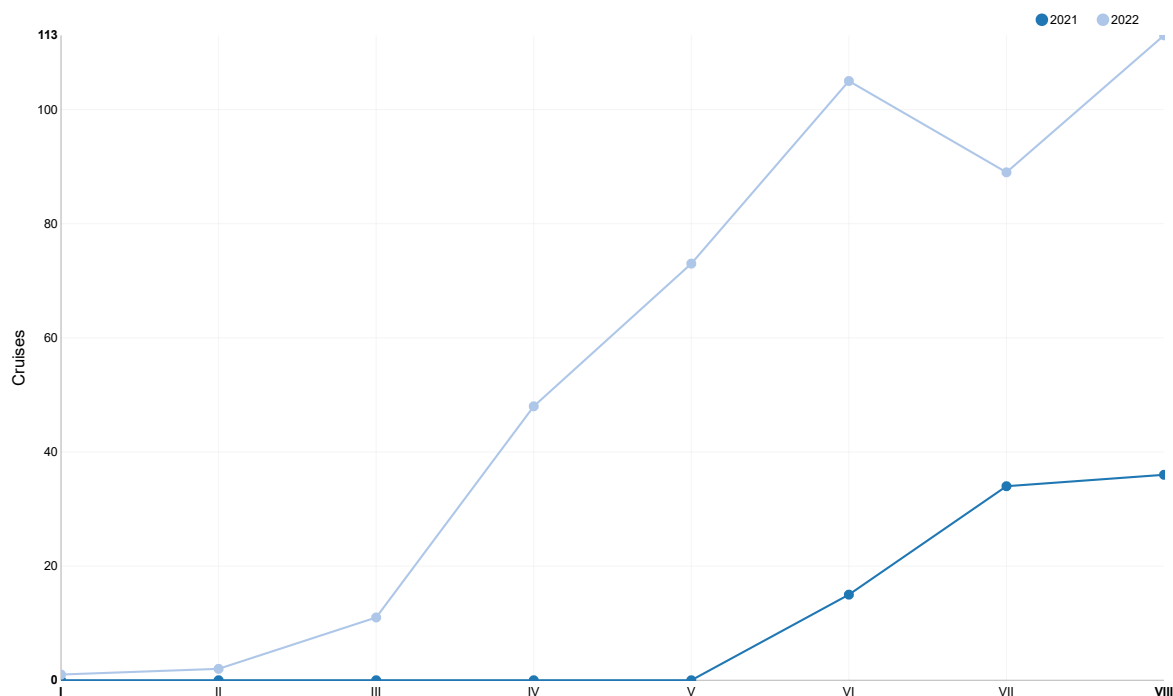
Out of a total of 442 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (45.0%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (31.2%), which made up a total of 76.2%. The remaining 23.8% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (14.0%), Istria (4.1%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (3.2%) and Šibenik-Knin (2.5%).

Dubrovnik was the most visited port

The majority of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (288 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (183 visits), Zadar (101 visits), Hvar (70 visits), Korčula (66 visits), Rovinj (44 visits) and Šibenik (43 visits).

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – VIII 2021	I – VIII 2022
Foreign vessels on cruise	15	71
Cruises	85	442
Sojourns	237	927
Passengers on board	85 924	423 601

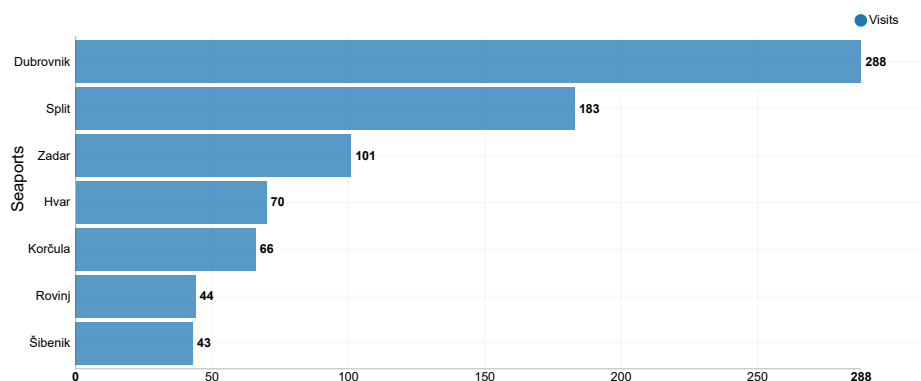
G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2021 AND 2022

2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – AUGUST 2022

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VIII	I – VIII	VIII	I – VIII	VIII	I – VIII
Total	113	442	269	927	129 638	423 601
Bahamas	25	119	54	249	22 180	101 565
Belgium	-	8	-	35	-	1 007
Bermuda	4	13	9	25	10 419	28 802
France	9	21	38	66	1 285	3 255
Greece	-	5	-	29	-	142
Italy	14	52	15	54	28 909	76 335
Malta	33	97	100	278	27 729	90 187
Marshall Islands	2	22	2	27	1 235	11 363
Netherlands	2	10	3	13	2 762	11 096
Norway	6	31	10	54	4 912	23 262
Wallis and Futuna	7	16	26	47	1 450	2 900
Panama	9	44	9	44	27 043	70 613
United Kingdom	2	4	3	6	1 714	3 074

3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2019, 2020, 2021 AND 2022

	Cruises				Sojourns				Passengers on board			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	466	21	85	442	929	83	237	927	732 826	3 983	85 924	423 601
I	5	5	-	1	12	12	-	1	2 702	2 809	-	485
II	11	7	-	2	49	29	-	3	1 243	745	-	1 257
III	18	3	-	11	71	6	-	25	19 518	183	-	4 098
IV	49	-	-	48	97	-	-	98	82 924	-	-	34 603
V	88	-	-	73	157	-	-	151	141 183	-	-	56 389
VI	101	-	15	105	168	-	43	188	161 668	-	8 203	91 867
VII	96	1	34	89	195	6	92	192	155 844	25	26 938	105 264
VIII	98	5	36	113	180	30	102	269	167 744	221	50 783	129 638

G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – AUGUST 2022



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the statistical survey

The statistical survey is aimed at monitoring the entries of foreign vessels on cruise in the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia, the number of passengers aboard and the days in which a ship stays in the internal sea waters 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, No. 25/20).

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 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 the harbour master's offices.

Coverage and comparability

Observation unit for this survey is a foreign vessel on a tourist cruise that enters the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia.

In the tables 1, 2 and 3, the data on foreign vessels on cruise include only **seaports of the first entry** of the foreign vessel on cruise into the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia.

In the Graph G-2, the data on visits of foreign vessels on cruise include **all seaports** visited by those vessels during their stay in the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia. Visits in 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

Foreign vessel on cruise means a passenger ship intended rather to provide passengers with a pleasure of a journey and facilities for entertainment aboard (luxurious atmosphere, adventures, education, culture, entertainment, sports activities, wellness or recreation) than the 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 vessel on cruise stops in seaports of several interesting destinations.

A **journey** is an entry of a foreign vessel on cruise into the first seaport of the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia.

Visit is an entry of a foreign vessel on cruise into every seaport of the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia.

Passengers on board are any persons who arrived by ship irrespective of age, providing that he/she is not a crew member.

Sojourns represent a total number of days a ship spends in the internal sea waters of the Republic of Croatia.

Flag of vessel represents the country in which a ship is registered, that is, entered into the ship registry and is bound by its laws.

Statistical seaport consists of one or more ports, normally controlled by harbour master's branch offices able to record ship and cargo movements.

Abbreviations

COVID-19 CORona Virus Disease-19
NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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