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FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – June 2025

Increase in journeys of foreign vessels on cruise and their sojourns in the Croatian Adriatic

In the first half-year of 2025 there were **62** foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which made a total of **252** journeys. There were **344 thousand** passengers on board those vessels, who stayed in the Republic of Croatia for 580 days.

Compared to the same period of 2024, the number of foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 8.8% and the number of their journeys by 3.3%. However, the number of passengers on those vessels slightly decreased, by 1.8%. At the same time, the number of sojourns of those vessels in the Croatian Adriatic coast increased by 10.7% compared to the same period of the previous year.

Foreign vessels on cruise under the flag of Malta realised the largest number of journeys

In the period from January to June 2025, foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatia sailed under the flags of 14 countries. The highest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of Malta, as much as 70 of them, which accounted for 27.8% of all journeys. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels realised under the flags of Bahamas (53 journeys), Panama (38 journeys) and Norway (29 journeys).

Out of a total of 252 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest share was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (46.8%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (21.0%), which made up a total of 67.8% of all journeys. The remaining 32.2% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (16.3%), Istria (7.1%), Šibenik-Knin (5.6%) and Primorje-Gorski Kotar (3.2%).

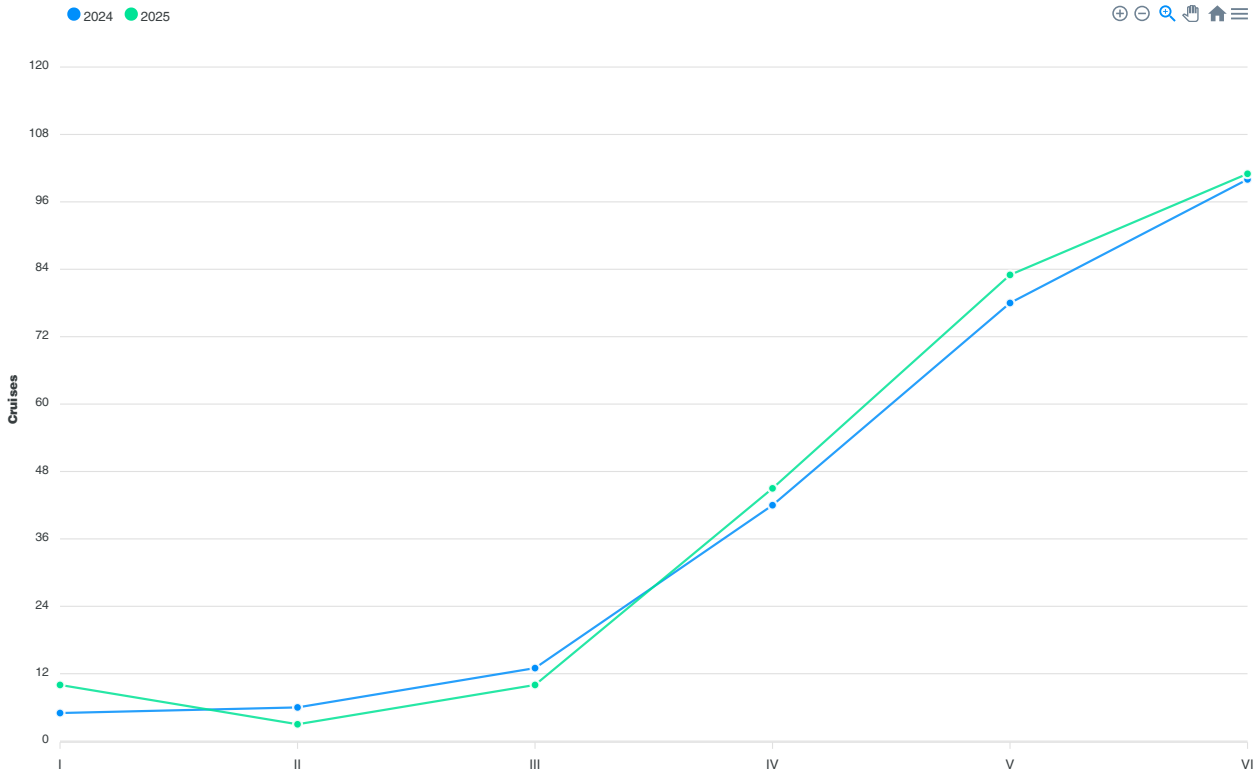
The Dubrovnik seaport remained the most visited port

The seaport of Dubrovnik kept the status of the most visited port for foreign vessels on cruise, with a total of 188 visits in the first six months of 2025. It was followed by the seaports of Split (108 visits), Zadar (72 visits), Korčula (35 visits), Rovinj (31 visits) and Šibenik (30 visits).

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – VI 2024	I – VI 2025	Indices <u>I – VI 2025</u> I – VI 2024
Foreign vessels on cruise	57	62	108,8
Cruises	244	252	103,3
Sojourns	524	580	110,7
Passengers on board	350 566	344 372	98,2

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



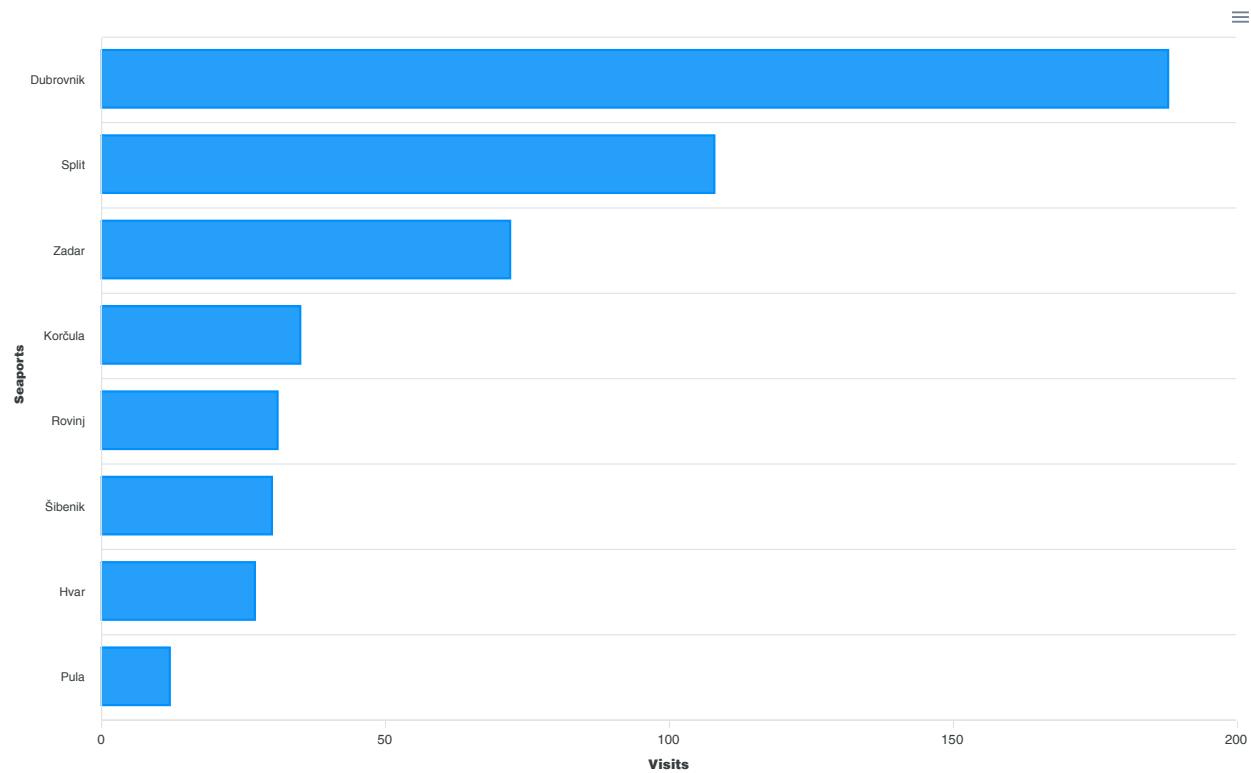
2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – JUNE 2025

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VI	I – VI	VI	I – VI	VI	I – VI
Total	101	252	224	580	136 871	344 372
Bahamas	28	53	71	132	36 803	65 255
Belgium	1	1	6	6	192	192
Bermuda	3	13	4	23	7 022	26 052
France	7	8	16	18	1 186	1 409
Italy	6	19	8	26	14 889	46 955
Malta	28	70	72	246	30 176	66 306
Marshall Islands	-	4	-	6	-	2 818
Netherlands	4	4	4	4	8 011	8 011
Norway	5	29	9	47	4 324	26 051
Panama	12	38	12	39	26 755	84 071
Portugal	-	1	-	3	-	786
St. Kitts and Nevis	5	5	20	20	119	119
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	1	-	2	-	41
United Kingdom	2	6	2	8	7 394	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	244	252	103,3	524	580	110,7	350 566	344 372	98,2
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

G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – JUNE 2025



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 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 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 and cargo movements.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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