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FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – July 2024

The number of foreign vessels on cruise and their journeys in the Croatian Adriatic increased

In the period from January to July 2024, there were 65 foreign vessels on cruise that sailed into Croatian seaports and they realised 357 journeys. A total of 515 thousand passengers arrived on board these vessels and stayed in Croatia for 801 days.

The number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise in the period from January to July 2024 increased by 13.7% compared to the first seven months of 2023, whereas the number of passengers on board increased by 25.2%. The number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 9.3%.

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

In the first seven months of 2024, foreign vessels on cruise sailed under flags of thirteen countries. The most of journeys were realised by vessels under the flag of Malta, 109 of them, which accounted for 30.5% of total realised journeys in the first seven months of 2024. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels on cruise under the flags of Bahamas (97 journeys), Panama (40 journeys) and Norway (31 journeys).

Out of the total of 357 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (48.5%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (23.3%), which made a total of 71.8%. The remaining 28.2% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (13.4%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (5.9%), Istria (5.3%) and Šibenik-Knin (3.6%).

The seaport of Dubrovnik had the highest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise

The highest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (241 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (152 visits), Zadar (107 visits), Hvar (58 visits), Korčula (41 visits), Šibenik (40 visits) and Rovinj (37 visits).

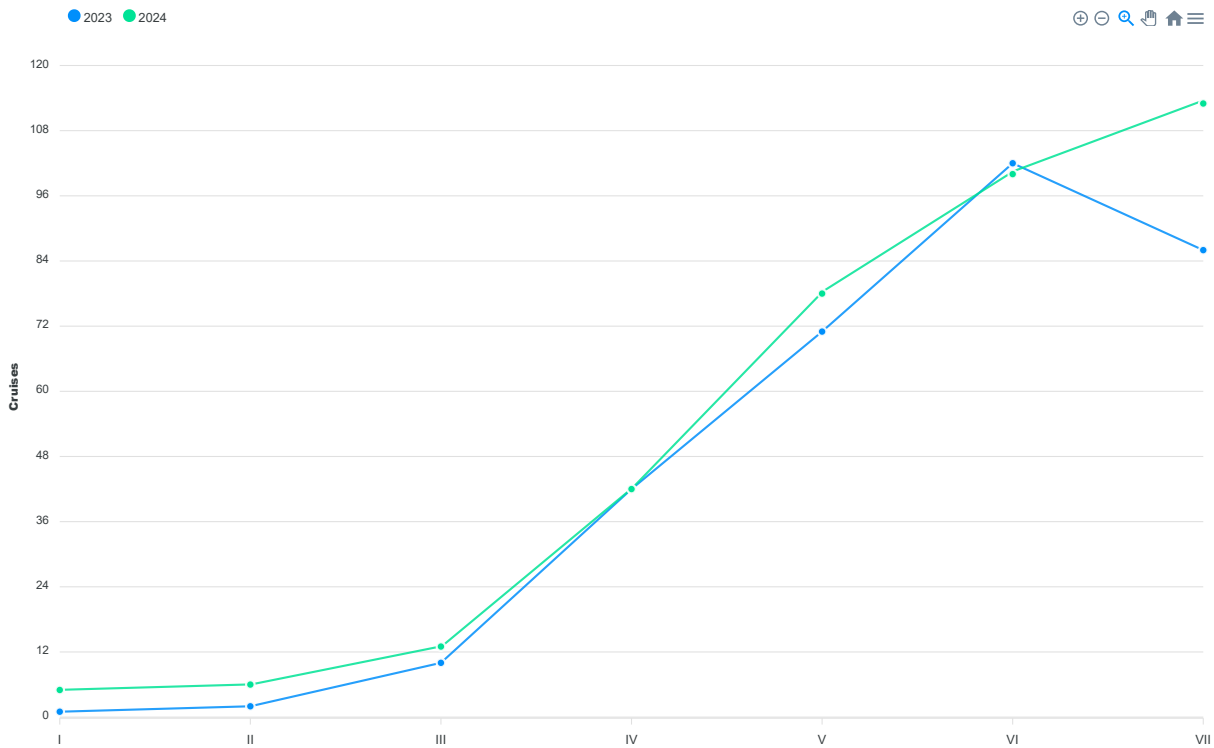
Notice

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. Databases are updated annually.

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – VII 2023	I – VII 2024	Indices I – VII 2024 I – VII 2023
Foreign vessels on cruise	60	65	108,3
Cruises	314	357	113,7
Sojourns	733	801	109,3
Passengers on board	411 399	515 021	125,2

G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2023 AND 2024



2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – JULY 2024

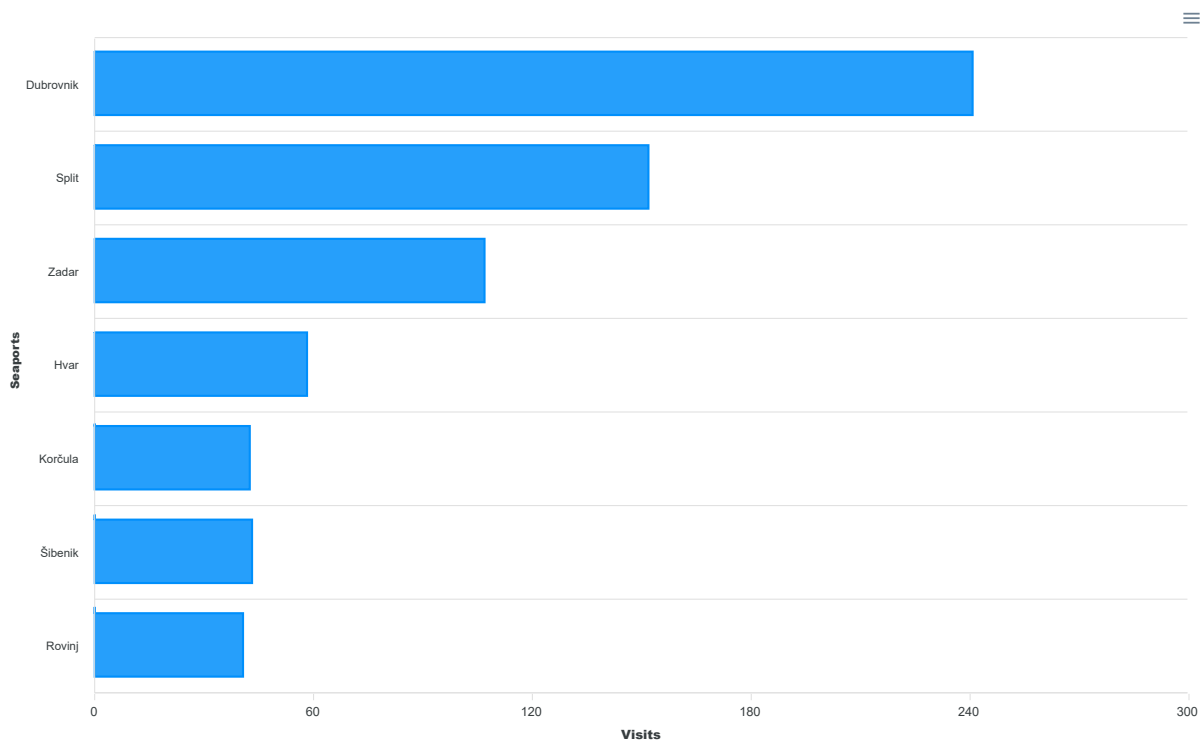
Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VII	I – VII	VII	I – VII	VII	I – VII
Total	113	357	277	801	164 455	515 021
Bahamas	41	97	116	231	60 961	160 992
Belgium	4	4	22	22	520	520
Bermuda	4	15	7	24	9 334	36 508
France	4	14	13	35	696	2 662
Greece	-	1	-	11	-	17
Italy	5	21	5	21	12 804	47 818
Malta	38	109	91	327	50 975	126 394
Marshall Islands	-	13	-	20	-	14 496
Netherlands	2	4	4	8	4 203	8 058
Norway	5	31	9	50	4 572	28 393
Panama	9	40	9	40	20 286	85 581
Portugal	1	6	1	9	104	1 779
United Kingdom	-	2	-	3	-	1 803

3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2023 AND 2024

	Cruises			Sojourns			Passengers on board		
	2023	2024	Indices 2024 2023	2023	2024	Indices 2024 2023	2023	2024	Indices 2024 2023
Total	314	357	113,7	733	801	109,3	411 399	515 021	125,2
I	1	5	500,0	1	16	1) ¹⁾	944	3 550	376,1
II	2	6	300,0	21	40	190,5	94	1 152	1) ¹⁾
III	10	13	130,0	50	49	98,0	3 606	11 031	305,9
IV	42	42	100,0	85	78	91,8	54 909	67 419	122,8
V	71	78	109,9	142	148	104,2	103 002	124 759	121,1
VI	102	100	98,0	237	193	81,4	120 281	142 655	118,6
VII	86	113	131,4	197	277	140,6	128 563	164 455	127,9

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G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – JULY 2024



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, 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 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 is 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 the 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 the Graph G-2, the data on 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 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 foreign cruise vessel stops at seaports that are interesting tourist destinations.

Journey is an entry of a foreign cruise vessel at the first seaport of the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

Visit is an entry of a foreign cruise vessel at 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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