



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

### More passengers arrived on foreign vessels on cruise in the Croatian Adriatic

In the period from January to August 2024, there were 68 foreign vessels on cruise that sailed into Croatian seaports, and they realised 463 journeys. A total of 672 thousand passengers arrived on board these vessels and stayed in Croatia for 1 050 days.

The number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise in the period from January to August 2024 increased by 10.0% compared to the first eight months of 2023, whereas the number of passengers on board increased by 19.3%. The number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 8.2%.

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

In the first eight 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, 145 of them, which accounted for 31.3% of total realised journeys in the first eight months of 2024. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels on cruise under the flags of Bahamas (126 journeys), Panama (49 journeys) and Norway (36 journeys).

Out of the total of 463 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (48.4%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (23.6%), which made a total of 72.0%. The remaining 28.0% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (13.6%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (5.8%), Istria (5.4%) and Šibenik-Knin (3.2%).

### The seaport of Dubrovnik is still the most visited seaport in the Croatian Adriatic

The highest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (319 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (198 visits), Zadar (137 visits), Hvar (78 visits), Korčula (58 visits), and Rovinj and Šibenik (52 visits each).

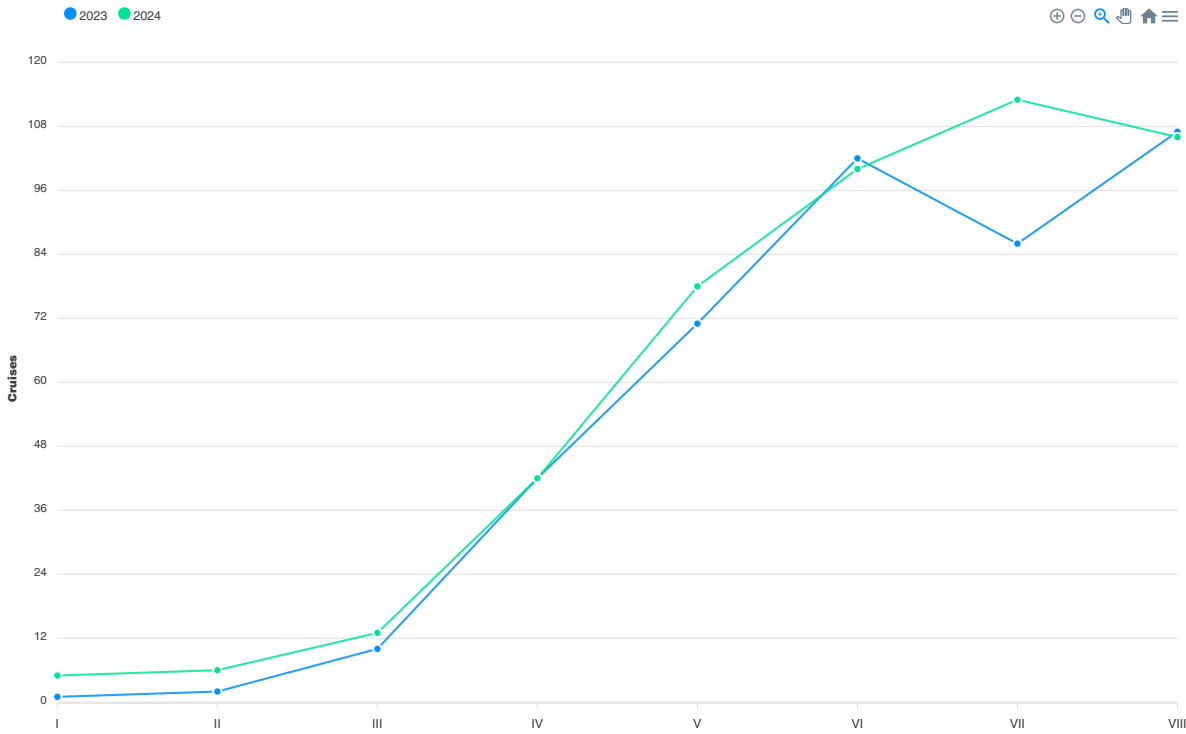
### Notice

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 – VIII 2023	I – VIII 2024	Indices I – VIII 2024 I – VIII 2023
Foreign vessels on cruise	69	68	98,6
Cruises	421	463	110,0
Sojourns	970	1 050	108,2
Passengers on board	563 374	672 386	119,3

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 – AUGUST 2024

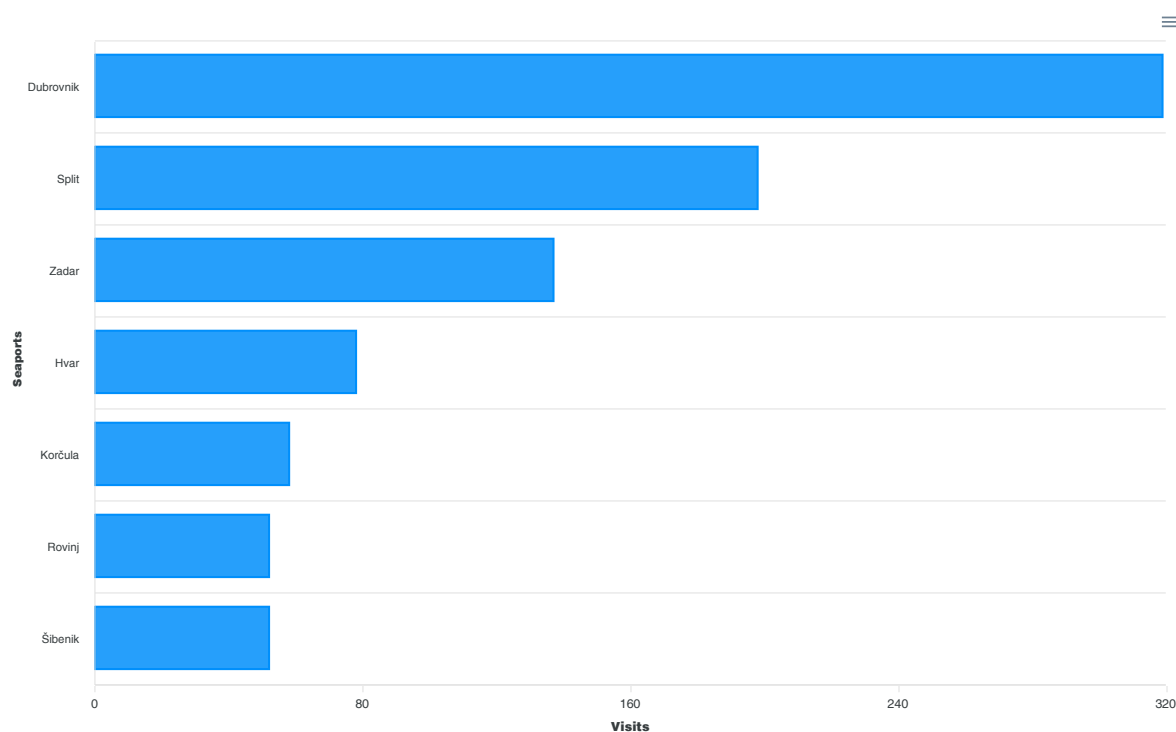
Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VIII	I – VIII	VIII	I – VIII	VIII	I – VIII
Total	106	463	249	1 050	157 365	672 386
Bahamas	29	126	76	307	53 602	214 594
Belgium	5	9	26	48	706	1 226
Bermuda	3	18	4	28	6 328	42 836
France	7	21	33	68	746	3 408
Greece	-	1	-	11	-	17
Italy	5	26	5	26	13 098	60 916
Malta	36	145	77	404	50 747	177 141
Marshall Islands	3	16	3	23	2 618	17 114
Netherlands	2	6	2	10	4 314	12 372
Norway	5	36	9	59	4 581	32 974
Panama	9	49	9	49	20 308	105 889
Portugal	2	8	5	14	317	2 096
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	421	463	110,0	970	1 050	108,2	563 374	672 386	119,3
I	1	5	500,0	1	16	1) <sup>1)</sup>	944	3 550	376,1
II	2	6	300,0	21	40	190,5	94	1 152	1) <sup>1)</sup>
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
VIII	107	106	99,1	237	249	105,1	151 975	157 365	103,5

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