



FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – August 2026

Increase in the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise and passengers on those journeys continued

In the period from January to August 2026, there were **76** foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which made a total of **545** journeys. There were **774 thousand** passengers on board those vessels, who stayed in Croatia for **1 282** days.

Compared to the same period of 2025, the number of foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia in the first eight months of 2026 remained unchanged. At the same time, the number of journeys of those vessels increased by 7.9%, and the number of passengers on those journeys by 11.8%. The number of days spent by those vessels in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased by 6.2%.

Vessels under the flags of Malta and the Bahamas dominated in terms of the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise in the Croatian Adriatic

In the period from January to August 2026, foreign vessels on cruise arrived in Croatian seaports under the flags of 15 countries. The highest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flags of Malta and the Bahamas, a total of 301 journeys, which accounted for 55.2% of the total realised journeys. Vessels under the flag of Malta realised 158 journeys (29.0%) and vessels under the flag of Bahamas 143 journeys (26.2%). These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels realised under the flags of Norway (56 journeys) and Panama (43 journeys).

Out of the total of 545 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (46.4%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (26.1%), which made up a total of 72.5% of journeys. The remaining 27.5% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (10.6%), Istria (7.7%), Šibenik-Knin (4.8%), and Primorje-Gorski Kotar (4.4%).

Dubrovnik seaport led with the most visits by foreign vessels on cruise

As always, the most visited Croatian seaport for foreign vessels on cruise was the seaport of Dubrovnik, with a total of 407 visits in the first eight months of 2026. It was followed by the seaports of Split (237 visits), Zadar (156 visits), Korčula (78 visits), as well as Hvar, Rovinj and Šibenik (69 visits each).

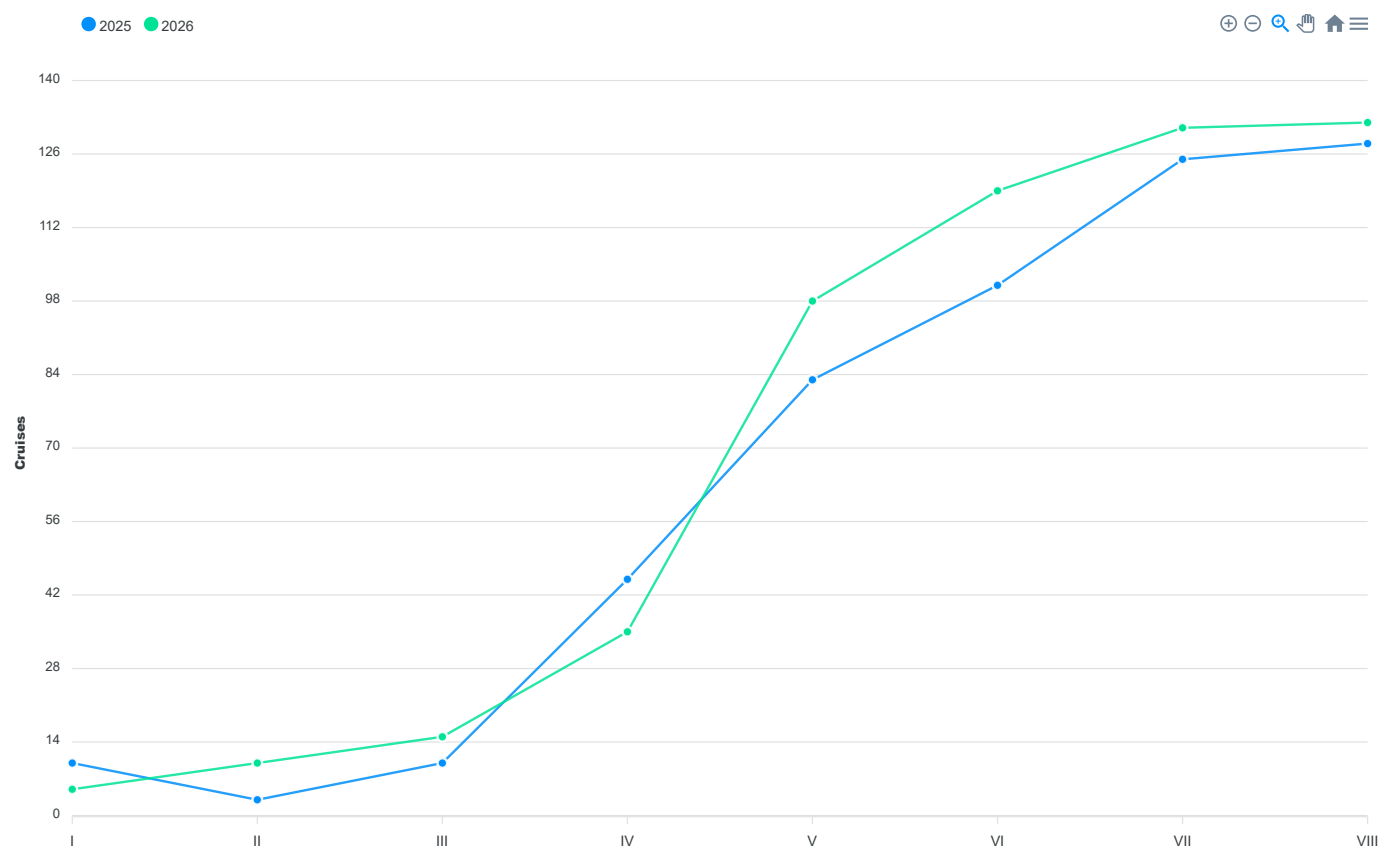
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Detailed data are available on the website of the [Croatian Bureau of Statistics](#), under "PC-Axis databases", where it is possible to browse and print data in various forms. The databases are updated annually.

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – VIII 2025	I – VIII 2026	Indices I – VIII 2026 I – VIII 2025
Foreign vessels on cruise	76	76	100,0
Cruises	505	545	107,9
Sojourns	1 207	1 282	106,2
Passengers on board	691 834	773 586	111,8

G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2025 AND 2026



2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – AUGUST 2026

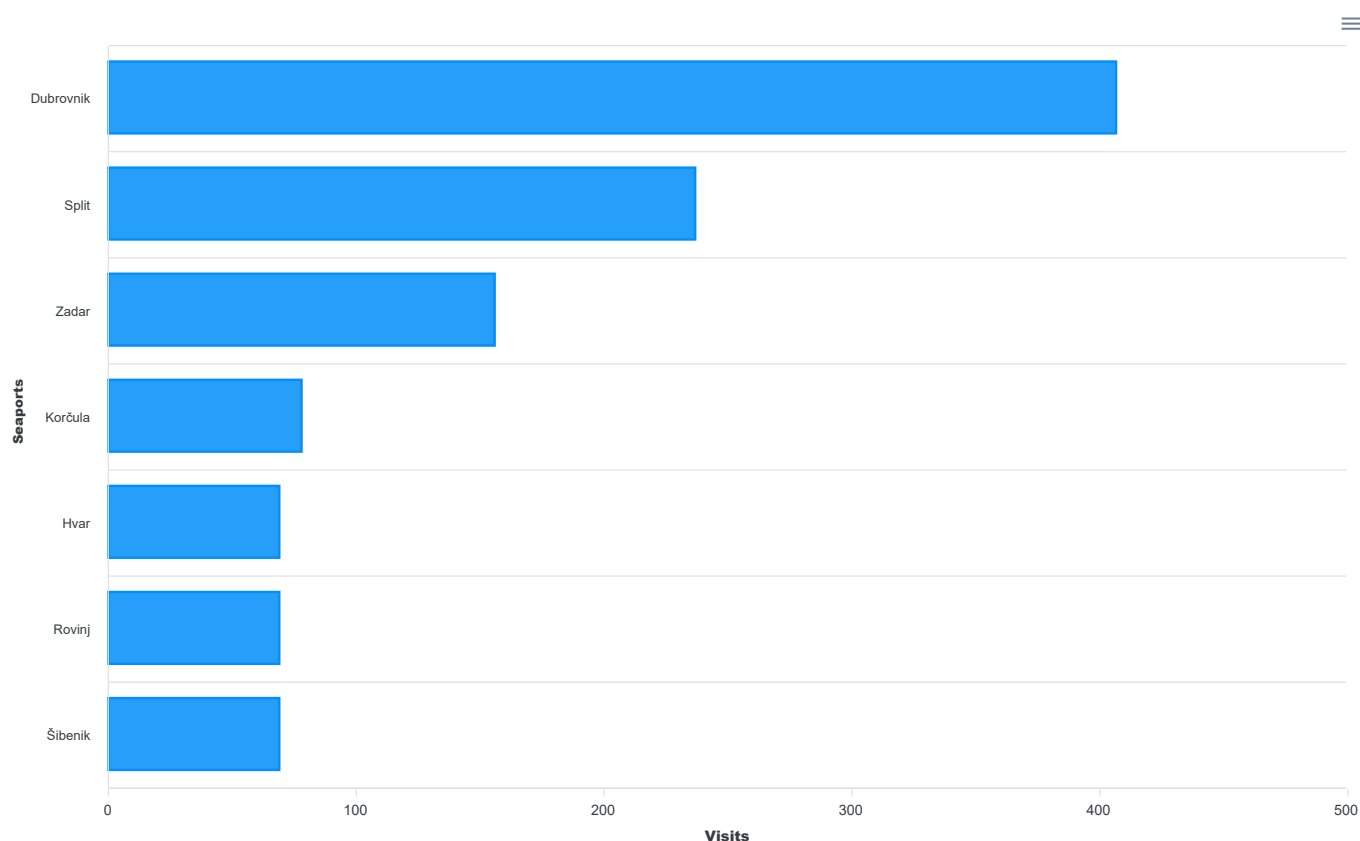
Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VIII	I – VIII	VIII	I – VIII	VIII	I – VIII
Total	132	545	325	1 282	186 048	773 586
Bahamas	35	143	89	321	67 625	248 007
Belgium	4	19	25	116	646	2 900
Bermuda	6	30	9	44	11 958	83 546
France	12	23	55	95	890	2 602
Greece	2	2	13	13	57	57
Italy	6	26	10	43	15 895	66 540
Malta	39	158	80	418	53 749	197 404
Marshall Islands	6	32	8	50	5 104	24 837
Netherlands	-	2	-	3	-	3 793
Norway	11	56	20	96	9 819	50 613
Wallis and Futuna	1	3	5	14	305	717
Panama	9	43	9	46	19 943	90 849
Portugal	-	5	-	10	-	708
St. Vincent & Northern Grenadines	1	2	2	7	57	104
United Kingdom	-	1	-	6	-	909

3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2025 AND 2026

	Cruises			Sojourns			Passengers on board		
	2025	2026	Indices 2026 2025	2025	2026	Indices 2026 2025	2025	2026	Indices 2026 2025
Total	505	545	107,9	1 207	1 282	106,2	691 834	773 586	111,8
I	10	5	50,0	46	17	37,0	4 052	2 000	49,4
II	3	10	333,3	19	42	221,1	142	3 489	1) ¹⁾
III	10	15	150,0	50	67	134,0	3 511	10 756	306,4
IV	45	35	77,8	79	80	101,3	67 842	47 460	70,0
V	83	98	118,1	162	199	122,8	131 954	157 775	119,6
VI	101	119	117,8	224	267	119,2	136 871	169 669	124,0
VII	125	131	104,8	295	285	96,6	171 846	196 389	114,3
VIII	128	132	103,1	332	325	97,9	175 616	186 048	105,9

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G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – AUGUST 2026



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, 124/25 – corr. and 69/26).

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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