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

### More foreign vessels on cruise in the Croatian Adriatic in 2022 compared to 2021, but still less than in 2019

In 2022, foreign vessels on cruise sailed the Croatian Adriatic during all months, which is a certain recovery compared to 2021, when the first foreign vessel on cruise arrived as late as June.

The number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise as well as the number of passengers on board these vessels was three times higher in 2022 than in 2021, when, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, stricter epidemiological measures were introduced that limited journeys of foreign vessels on cruise. The number of their sojourns was twice as high as in 2021.

Comparing the data of 2022 with those of 2019, the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on foreign vessels on cruise are noticeable. In 2022, the number of foreign vessels on cruise decreased by 12.9%, the number of their sojourns by 9.7% and the number of passengers on board these vessels by 43.5% compared to 2019.

### In 2022, a total of 82 foreign vessels on cruise arrived in the Croatian Adriatic

In the period from January to December 2022, a total of 82 foreign vessels on cruise arrived in Croatian seaports, which realised 632 journeys. There were 634 thousand passengers on board who stayed for 1 324 days in Croatia.

Foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 15 countries. The largest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of the Bahamas, as much as 163 journeys, which accounted for 25.8% of the total journeys realised in 2022. Those were followed by journeys realised under the flags of Malta (146 journeys), Italy (75 journeys) and Panama (65 journeys).

Out of a total of 632 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, most of them, as in previous years, were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (44.0%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (32.4%), which made up a total of 76.4%. The remaining 23.6% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (12.5%), Istria (4.7%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (3.5%) and Šibenik-Knin (2.9%).

### Dubrovnik, the most visited seaport

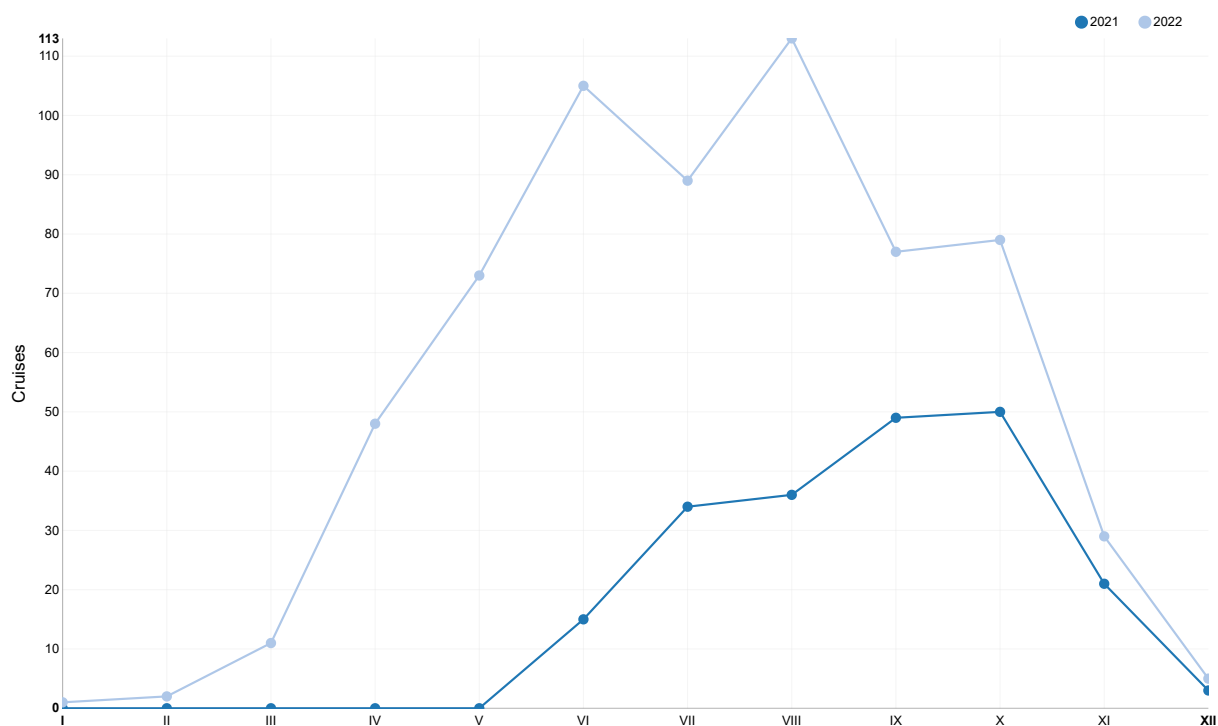
The majority of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (408 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (272 visits), Zadar (143 visits), Hvar (98 visits), Korčula (91 visits), Rovinj (63 visits) and Šibenik (60 visits).

### Notice

Detailed monthly 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 at the monthly basis.

## 1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – XII 2021	I – XII 2022
Foreign vessels on cruise	36	82
Cruises	208	632
Sojourns	568	1 324
Passengers on board	193 911	633 697

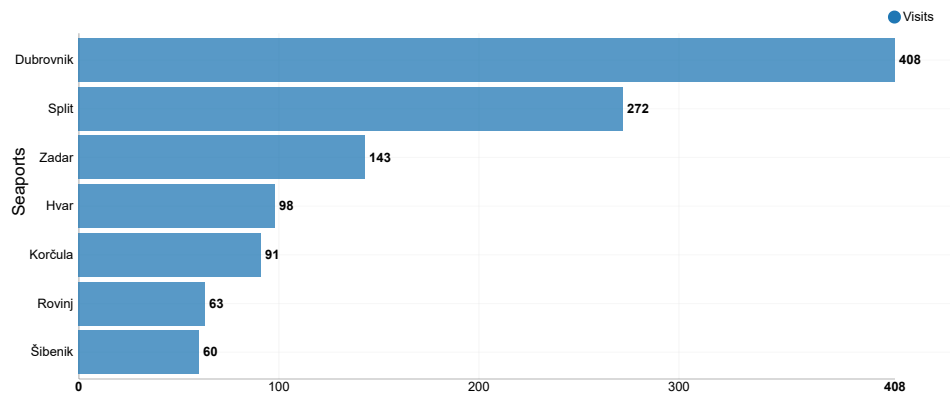
**G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2021 AND 2022**

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

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	XII	I – XII	XII	I – XII	XII	I – XII
Total	5	632	5	1 324	8 316	633 697
Bahamas	-	163	-	333	-	151 184
Belgium	-	16	-	69	-	2 309
Bermuda	-	19	-	37	-	42 417
France	-	22	-	67	-	3 409
Greece	-	6	-	30	-	166
Italy	5	75	5	78	8 316	115 778
Malta	-	146	-	435	-	131 791
Marshall Islands	-	30	-	36	-	16 662
Netherlands	-	17	-	22	-	18 769
Norway	-	43	-	74	-	33 214
Wallis and Futuna	-	23	-	63	-	3 953
Panama	-	65	-	69	-	110 651
Portugal	-	1	-	1	-	171
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	2	-	4	-	149
United Kingdom	-	4	-	6	-	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	726	26	208	632	1 466	124	568	1 324	1 120 727	4 138	193 911	633 697
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
IX	101	5	49	77	208	41	135	174	152 539	155	51 605	82 375
X	105	-	50	79	185	-	115	153	170 765	-	41 430	89 957
XI	38	-	21	29	91	-	57	65	53 269	-	14 884	29 448
XII	16	-	3	5	53	-	24	5	11 328	-	68	8 316

#### G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – DECEMBER 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 Vlrus Disease-19  
NN              Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

## Symbols

-                no occurrence

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