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

Increase in journeys of foreign vessels on cruise and passengers in Croatian seaports

In the first seven months of 2025, there were **72** foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which made a total of **377** journeys. There were **516 thousand** passengers on board those vessels, who stayed in the Republic of Croatia for a total of 875 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 10.8% and the number of their journeys by 5.6%, while the number of passengers on those vessels increased slightly, by 0.2%. At the same time, the number of sojourns of those vessels in the Croatian Adriatic coast increased by 9.2% compared to the same period of the previous year.

Foreign vessels on cruise under the flags of Malta, the Bahamas, Panama and Norway at the top in terms of the number of journeys

In the period from January to July 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 116 of them, which accounted for 30.8% of all journeys. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels on cruise realised under the flags of the Bahamas (77 journeys), Panama (51 journey) and Norway (36 journeys).

Out of a total of 377 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest share was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (46.9%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (21.0%), which made up a total of 67.9% of all journeys. The remaining 32.1% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (16.7%), Istria (6.6%), Šibenik-Knin (4.8%) and Primorje-Gorski Kotar (4.0%).

The seaport of Dubrovnik – traditionally the most visited seaport

The seaport of Dubrovnik has kept the status of the most visited Croatian port for foreign vessels on cruise, with a total of 278 visits in the first seven months of 2025. It was followed by the seaports of Split (152 visits), Zadar (110 visits), Korčula (59 visits), Hvar (55 visits), Rovinj (51 visit) and Šibenik (44 visits).

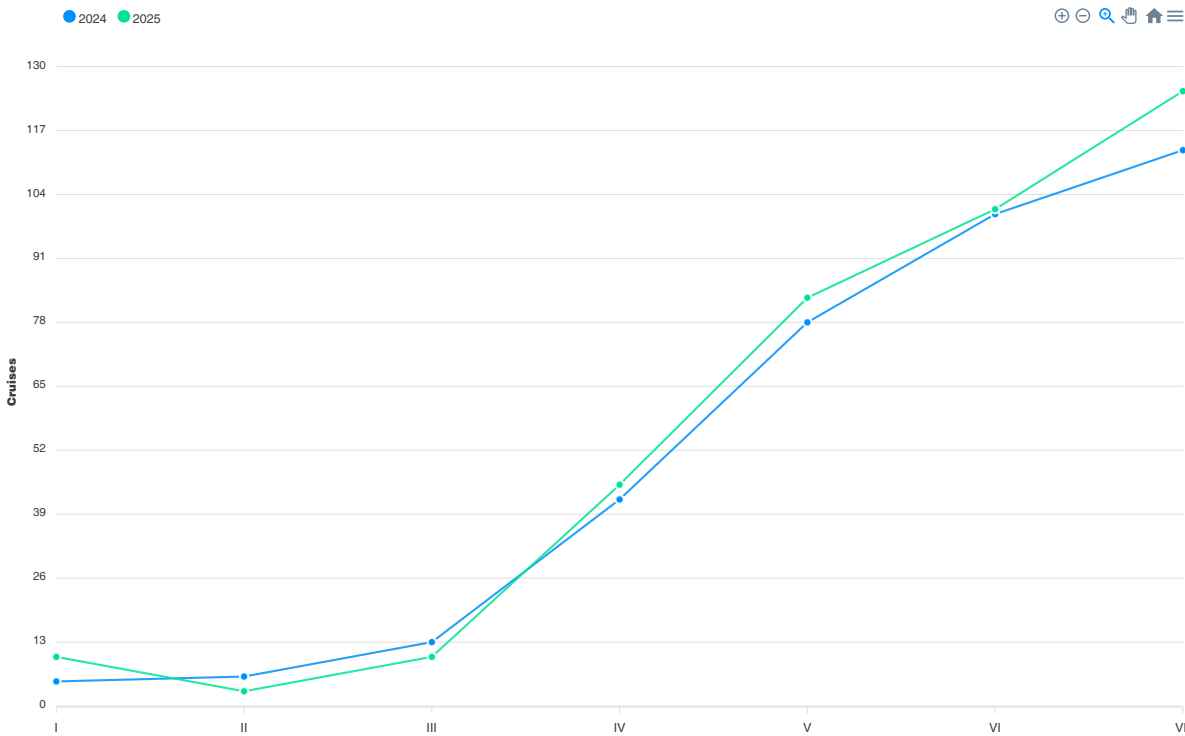
Notice

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. The databases are updated annually.

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – VII 2024	I – VII 2025	Indices I – VII 2025 I – VII 2024
Foreign vessels on cruise	65	72	110,8
Cruises	357	377	105,6
Sojourns	801	875	109,2
Passengers on board	515 021	516 218	100,2

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



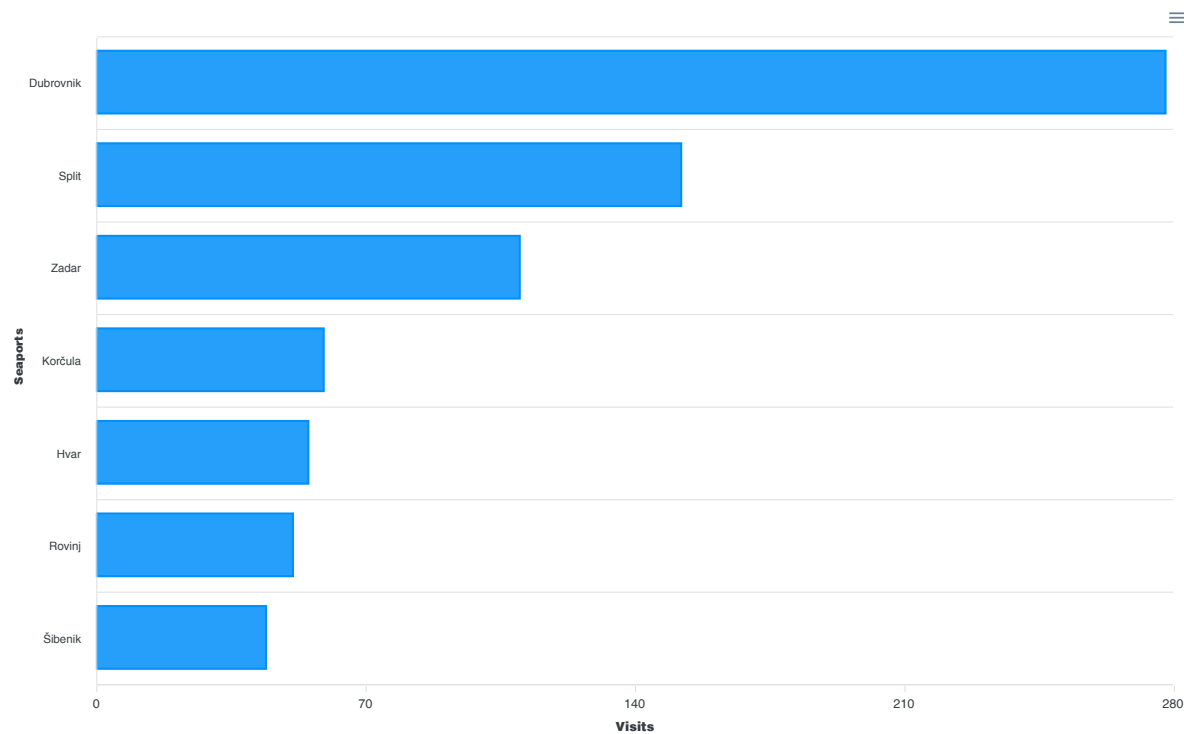
2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – JULY 2025

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VII	I – VII	VII	I – VII	VII	I – VII
Total	125	377	295	875	171 846	516 218
Bahamas	24	77	70	202	44 855	110 110
Belgium	5	6	29	35	795	987
Bermuda	6	19	9	32	12 808	38 860
France	8	16	26	44	1 071	2 480
Italy	6	25	7	33	15 946	62 901
Malta	46	116	110	356	54 105	120 411
Marshall Islands	7	11	9	15	5 726	8 544
Netherlands	-	4	-	4	-	8 011
Norway	7	36	13	60	6 457	32 508
Panama	13	51	13	52	29 989	114 060
Portugal	-	1	-	3	-	786
St. Kitts and Nevis	2	7	7	27	47	166
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	2	2	4	47	88
United Kingdom	-	6	-	8	-	16 306

3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2024 AND 2025

	Cruises			Sojourns			Passengers on board		
	2024	2025	Indices <u>2025</u> <u>2024</u>	2024	2025	Indices <u>2025</u> <u>2024</u>	2024	2025	Indices <u>2025</u> <u>2024</u>
Total	357	377	105,6	801	875	109,2	515 021	516 218	100,2
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
VII	113	125	110,6	277	295	106,5	164 455	171 846	104,5

G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – JULY 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, passenger 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, passenger and cargo movements.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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