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# FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – June 2023

### Fewer number of journeys, but higher number of passengers on foreign vessels on cruise in the first six months of 2023 compared to the same period of 2022

In the period from January to June 2023, there were 56 foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which realised 228 journeys. There were 283 thousand passengers on board who stayed for 536 days in Croatia.

In the period from January to June 2023, the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise decreased by 5.0% compared to the first six months of 2022. However, the number of passengers on these vessels increased by 49.9% due to the arrival of foreign vessels on cruise that had on average twice as many passengers on board than in the same period last year. The total number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia increased by 15.0%.

Foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 13 countries in the first six months of 2023. The largest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of the Bahamas, as much as 63 journeys, which accounted for 27.6% of the total journeys realised in the first six months of 2023. Those were followed by journeys realised under the flags of Malta (57 journeys), Panama (29 journeys) and Norway (21 journeys).

Out of a total of 228 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (52.2%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (24.1%), which made up a total of 76.3%. The remaining 23.7% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (10.5%), Šibenik-Knin (6.1%), Istria (4.0%) and Primorje-Gorski kotar (3.1%).

### Dubrovnik was the most visited port

The majority of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (171 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (104 visits), Zadar (53 visits), Hvar (42 visits), Šibenik (41 visits), Korčula (40 visits) and Rovinj (28 visits).

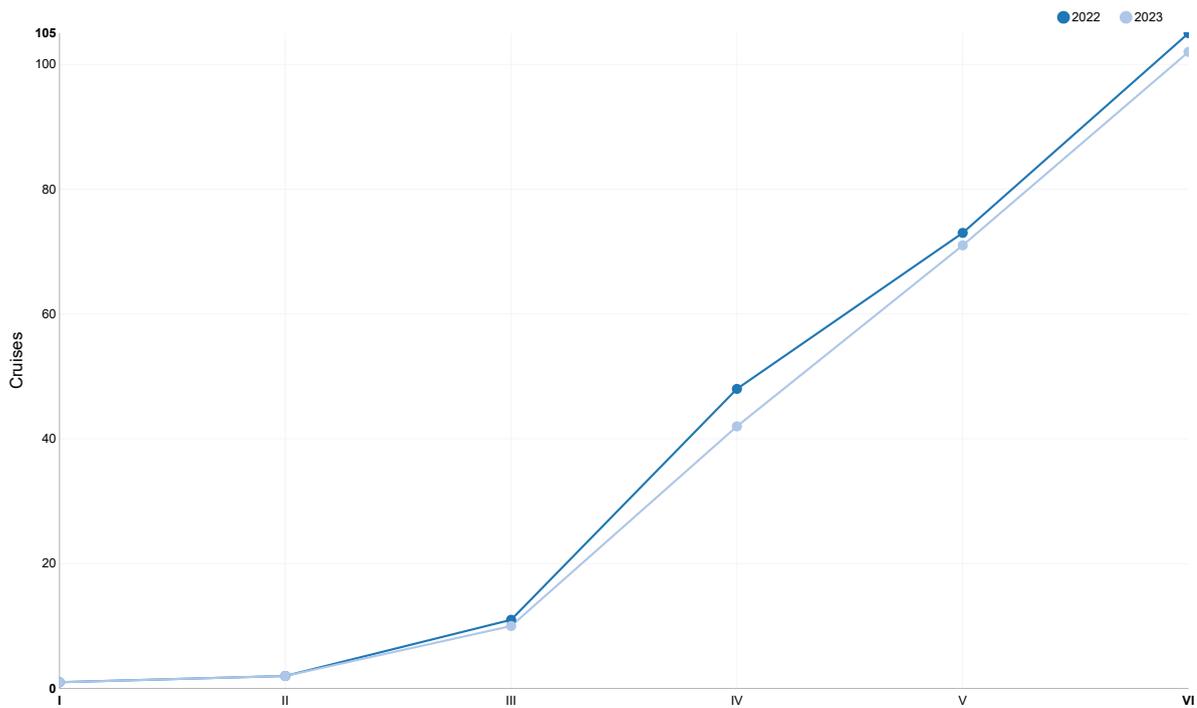
### Notice

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 – VI 2022	I – VI 2023
Foreign vessels on cruise	58	56
Cruises	240	228
Sojourns	466	536
Passengers on board	188 699	282 836

G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2022 AND 2023



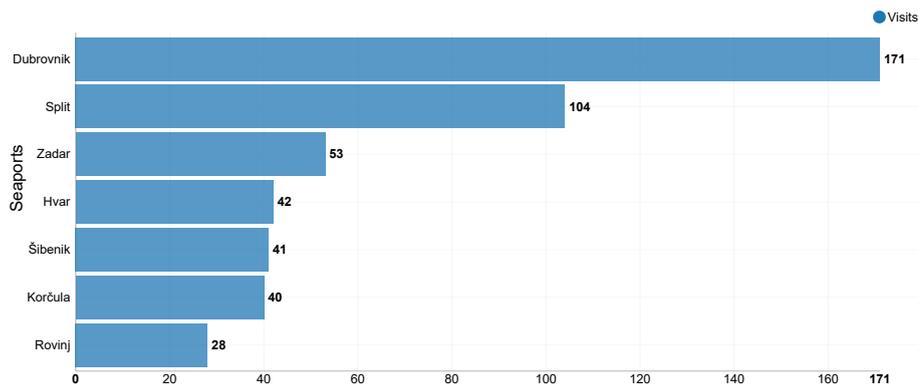
2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – JUNE 2023

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VI	I – VI	VI	I – VI	VI	I – VI
Total	102	228	237	536	120 281	282 836
Bahamas	31	63	82	157	39 922	81 560
Belgium	4	11	29	65	610	1 687
Bermuda	2	9	5	15	5 861	23 486
France	8	8	17	17	1 519	1 519
Greece	2	2	2	2	24	24
Italy	4	11	4	11	8 388	21 509
Malta	27	57	59	169	34 453	62 780
Marshall Islands	2	6	2	8	1 285	6 077
Netherlands	2	2	3	3	3 958	3 958
Norway	4	21	8	37	3 645	18 615
Wallis and Futuna	7	7	17	17	1 107	1 107
Panama	9	29	9	31	19 509	58 979
United Kingdom	-	2	-	4	-	1 535

### 3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2022 AND 2023

	Cruises			Sojourns			Passengers on board		
	2022	2023	Indices 2023 2022	2022	2023	Indices 2023 2022	2022	2023	Indices 2023 2022
Total	240	228	95,0	466	536	115,0	188 699	282 836	149,9
I	1	1	100,0	1	1	100,0	485	944	194,6
II	2	2	100,0	3	21	700,0	1 257	94	7,5
III	11	10	90,9	25	50	200,0	4 098	3 606	88,0
IV	48	42	87,5	98	85	86,7	34 603	54 909	158,7
V	73	71	97,3	151	142	94,0	56 389	103 002	182,7
VI	105	102	97,1	188	237	126,1	91 867	120 281	130,9

#### G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY - JUNE 2023



## 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

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

#### Symbols

- no occurrence

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