



## FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – December 2025

### **Increase in the number of foreign vessels on cruise and passengers on board in the Croatian Adriatic in 2025 compared to 2024**

In 2025, the number of foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in the territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia increased compared to 2024, by 10.5%. Those vessels realised a 3.0% increase in journeys, with 1.2% more passengers on board in 2025 compared to 2024. Foreign vessels on cruise spent more time in Croatia in 2025 than in 2024, with a 2.8% increase in the total duration of their stay.

### **A total of 95 foreign vessels on cruise arrived in Croatian seaports in 2025**

In 2025, there were **95** foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, realising **758** journeys. There were **1.1 million** passengers on board those vessels. Foreign vessels on cruise stayed in the Croatian Adriatic for a total of **1 737** days.

In 2025, foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 16 countries, with the highest number of journeys realised under the flag of Malta, as many as 233, which accounted for 30.7% of the total journeys realised in 2025. These were followed by journeys of foreign vessels on cruise realised under the flags of the Bahamas (157 journeys), Panama (99 journeys) and Norway (78 journeys).

### **Most cruises in 2025 realised in August, July and September**

Out of a total of 758 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise realised in 2025, the highest number was realised in August (128 journeys), July (125 journeys) and September (111 journeys). Those three months together accounted for 48.0% of the total realised journeys, whereas the remaining 52.0% of journeys were realised in the remaining months of 2025. Both July and August of 2025 recorded an increase in the number of cruise journeys as compared to the same months of 2024, whereas September of 2025 recorded fewer journeys than September 2024. All three of the above months of 2025 recorded an increase in the number of passengers as compared to the same months of 2024.

Out of a total of 758 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (46.6%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (21.4%), which made up a total of 68.0% of journeys. The remaining 32.0% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (17.0%), Istria (5.9%), Šibenik-Knin (5.3%) and Primorje-Gorski Kotar (3.8%).

### Dubrovnik seaport is still the most visited port

The highest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (557 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (315 visits), Zadar (222 visits), Korčula (125 visits), Hvar (109 visits), Rovinj (100 visits) and Šibenik (93 visits).

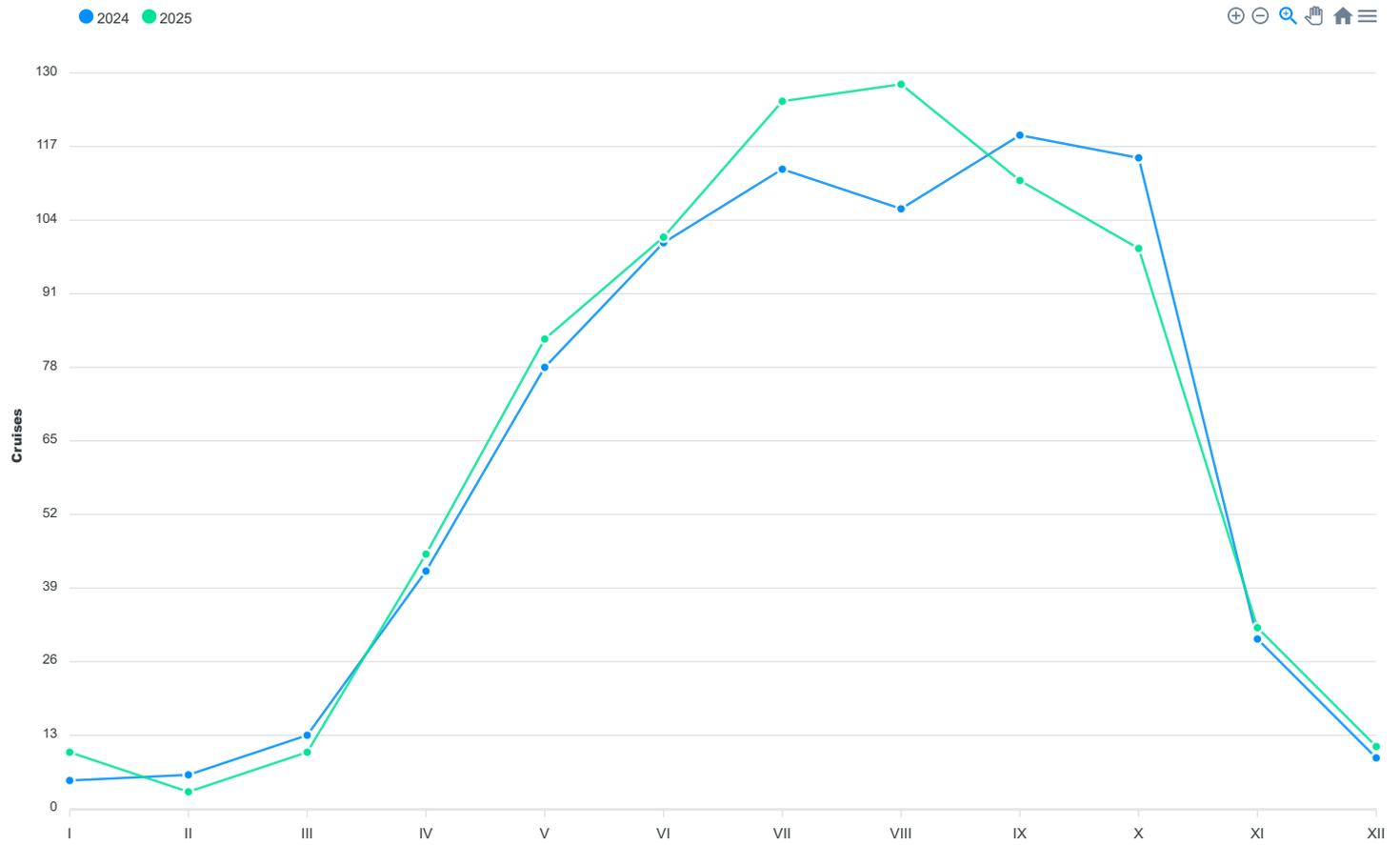
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Detailed data are available on the website of the [Croatian Bureau of Statistics](#), under "PC-Axis databases", where it is possible to browse and print data in various forms. The databases are updated annually.

### 1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – XII 2024	I – XII 2025	Indices <u>I – XII 2025</u> I – XII 2024
Foreign vessels on cruise	86	95	110,5
Cruises	736	758	103,0
Sojourns	1 690	1 737	102,8
Passengers on board	1 048 916	1 061 696	101,2

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



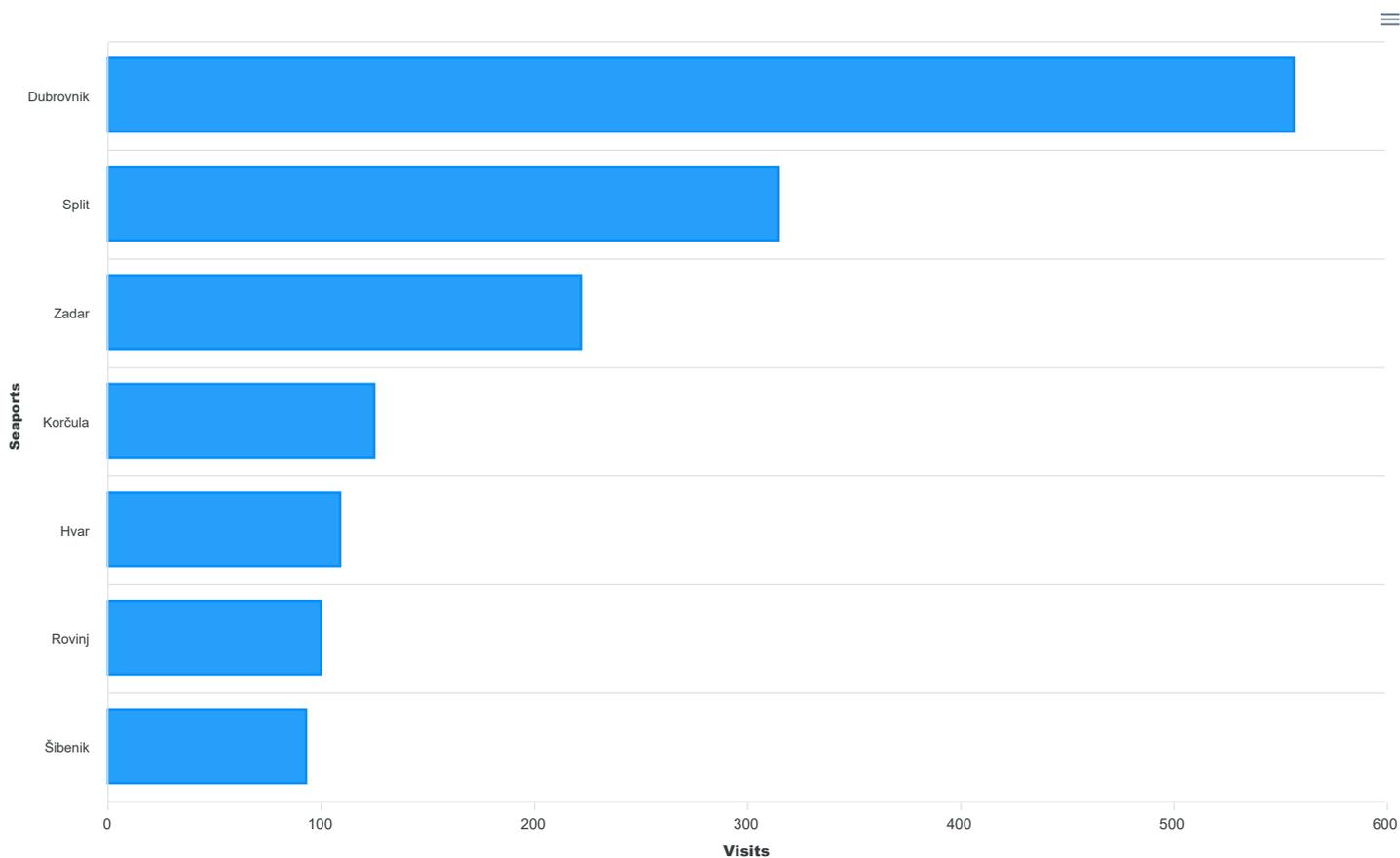
## 2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – DECEMBER 2025

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	XII	I – XII	XII	I – XII	XII	I – XII
Total	11	758	53	1 737	4 400	1 061 696
Bahamas	1	157	1	386	304	238 401
Belgium	-	16	-	89	-	2 661
Bermuda	-	31	-	52	-	60 609
France	-	36	-	126	-	5 613
Italy	-	51	-	70	-	129 176
Liberia	-	1	-	3	-	154
Malta	6	233	46	657	279	277 489
Marshall Islands	-	19	-	28	-	15 342
Netherlands	-	12	-	16	-	25 176
Norway	3	78	4	128	2 791	71 168
Wallis and Futuna	-	2	-	7	-	249
Panama	1	99	2	103	1 026	217 644
Portugal	-	4	-	12	-	1 291
St. Kitts and Nevis	-	8	-	36	-	182
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	5	-	16	-	235
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 2025 2024	2024	2025	Indices 2025 2024	2024	2025	Indices 2025 2024
Total	736	758	103,0	1 690	1 737	102,8	1 048 916	1 061 696	101,2
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
VIII	106	128	120,8	249	332	133,3	157 365	175 616	111,6
IX	119	111	93,3	297	239	80,5	151 863	166 232	109,5
X	115	99	86,1	215	178	82,8	182 313	150 491	82,5
XI	30	32	106,7	80	60	75,0	36 169	48 739	134,8
XII	9	11	122,2	48	53	110,4	6 185	4 400	71,1

## G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – DECEMBER 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, 155/23 and 124/25 – corr.).

### 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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