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

Fewer number of journeys, but higher number of passengers on foreign vessels on cruise with longer stays in the Croatian Adriatic

In the period from January to August 2023, there were 69 foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which realised 421 journeys. There were 563 thousand passengers on board, who stayed for 970 days in the Republic of Croatia.

In the period from January to August 2023, the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise decreased by 4.7% compared to the first eight months of 2022. However, the number of passengers on these vessels increased by 33.0%. The total number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia increased by 4.6%.

Foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 14 countries in the first eight months of 2023. The largest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of the Bahamas and Malta, as many as 121 journeys each, which accounted for 57.5% of the total journeys realised in the first eight months of 2023. These were followed by journeys realised under the flags of Panama (48 journeys) and Norway (30 journeys).

Out of a total of 421 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (48.0%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (25.4%), which made up a total of 73.4%. The remaining 26.6% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (13.8%), Šibenik-Knin (5.2%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (4.0%) and Istria (3.6%).

Dubrovnik was the most visited port

The greatest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (313 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (187 visits), Zadar (107 visits), Hvar (84 visits), Korčula (71 visits), Šibenik (61 visits), and Rovinj (45 visits).

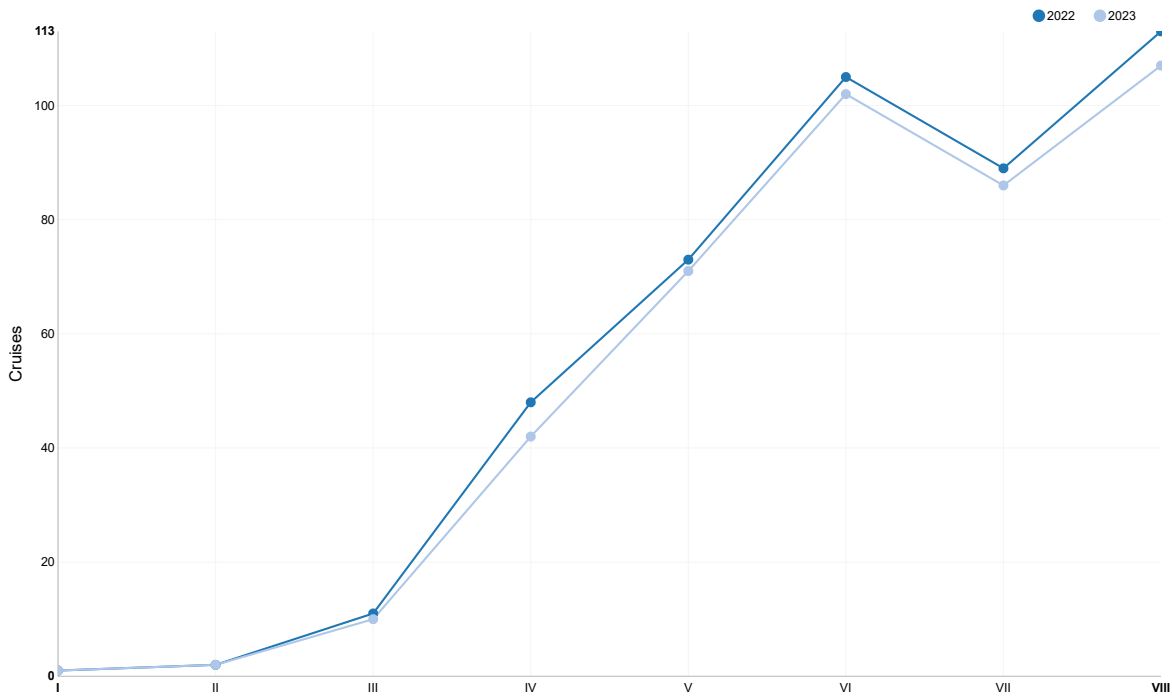
Notice

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 on a monthly basis.

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – VIII 2022	I – VIII 2023	Indices I – VIII 2023 I – VIII 2022
Foreign vessels on cruise	71	69	97,2
Cruises	442	421	95,3
Sojourns	927	970	104,6
Passengers on board	423 601	563 374	133,0

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



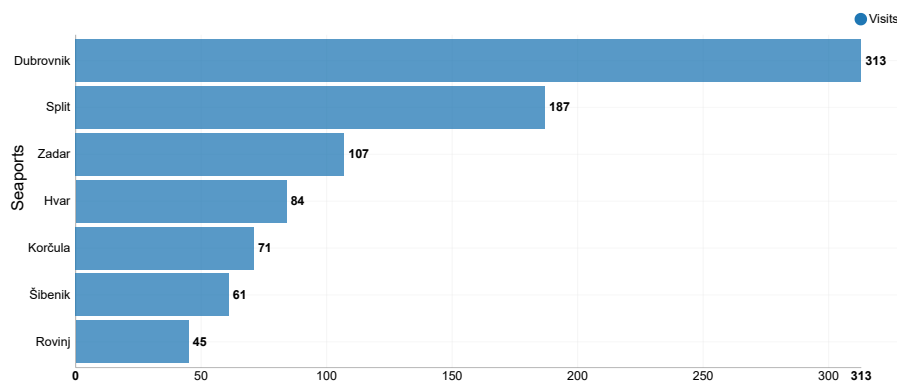
2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – AUGUST 2023

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	VIII	I – VIII	VIII	I – VIII	VIII	I – VIII
Total	107	421	237	970	151 975	563 374
Bahamas	31	121	66	287	48 126	174 227
Belgium	5	20	23	112	722	2 933
Bermuda	2	12	5	22	6 023	32 618
France	7	16	16	39	1 527	3 140
Greece	-	2	-	2	-	24
Italy	5	20	5	20	12 633	43 854
Malta	35	121	80	322	50 083	150 787
Marshall Islands	2	12	3	16	1 331	10 932
Netherlands	2	6	3	8	4 203	12 129
Norway	4	30	8	53	3 687	26 881
Wallis and Futuna	2	9	7	24	308	1 415
Panama	10	48	10	50	23 131	102 698
Portugal	2	2	11	11	201	201
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	442	421	95,2	927	970	104,6	423 601	563 374	133,0
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
VII	89	86	96,6	192	197	102,6	105 264	128 563	122,1
VIII	113	107	94,7	269	237	88,1	129 638	151 975	117,2

G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – AUGUST 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 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 is verified by 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 these 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.

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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