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

### The number of passengers on foreign vessels on cruise continues to grow

In the period from January to September 2023, 72 foreign vessels on cruise arrived at Croatian seaports and made 509 journeys. There were 685 thousand passengers on board who stayed in the Republic of Croatia for 1 159 days.

In the period from January to September 2023, the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise decreased by 1.9% compared to the first nine months of 2022. However, the number of passengers on these vessels increased by 35.4%. The number of sojourns of the vessels in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia increased by 5.3%.

In the first nine months of 2023, foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 14 countries. The largest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of Malta, as many as 151 journeys, which accounted for 29.7% of the total journeys made in the first nine months of 2023. These were followed by journeys made under the flags of the Bahamas (141 journeys), Panama (57 journeys) and Norway (35 journeys).

Out of a total of 509 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (48.9%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (25.9%), which made up a total of 74.8% of journeys. The remaining 25.2% of journeys were made in the following counties: Zadar (12.4%), Šibenik-Knin (4.7%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (4.3%) and Istria (3.8%).

### Dubrovnik, traditionally the most visited port

The greatest number of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (380 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (229 visits), Zadar (123 visits), Hvar (102 visits), Korčula (87 visits), Šibenik (74 visits), and Rovinj (53 visits).

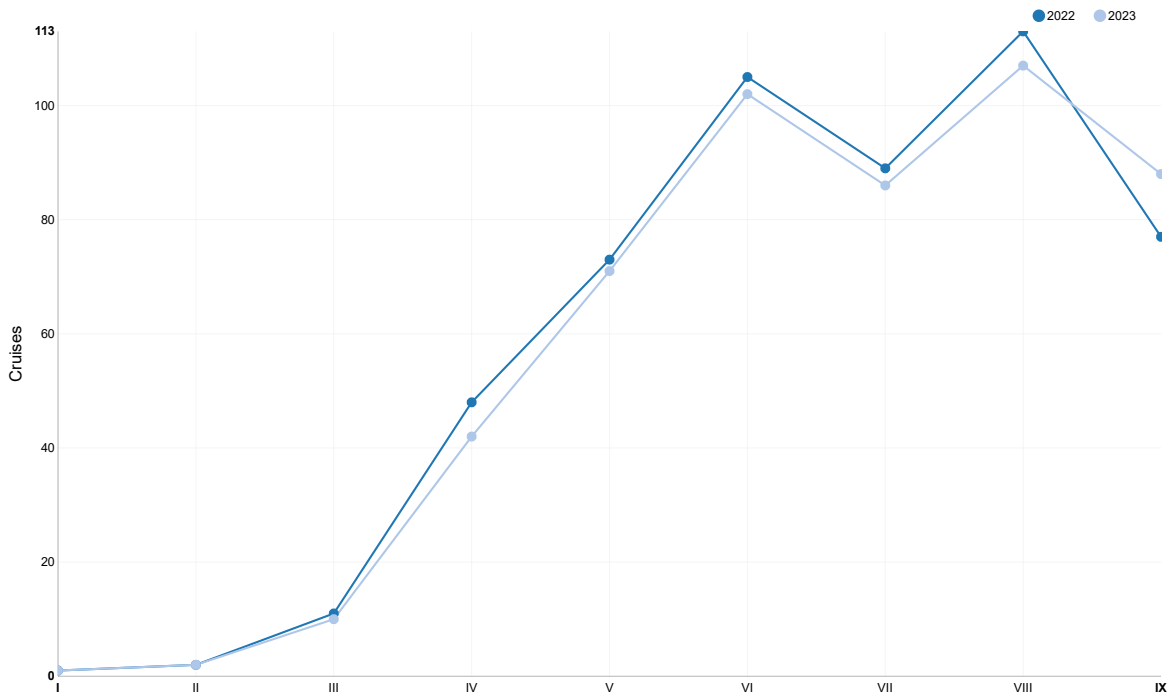
### Notice

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 annually.

## 1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – IX 2022	I – IX 2023	Indices $\frac{I - IX 2023}{I - IX 2022}$
Foreign vessels on cruise	76	72	94,7
Cruises	519	509	98,1
Sojourns	1 101	1 159	105,3
Passengers on board	505 976	685 227	135,4

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



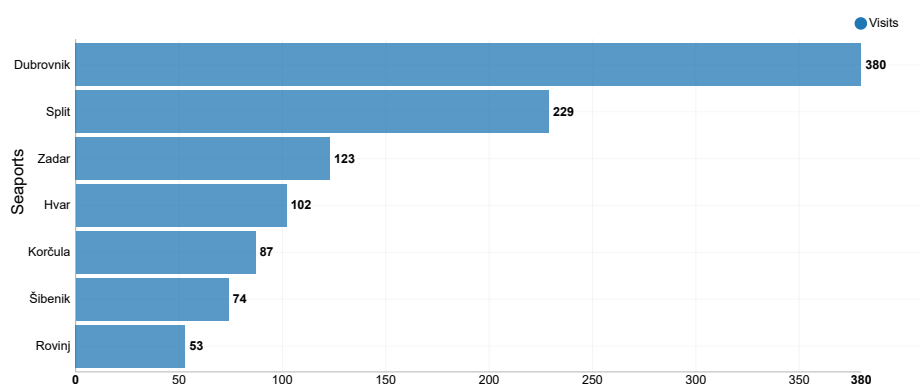
2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2023

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	IX	I – IX	IX	I – IX	IX	I – IX
Total	88	509	189	1 159	121 853	685 227
Bahamas	20	141	44	331	36 630	210 857
Belgium	4	24	28	140	648	3 581
Bermuda	1	13	3	25	2 970	35 588
France	3	19	6	45	482	3 622
Greece	-	2	-	2	-	24
Italy	4	24	5	25	8 998	52 852
Malta	30	151	60	382	40 277	191 064
Marshall Islands	3	15	4	20	1 930	12 862
Netherlands	3	9	5	13	5 658	17 787
Norway	5	35	9	62	4 580	31 461
Wallis and Futuna	6	15	16	40	978	2 393
Panama	9	57	9	59	18 702	121 400
Portugal	-	2	-	11	-	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	519	509	98,1	1 101	1 159	105,3	505 976	685 227	135,4
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
IX	77	88	114,3	174	189	108,6	82 375	121 853	147,9

#### G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 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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