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FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA January – September 2022

There were 76 foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in the first nine months of 2022

In the period from January to September 2022, there were 76 foreign vessels on cruise that arrived in Croatian seaports, which realised 519 journeys. There were 506 thousand passengers on board who stayed for 1 101 days in Croatia.

The number of foreign vessels on cruise increased by 385 journeys and the total number of sojourns by 729 days in the first nine months of 2022, as compared to the same period of 2021. The number of passengers on vessels on cruise in the first nine months of 2022 increased by 368 thousand passengers compared to the first nine months of 2021, when, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, stricter epidemiological measures were introduced that limited journeys of foreign vessels on cruise.

In the first nine months of 2022, compared to the first nine months of 2019, the number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise decreased by 8.5%, the number of their sojourns by 3.2% and the number of passengers on board these vessels by 42.9%.

Foreign vessels on cruise sailed under the flags of 13 countries in the first nine months of 2022. The largest number of journeys of foreign vessels on cruise was realised under the flag of the Bahamas, as much as 133 journeys, which accounted for 25.6% of the total journeys realised in the first nine months of 2022. Those were followed by journeys realised under the flags of Malta (120 journeys), Italy (58 journeys) and Panama (53 journeys).

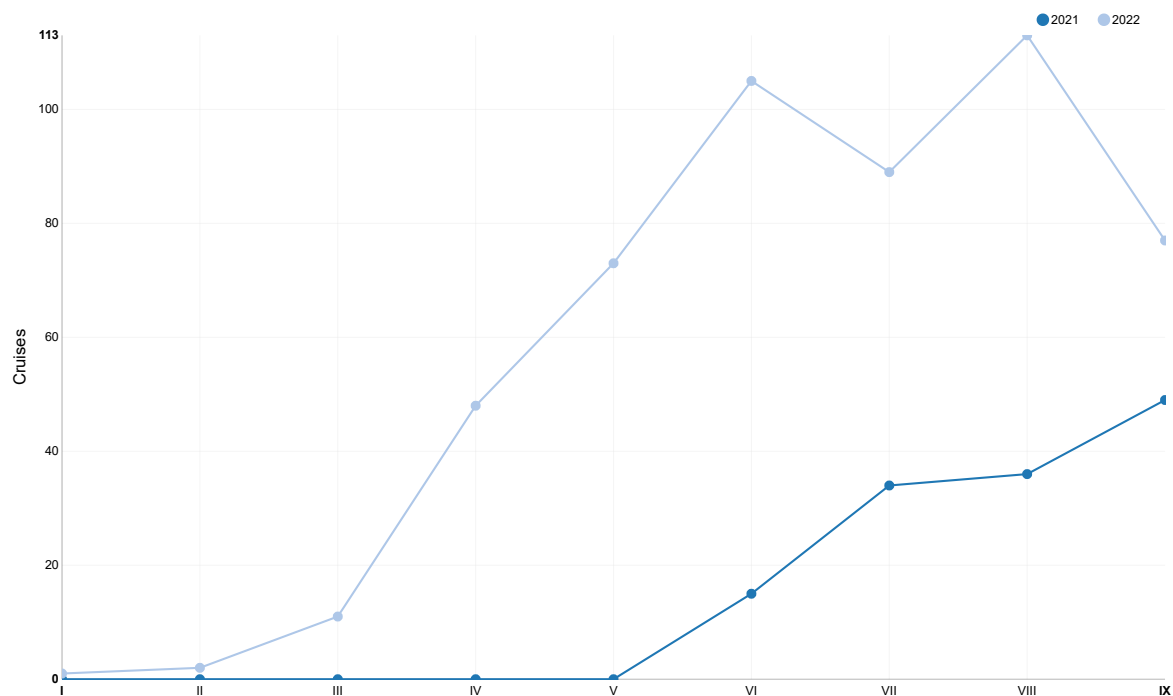
Out of a total of 519 journeys of foreign vessels on cruise, most of them were realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (44.9%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (31.2%), which made up a total of 76.1%. The remaining 23.9% of journeys were realised in the following counties: Zadar (13.3%), Istria (4.4%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (3.5%) and Šibenik-Knin (2.7%).

Dubrovnik was the most visited port

The majority of visits of foreign vessels on cruise was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (342 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (211 visits), Zadar (117 visits), Hvar (88 visits), Korčula (79 visits), Rovinj (56 visits) and Šibenik (51 visits).

1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE

	I – IX 2021	I – IX 2022
Foreign vessels on cruise	24	76
Cruises	134	519
Sojourns	372	1 101
Passengers on board	137 529	505 976

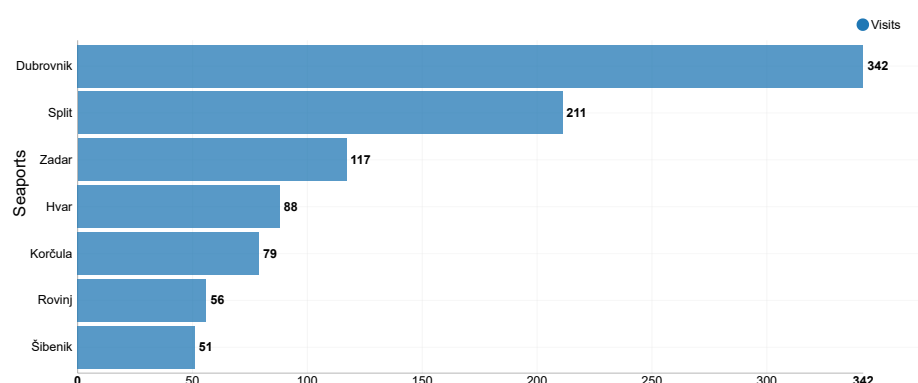
G-1 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY MONTHS, 2021 AND 2022

2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2022

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	IX	I – IX	IX	I – IX	IX	I – IX
Total	77	519	174	1 101	82 375	505 976
Bahamas	14	133	35	284	16 243	117 808
Belgium	4	12	17	52	600	1 607
Bermuda	3	16	8	33	5 824	34 626
France	1	22	1	67	154	3 409
Greece	1	6	1	30	24	166
Italy	6	58	6	60	11 094	87 429
Malta	23	120	67	345	20 437	110 624
Marshall Islands	2	24	2	29	1 125	12 488
Netherlands	4	14	6	19	4 841	15 937
Norway	3	34	5	59	2 606	25 868
Wallis and Futuna	7	23	16	63	1 053	3 953
Panama	9	53	10	54	18 374	88 987
United Kingdom	-	4	-	6	-	3 074

3 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY MONTHS, 2019, 2020, 2021 AND 2022

	Cruises				Sojourns				Passengers on board			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	567	26	134	519	1 137	124	372	1 101	885 365	4 138	137 529	505 976
I	5	5	-	1	12	12	-	1	2 702	2 809	-	485
II	11	7	-	2	49	29	-	3	1 243	745	-	1 257
III	18	3	-	11	71	6	-	25	19 518	183	-	4 098
IV	49	-	-	48	97	-	-	98	82 924	-	-	34 603
V	88	-	-	73	157	-	-	151	141 183	-	-	56 389
VI	101	-	15	105	168	-	43	188	161 668	-	8 203	91 867
VII	96	1	34	89	195	6	92	192	155 844	25	26 938	105 264
VIII	98	5	36	113	180	30	102	269	167 744	221	50 783	129 638
IX	101	5	49	77	208	41	135	174	152 539	155	51 605	82 375

G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2022



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

COVID-19	CORona Virus Disease-19
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

-	no occurrence
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