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

Increase in the number of journeys of foreign cruise vessels in the Croatian Adriatic

In the period from January to October 2023, 82 foreign cruise vessels arrived at Croatian seaports and made 604 journeys. There were 822 thousand passengers on board who stayed in the Republic of Croatia for 1 349 days.

In the period from January to October 2023, the number of journeys of foreign cruise vessels increased by 1.0% compared to the first ten months of 2022. However, the number of passengers on these vessels increased by 38.0%. The number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia increased by 7.6%.

In the first ten months of 2023, foreign cruise vessels sailed under the flags of 14 countries. The largest number of journeys of foreign cruise vessels was realised under the flag of Malta, as many as 176 journeys, which accounted for 29.1% of the total journeys made in the first ten months of 2023. These were followed by journeys made under the flags of the Bahamas (161 journeys), Panama (63 journeys) and Norway (53 journeys).

Out of a total of 604 journeys of foreign cruise vessels, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (47.5%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (27.2%), which made up a total of 74.7% of journeys. The remaining 25.3% of journeys were made in the following counties: Zadar (12.6%), Šibenik-Knin (4.8%), Primorje-Gorski kotar (4.1%) and Istria (3.8%).

Dubrovnik, traditionally the most visited port

The greatest number of visits of foreign cruise vessels was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (445 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (278 visits), Zadar (152 visits), Hvar (105 visits), Korčula (93 visits), Šibenik (83 visits), and Rovinj (57 visits).

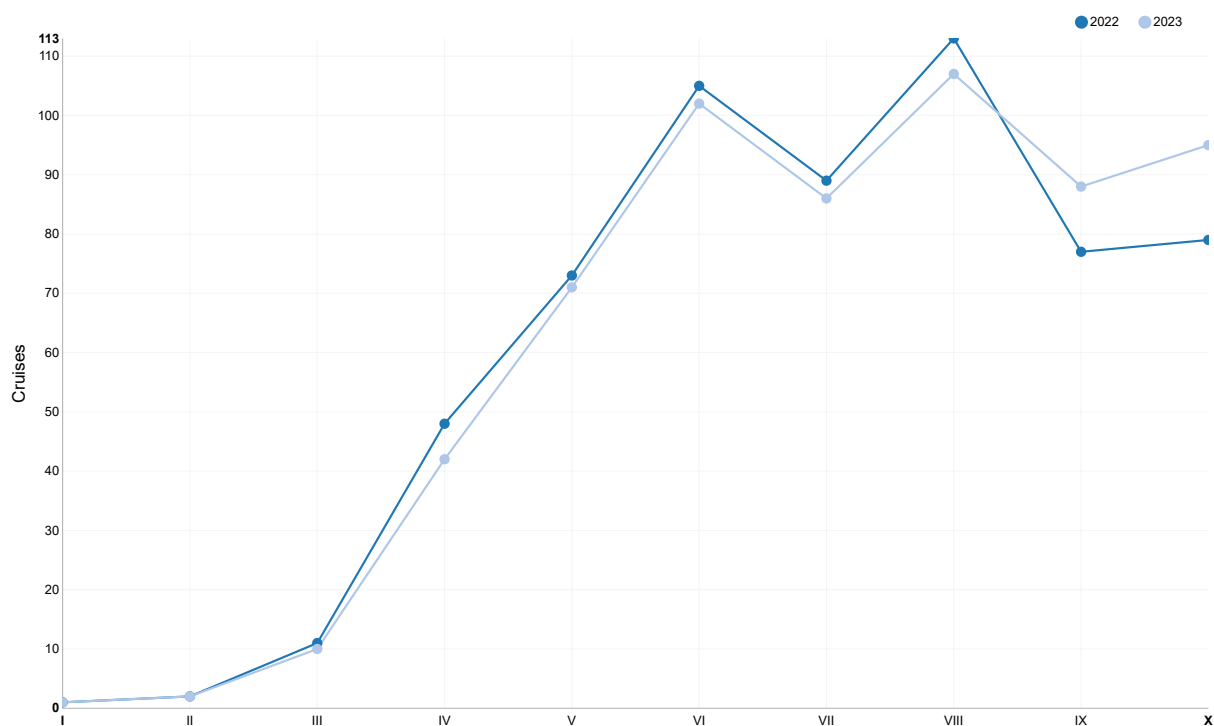
Notice

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 – X 2022	I – X 2023	Indices I – X 2023 I – X 2022
Foreign vessels on cruise	80	82	102,5
Cruises	598	604	101,0
Sojourns	1 254	1 349	107,6
Passengers on board	595 933	822 240	138,0

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



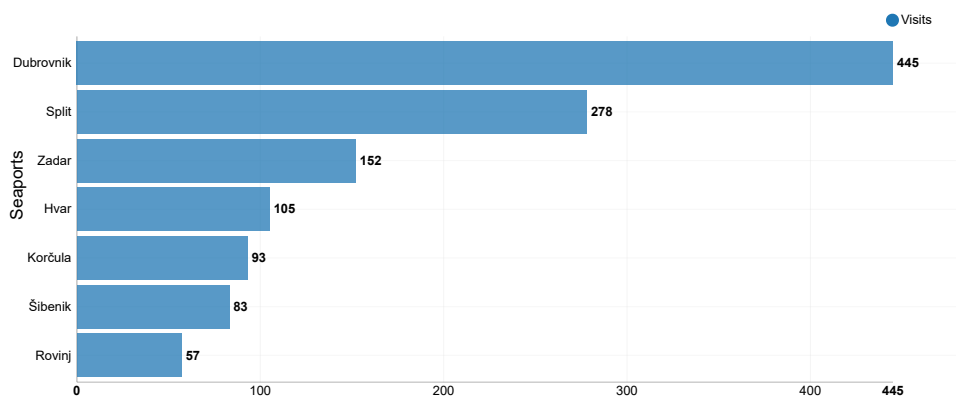
2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY - OCTOBER 2023

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	X	I - X	X	I - X	X	I - X
Total	95	604	190	1 349	137 013	822 240
Bahamas	20	161	53	384	30 181	241 038
Belgium	1	25	3	143	161	3 742
Bermuda	2	15	3	28	5 910	41 498
France	-	19	-	45	-	3 622
Greece	-	2	-	2	-	24
Italy	11	35	11	36	25 612	78 464
Malta	25	176	64	446	33 700	224 764
Marshall Islands	9	24	12	32	8 274	21 136
Netherlands	1	10	1	14	2 485	20 272
Norway	18	53	34	96	16 141	47 602
Wallis and Futuna	-	15	-	40	-	2 393
Panama	6	63	6	65	12 652	134 052
Portugal	-	2	-	11	-	201
United Kingdom	2	4	3	7	1 897	3 432

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	598	604	101,0	1 254	1 349	107,6	595 933	822 240	138,0
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
IX	77	88	114,3	174	189	108,6	82 375	121 853	147,9
X	79	95	120,3	153	190	124,2	89 957	137 013	152,3

G-2 THE MOST VISITED SEAPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, JANUARY – OCTOBER 2023



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, 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 journey that enters the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

In the 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 the Graph G-2, the data on 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 and cargo movements.

Definitions

Cruise vessel means a passenger ship intended to provide passengers with 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 foreign cruise vessel stops at seaports that are interesting tourist destinations.

Journey is an entry of a foreign cruise vessel at the first seaport of the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

Visit is an entry of a foreign cruise vessel at 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 and cargo movements.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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