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

Arrival of 85 foreign cruise vessels in the first eleven months of 2023

In the period from January to November 2023, 85 foreign cruise vessels arrived at Croatian seaports and made 635 journeys. There were 860 thousand passengers on board who stayed in the Republic of Croatia for 1 434 days.

In the period from January to November 2023, the number of journeys of foreign cruise vessels increased by 1.3% compared to the first eleven months of 2022. However, the number of passengers on these vessels increased by 37.5%. The number of sojourns of these vessels in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia increased by 8.7%.

Vessels under the flag of Malta realised the largest number of journeys

In the first eleven 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 184 journeys, which accounted for 29.0% of the total journeys made in the first eleven months of 2023. These were followed by journeys made under the flags of the Bahamas (167 journeys), Panama (68 journeys) and Norway (53 journeys).

Out of a total of 635 journeys of foreign cruise vessels, the highest number was realised in the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (48.2%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (27.1%), which made up a total of 75.3% of journeys. The remaining 24.7% of journeys were made in the following counties: Zadar (12.0%), Šibenik-Knin (4.5%), Primorje-Gorski kotar and Istria (4.1% in each).

Dubrovnik – traditionally the most visited port

The greatest number of visits of foreign cruise vessels was realised in the seaport of Dubrovnik (467 visits), followed by the seaports of Split (295 visits), Zadar (156 visits), Hvar (107 visits), Korčula (98 visits), Šibenik (86 visits), and Rovinj (60 visits).

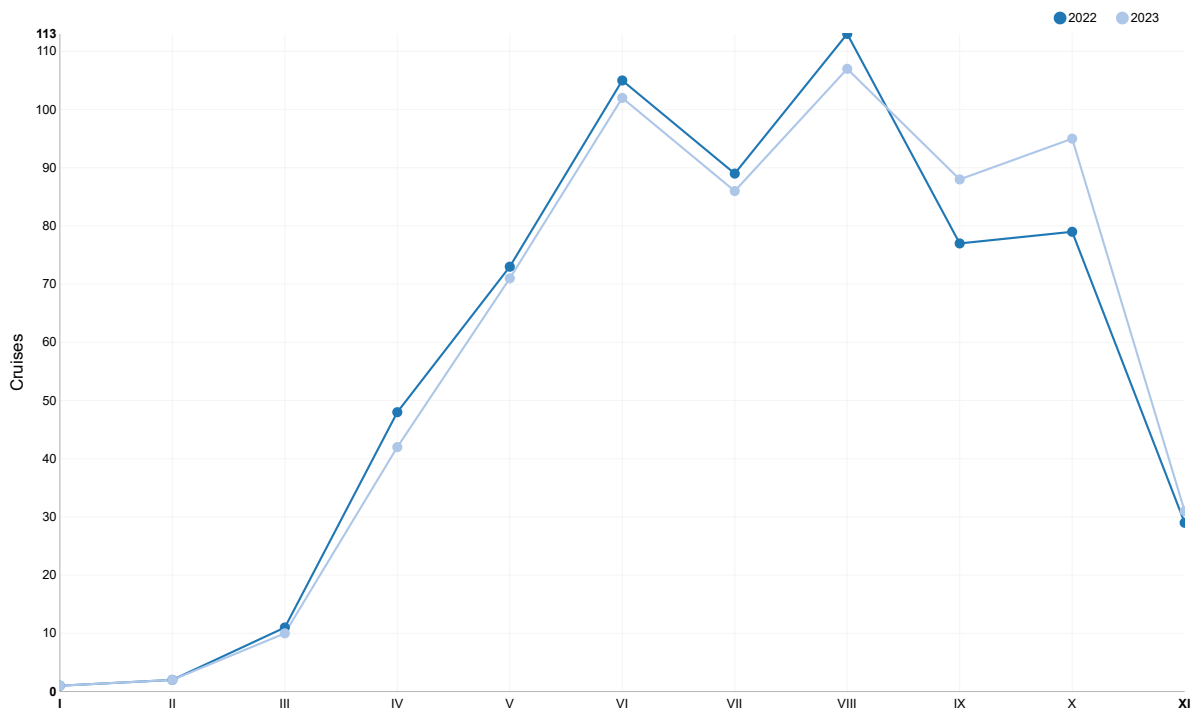
Notice

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 – XI 2022	I – XI 2023	Indices $\frac{I - XI 2023}{I - XI 2022}$
Foreign vessels on cruise	82	85	103,7
Cruises	627	635	101,3
Sojourns	1 319	1 434	108,7
Passengers on board	625 381	860 181	137,5

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



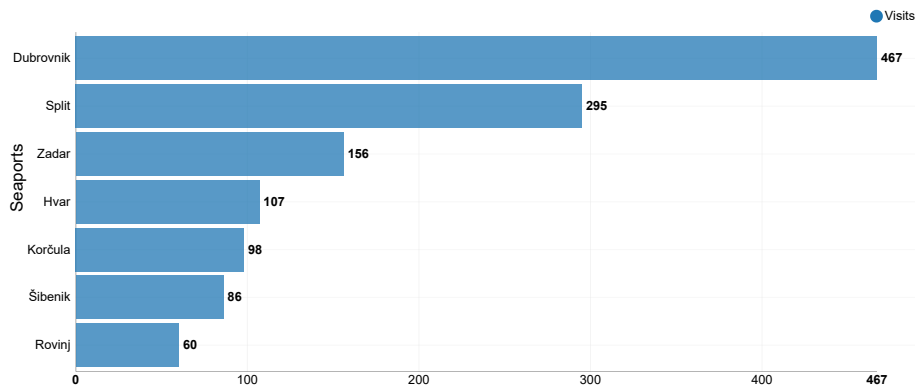
2 FOREIGN VESSELS ON CRUISE, SOJOURNS AND PASSENGERS, BY FLAG OF VESSEL, JANUARY – NOVEMBER 2023

Flag of vessel	Cruises		Sojourns		Passengers on board	
	XI	I – XI	XI	I – XI	XI	I – XI
Total	31	635	85	1 434	37 941	860 181
Bahamas	6	167	8	392	6 594	247 632
Belgium	-	25	-	143	-	3 742
Bermuda	1	16	2	30	288	41 786
France	-	19	-	45	-	3 622
Greece	-	2	-	2	-	24
Italy	7	42	7	43	15 986	94 450
Malta	8	184	57	503	2 402	227 166
Marshall Islands	3	27	3	35	1 818	22 954
Netherlands	1	11	1	15	2 496	22 768
Norway	-	53	-	96	-	47 602
Wallis and Futuna	-	15	-	40	-	2 393
Panama	5	68	7	72	8 357	142 409
Portugal	-	2	-	11	-	201
United Kingdom	-	4	-	7	-	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	627	635	101,3	1 319	1 434	108,7	625 381	860 181	137,5
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
XI	29	31	106,9	65	85	130,8	29 448	37 941	128,8

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