

Mexico increases cruise arrival by 10.5%

In 2019, Mexican ports received 2,951 cruise ship arrivals, compared to 2,671 registered during 2018, representing a growth of 10.5%, according to figures from the Ministry of Communications and Transport (SCT).

According to the unit, these ships brought with them 8,926,617 passengers, which translates into an increase of 13.5% compared to the previous year, when they totaled 7,865,550.

The most dynamic ports in this activity were those of the Gulf of Mexico-Caribbean with the arrival of 2,001 cruises, which represents an increase of 9.8% compared to the 1,822 reached in 2018. Regarding passengers, the SCT specified that 6,647,307 passengers were counted on the coast, an increase of 11.3% compared to 5,970,918 passengers in the previous year

Cozumel stands out as destination 1.366 arrivals (+5.2%) as leader in all the country, with 4.569.853 passengers attended (+6.3%); followed by Majahual with 481 berths (+27.6%) and 1.604.435 cruisers (+30.7%). Progreso received 146 ships, one less than last year, serving 471,853 people.

On the other hand, the figures collected by the General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine of SCT show that 950 cruises were reached in the Pacific, which, compared to 849 in 2018, translates into 11.9% more; which resulted in an increase of 20,3% with the arrival of 2,279,310 visitors, against a previous 1,894,632.

In these waters Ensenada is characterized by the docking of 269 cruises (+1.1) and the reception of 674,469 hikers (+1.3%); followed by Cabo San Lucas with 204 arrivals (+15.9%) and 540,459 cruisers (+24.4%); in addition to Puerto Vallarta with 181 ships (+32+32%). So like Mazatlán with the attention to 127 ships (+41.1%) and 385.895 people (+49.2%).