

Perspectives of Nautical Tourism on the Sava River Basin

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The Concept of Nautical Tourism

Nautical tourism is a specific form of tourism characterized by the movement of tourists by vessels on the sea or rivers, including their docking in ports and marinas, and includes all the infrastructure in ports and marinas necessary for their reception.

The essential difference between nautical tourism and other forms of tourism is sailing and mobility of tourists, which implies frequent and often daily changes places of residence.

A tourist boat/tourist vessel is a specially built or converted passenger ship intended for tourist excursions or cruises, which can additionally provide accommodation, food, drinks and all other services to tourists related to travel and stay on board.



Nautical Tourism on Inland Waterways

Rivers form the basis for many ecosystems and development of specific forms nature-based tourism (ecotourism, cycling, bird watching), enable engaging in various recreational, sports and adventure activities and represent a kind of infrastructure for transporting people.

Types of tourist navigation on inland waterways:

- international river cruises
- excursion sailing
- sport and recreational sailing

Pre-conditions for the development of nautical tourism on inland waterways:

- developed and maintained fairway
- port infrastructure (ports, piers, river marinas)
- tourist attraction base (culture, tradition, sport, recreation, nature, etc.)
- vessels



Infrastructure for the Development of Nautical Tourism

The port of nautical tourism is a special purpose port that is used for reception and accommodation of vessels, equipped to provide services for the users and vessels.

Types of infrastructure according to the type of facilities and services are determined by special regulations.

Infrastructure for the development of nautical tourism on inland waterways (The law on navigation and ports of inland waterways, OG 144/21):

- passenger ports
- passenger piers
- river marinas



River Cruises on the Sava River

Analysis of the existing situation

- two international passenger piers on the Sava River in Croatia are planned for the purposes of docking river cruise ships
- the passenger pier in Sisak was built is in the stage of preparation of documents for opening
- for the construction of the pier in Slavonski Brod, an application for financing through Recovery and Resilience EU Fund has been submitted
- river cruises on the Sava River depend on the navigation conditions
- up to 3 river cruise ships dock at passenger terminals throughout the year
- cruise ship that most often sails along the Sava River is Victor Hugo operated by Croisi Europe and sailing under the French flag



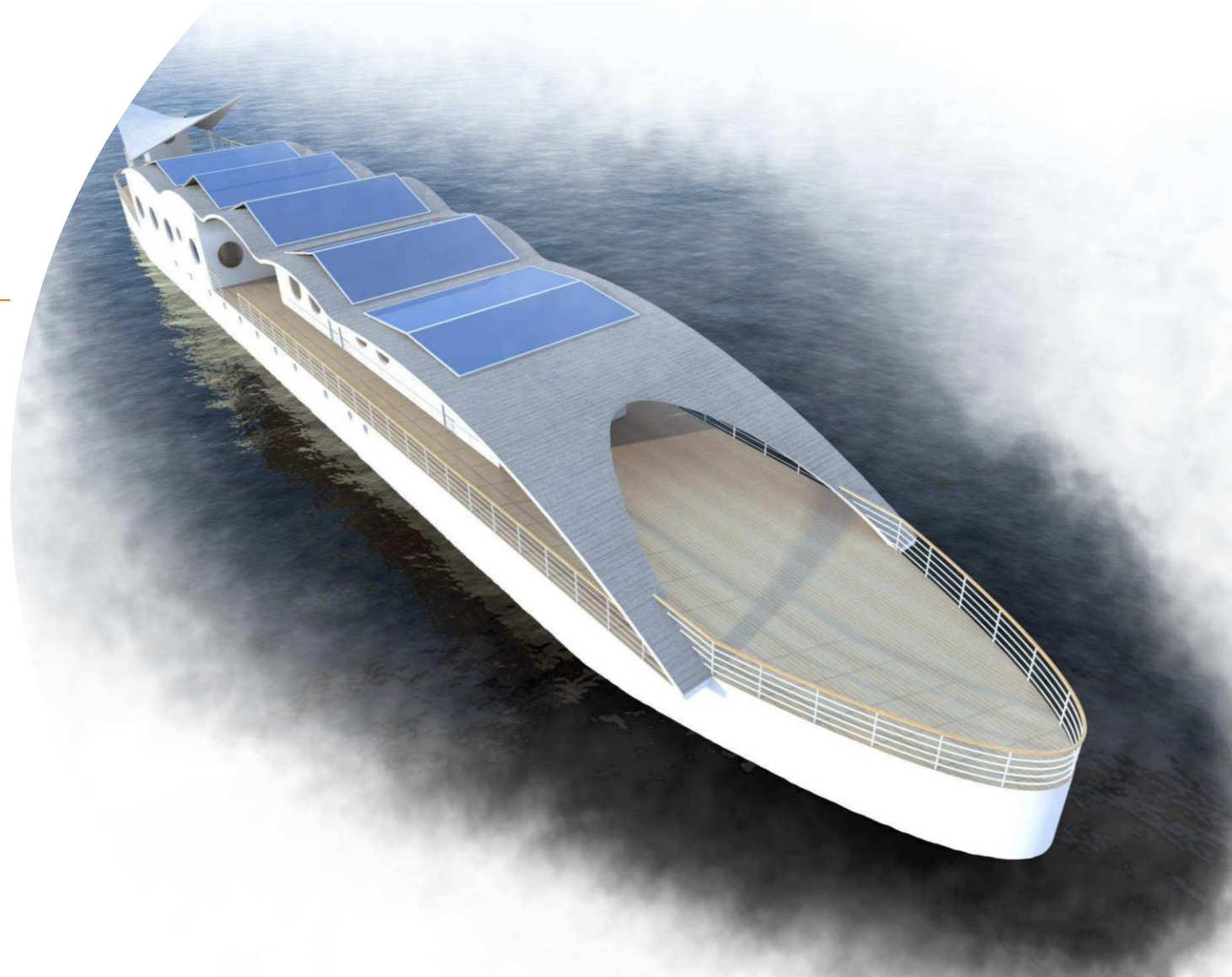
River Cruises on the Sava River

Development potentials

Improvement of international river cruises on the Sava River in order to increase the number of river cruise arrivals.

Preconditions

- analysis of user demand and interest
- preparation of strategic development documents
- coordination on international/national/regional/local levels
- ensuring navigability conditions
- joint programs
- joint marketing and promotion activities



Excursion sailing

Analysis of the existing situation

- on the Sava River, organized excursion sailing takes place in the area around the Lonjsko Polje Nature Park and Sisak
- an example of good practice is sailing on the vessel Juran and Sofija with a capacity of 78 passengers

Development potentials

Development of excursion sailing in domestic and cross-border navigation on the entire Sava river waterway.

Preconditions

- analysis of user demand and interest
- preparation of strategic development documents
- harmonization of spatial planning documentation at the local and regional level
- preparation of project documentation
- construction of passenger piers



Sports and Recreational Navigation

Analysis of the existing situation

- sports and recreational sailing on the Sava River takes place in boats, kayaks and canoes
- there is lack of infrastructure for mooring boats on the Sava River

Development potentials

Development of sports-recreational nautical tourism in domestic, cross-border and international navigation.

Preconditions

- analysis of user demand and interest
- preparation of strategic development documents
- harmonization of spatial planning documentation at the local and regional level
- preparation of project documentation
- construction of river marinas



Development Projects on the Sava River

- ✓ Study of Sustainable Development of River Cruises in the Area of Brod-Posavina County
- ✓ Pre-feasibility Study for the Construction of Infrastructure for the Purpose of Nautical Tourism Development on the Sava River
- ✓ Project documentation for the construction of a passenger piers on the Sava River; Davor - Slavonski Kobaš - Babina Greda - Županja
- ✓ Construction of passenger pier Slavonski Brod; *applied for funding from the Recovery and Resilience Programme*
- ✓ Project documentation for river marina in Municipality of Štitar; *applied for funding from the Interreg CBC RH-BIH-ME Programme*



Conclusion

- ➡ Today, nautical tourism is one of the fastest growing tourist products.
- ➡ The economic impact that international river cruises have on the destination is significant, with the potential for revenue growth if services will develop in accordance with demand.
- ➡ Sociological and economic effects that will appear in parallel with the stronger development of nautical tourism are visible through the increase in the number of employees in tourism and supported activities.
- ➡ The basic principle of managing the development of nautical tourism is the principle of sustainable development, which implies the necessity of finding a compromise between the need to preserve natural space and the need for economic development.



Thank you for attention!

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