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'Braemar' Caribbean - Latest Update

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines can confirm that its ship *Braemar* has not been able to secure clearance in La Romana, Dominican Republic today, 27th February 2020, and has had to set sail for an alternative Caribbean port. The ship is on a 14-day 'Eastern Caribbean' fly-cruise.

We believe that this was as a result of a small number of influenza-like cases on board. Our medical team has now advised that they are all feeling better. No guests or crew are, or have been, displaying symptoms that are considered to be consistent with those of Coronavirus.

We are in discussions with the relevant authorities and are awaiting advice on the next steps. We are liaising with a number of airlines to secure onward travel for guests. We are keeping guests fully informed at all times.

It is our opinion that this is an overreaction by the Dominican Republic, and is not the reception that we have received at previous ports on this itinerary.

The safety and well-being of all our guests and crew is our number one priority and we are monitoring closely the developing COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus situation and taking the latest advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and World Health Organisation, as well as Public Health England and CLIA.

As a precautionary measure, for some time Fred. Olsen has been operating a raised level of sanitisation across its fleet, in addition to health questionnaires and non-invasive screening measures for guests embarking and re-joining the ship from overland tours, and for ship visitors.

Fred. Olsen's cruise ships meet, at all times, the highest safety, hygiene and health standards.

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