



Visit Loch Ness with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines

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'Enjoy the very best of Scotland for less' this Summer with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines!

Fred. Olsen guests can 'enjoy the very best of Scotland for less' this year, as part of the cruise line's great-value 'Summer Sale' campaign, offering guests the chance to discover the outstanding natural beauty and fascinating history of this unforgettable country.

Fred. Olsen's popular 'Summer Sale' features a selection of 35 holidays, departing from June to December 2017, and includes three seductive Scottish sailings in August 2017, and one in December, aboard its smaller, more

intimate ships, Balmoral, Braemar and Black Watch.

VisitScotland's 'Scotland Visitor Survey', published in April 2017*, shows that Scotland's beautiful scenery is the main draw for visiting the country, followed by its fascinating history and culture.

Malcolm Roughead, Chief Executive of VisitScotland, said:

"Cruise tours, like Fred. Olsen cruises, are a fantastic way to experience the beauty of Scotland's coast with the variety of ports around the country offering a gateway to enjoy our spectacular landscapes, rich heritage and, of course, the warm welcome of our people."

Justin Stanton, Sales and Marketing Director for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"At Fred. Olsen, we are committed to showcasing the very best that Scotland has to offer, and our smaller ships can dock in many ports that the larger vessels cannot, meaning that our guests can get 'closer' to the destinations, landscapes and magical waterways.

"Fred. Olsen's 'Summer Sale' offers an attractive, cost-effective way to take in Scotland's mesmerising lochs, tumbling hillsides, ancient castles, grand houses and charming towns and villages – all the while enjoying the warm, friendly atmosphere and hospitality of Fred. Olsen's elegant ships."

Fred. Olsen is offering the following four Scottish itineraries in its 2017 'Summer Sale':

- *Balmoral's* eight-night L1717 'From the Highlands of Scotland to the Lizard Peninsula' cruise, ex Newcastle on 6th August 2017. Prices start from £699 per person (based on an Ocean View Room).

On this child-friendly cruise during the Summer holidays, guests can enjoy a daylong call into Oban, experience scenic cruising past Duart Castle, and glide along the beautiful Firth of Lorn, before sailing to the 'Emerald Isle'.

For further information: See <u>'From the Highlands of Scotland to the Lizard</u> Pensinsula'

- *Black Watch*'s seven-night W1712 'Lochs of Scotland' cruise, ex Edinburgh (Rosyth) on 14th August 2017. Prices start from £799 per person (with limited availability).

Embark 'Black Watch' in convenient Rosyth and set sail on a scenic cruise along beautiful lochs and sounds, with calls into picturesque islands and charming towns. Guests will visit the Orkney Islands and the Isle of Skye; get to witness majestic Ben Nevis; and have the chance to go in search of the fabled Loch Ness Monster.

For further information: See 'Lochs of Scotland'

- Braemar's ten-night M1722 'Historic Castles & Highland Games' cruise, ex Southampton on 29th August 2017. Prices start from £899 per person.

929-guest 'Braemar' will be taking in the world-famous Braemar Highland Games in Aberdeenshire and visiting the Royal Castle of Mey – the Queen Mother's former home – from Scrabster, on this magnificent Summer sailing.

For further information: See <u>'Historic Castles & Highland Games'</u>

- *Black Watch*'s six-night W1723 'Scottish Winter Warmer' cruise, ex London Tilbury on 1st December 2017. Prices are from £499 per person.

There is something special about visiting Scotland in the Winter; this wonderful six-night sojourn aboard 'Black Watch' offers guests the chance to visit Edinburgh's world-famous landmarks, go in search of the legendary Loch Ness Monster from Invergordon, and explore the dramatic landscapes of the Highlands, at the most magical time of the year.

For further information: See 'Scottish Winter Warmer'

All prices shown are based on two adults sharing a twin-bedded Interior Room, unless otherwise specified, and include accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board, plus port taxes.

Single supplement offers are also available on selected grades on all of the

cruises featured above.

Fred. Olsen is committed to offering guests the very best itineraries from the Port of Rosyth in 2018/19, and is moving its 1,350-guest flagship, *Balmoral*, to Edinburgh from May to July next year, on a total of nine worldwide cruises.

*View VisitScotland's latest 'Scotland Visitor Survey', undertaken during Summer 2015 and Summer 2016, at: http://www.visitscotland.org/pdf/LongVersionScotlandVisitorSurvey2015-16-250417.pdf

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at www.fredolsencruises.com Book online, call Reservations on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm; Saturday, 9am to 5pm; Sunday, 10am to 4pm), or visit an ABTA travel agent.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Line operates in the UK with four intimately sized ships for a more personal cruising experience.

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