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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' *Balmoral* receives a third warm welcome in the historic Port of Cobh

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' flagship *Balmoral* was delighted to receive a very warm welcome from the ladies of the 'Cobh Animation Team' when the ship called at Cobh, Ireland on 25th August 2013, as part of its five-night L1312 'Gaelic & Garlic Discoveries' cruise to France and Ireland; guests were able to stay overnight to take advantage of the Irish 'craic' at this historic port.

This is the third time that *Balmoral* has called at atmospheric Cobh, having made its maiden call in April 2012, when the ship was the setting for the sell-out 'Titanic Memorial Cruise' – which commemorated the ill-fated voyage of the *R.M.S. Titanic* – and received the warmest welcome that the cruise line has ever experienced in any port around the world!

The 'Cobh Animation Team' is a group of ladies who were inspired by the 'Titanic Memorial Cruise' in April 2012 to dress in period costume to showcase the town's heritage and strong links with the *R.M.S. Titanic*. They gather on the quayside prior to departure for every cruise ship and mingle with guests, have their pictures taken and create a fantastic atmosphere and sense of occasion!

Thomas Rennesland, Hotel Manager on board Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' *Balmoral*, said:

"It is always a special feeling to arrive at such a historic port and see so many people line the pier and welcome our guests and crew. To have the ladies from the 'Cobh Animation Team' waiting for us was an extra treat for everyone on board."

Photo caption: Miles Gardner, Tours Manager on board Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' *Balmoral*, is welcomed by the costumed ladies of the 'Cobh Animation Team' upon the ship's third call at the historic Port of Cobh on 25th August 2013.

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

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