



The Minister of Tourism for Trinidad and Tobago, the Honourable Shamfa Ashaki Cudjoe, tries her hand at deck shuffleboard during a tour of Fred. Olsen's 'Balmoral' on her maiden call at the Port of Spain, Trinidad on 15th November 2017.

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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' flagship 'Balmoral' makes maiden call to Trinidad

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' 1,350-guest flagship, *Balmoral*, made her maiden call at the Port of Spain, Trinidad on 15th November 2017, as part of a 32-night 'Caribbean Discovery' cruise.

The Minister of Tourism for Trinidad and Tobago, the Honourable Shamfa Ashaki Cudjoe, took time to visit *Balmoral* when she was in port, and conducted the ceremonial Plaque exchange with the Ship's Master, Captain Lars Kjeldsen.

During the Plaque exchange ceremony, the Minister extended a warm welcome to Captain Kjeldsen, *Balmoral's* guests and crew to Trinidad, saying:

“This development is very exciting for our tourism sector and we look forward to further enhancing the relationship with the Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, one of the leaders in the cruise industry.”

Captain Kjeldsen thanked the Minister, representatives from the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, the ship's agent and others present for the warm welcome on behalf of his guests and crew.

Disembarking guests engaged in a wide range of rich and fascinating shore excursions, including tours of Port of Spain, Caroni Bird Sanctuary and Las Cuevas, as well as a visit to the Starliff Panyard to witness pan-tuning first-hand and enjoy sweet pan music, as well as a cultural showcase at City Hall.

During her visit to *Balmoral*, the Minister also tried her hand at the traditional cruise pastime of deck shuffleboard, ably assisted by *Balmoral's* Cruise Director, Simon Vickers, and on her first try scored an impressive seven points!

From Trinidad, *Balmoral* continued to Fort-de-France, Martinique. The ship will return to Southampton, UK on 30th November 2017.

Photo caption:

The Minister of Tourism for Trinidad and Tobago, the Honourable Shamfa Ashaki Cudjoe, tries her hand at deck shuffleboard during a tour of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' 1,350-guest *Balmoral*, on the ship's maiden call at the Port of Spain, Trinidad on 15th November 2017.

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at www.fredolsencruises.com.

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

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