



Balmoral in Eidfjord

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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' flagship Balmoral to set sail from Edinburgh in 2018/19

In 2018/19, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' 1,350-guest flagship, *Balmoral*, will be sailing from Edinburgh (Rosyth) for the first time ever, operating a total of nine cruises. Holidays on offer, from May to July, include a five-night **'Norwegian Fjords'** departure, a 14-night **'Scandinavia & St. Petersburg'** Baltic discovery, and a nine-night **'German Waterways'** experience.

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

"We are proud of Fred. Olsen's long-standing links with Scotland, and we are looking forward to introducing our flagship *Balmoral* to Edinburgh in 2018, further enhancing our cruises for Scottish guests.

"The beauty of a Fred. Olsen cruise holiday is that we take people closer to the world's most beautiful cities and destinations – many of which larger cruise ships cannot reach – and we are pleased to be bringing even more of our cultural and scenic cruise holidays to Edinburgh.

"Our smaller, more intimately-sized ships can call at smaller ports. Guests sailing from Edinburgh will have the chance to experience picturesque rivers, canals, lochs and fjords, as well as port calls right in the heart of destinations, with all the highlights on hand."

In 2018/19, examples of Fred. Olsen's cruises from Edinburgh (Rosyth) on *Balmoral* include:

- Five-night L1813 'Five-Night Fjords' cruise, departing on 26th May 2018.

Ports of call: Edinburgh (Rosyth) – *Cruising Lysefjord* – Bergen – Eidfjord, Hardangerfjord – *Cruising Hardangerfjord* – *Cruising to Fureberg Waterfall, Maurangerfjord* – Edinburgh (Rosyth)

- 14-night L1815 'Scandinavian Capitals & St. Petersburg' cruise, departing on 9th June 2018.

Ports of call: Edinburgh (Rosyth) – *Cruising Kiel Canal* – Copenhagen, Denmark – Tallinn, Estonia – St. Petersburg, Russia (overnight) – *Cruising Stockholm Archipelago* – Stockholm, Sweden (overnight) – *Cruising Stockholm Archipelago* – Gothenburg, Sweden – Oslo, Norway – *Cruising Oslofjord* – Edinburgh (Rosyth)

- Seven-night L1817 'Diamonds, Chocolates & Canals' cruise, departing on 30th June 2018.

Ports of call: Edinburgh (Rosyth) – Antwerp, Belgium (overnight) – Ghent,

Guests booking before 3rd May 2017 can benefit from special launch offers too, including three cruises for the price of two or free tips.

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

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

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