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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' guests experience record-breaking transit of historic Corinth Canal on largest-ever ship 'Braemar'

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' guests experienced a breath-taking transit of the 6.4-kilometre-long Corinth Canal in Greece this morning [Wednesday 9th October 2019], as 24,344-gross-tonnes, 195.82-metre-long, 22.52-metre-wide *Braemar* broke the existing record to become the largest ship ever to traverse this famous feat of engineering. The Canal is only 24 metres at its narrowest point.

929-guest *Braemar* is currently sailing on a sold-out 25-night M1925 'Corinth Canal & Greek Islands' cruise, which set sail from Southampton, UK on 27th September 2019.

The Corinth Canal is a waterway that separates the Greek mainland from the Peloponnese, turning it into an island. It is an important navigational route, which once allowed ships to enter the Aegean Sea. Whilst the Canal is steeped in over two millennia of history, the structure that we now know was completed and used for the first time on 28th October 1893.

Clare Ward, Director of Product and Customer Service for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

“This is such an exciting sailing and tremendous milestone in Fred. Olsen’s 171-year history, and we are thrilled to have been able to share it with our guests. At Fred. Olsen, we strive to create memories that last a lifetime, and with guests on board *Braemar* able to get so close to the edges of the Corinth Canal that they could almost touch the sides, we know that this will be a holiday that they will never forget.

“We have already had exceptionally high interest in our second Corinth Canal cruise, in Spring 2021, and we can’t wait to do it all over again!”

Details of Fred. Olsen’s second sailing around the Greek islands in April 2021 are as follows:

Braemar’s 25-night M2109 ‘Greek Islands & Corinth Canal’ cruise, ex Southampton, UK, on 16th April 2021. Prices start from £4,399 per person.

Ports of call: Southampton, UK – Malaga, Andalusia, Spain – Valletta, Malta – Agios Nikolaos, Crete, Greece – Rhodes, Greece – Ermoupoli, Syros, Greece – *Cruising Corinth Canal* – Patras, Greece (overnight stay) – Katakolon, Greece – Argostoli, Kefalonia, Greece – *Cruising Strait of Messina* – *Cruising by Stromboli* – Trapani, Sicily, Italy – Ibiza, Spain – Cartagena, Spain – Lisbon, Portugal – Southampton, UK

For further information: See [‘Greek Islands & Corinth Canal’ - M2109](#)

The price shown is based on two adults sharing a twin-bedded Interior Room, and includes accommodation, all meals and entertainment, plus port taxes.

Fred. Olsen is proud to have been crowned ‘Best for Itineraries’ by Cruise Critic experts in the prestigious ‘UK Editors’ Picks Awards 2018’, for a record four years in a row.

You can view two videos of ‘Braemar’ sailing through the Corinth Canal at:

<https://youtu.be/oPkrmTELao8>

https://youtu.be/xVFpb2N4i_M

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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