

Balmoral from the north

A great choice of 2018 sailings from Newcastle and Rosyth



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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines highlights Northern and Scottish sailings on flagship 'Balmoral' in 2018

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is promoting its commitment to 'bringing the world closer' to its guests in the North and Scotland in 2018, with its new '**Balmoral from the north**' brochure, highlighting a range of enticing sailings from Newcastle and Rosyth (Edinburgh) next year, aboard its flagship, *Balmoral*.

Fred. Olsen will be reinforcing its Scottish connections in 2018 by introducing its 1,350-guest cruise ship *Balmoral* to Rosyth (Edinburgh) for the very first time, on a total of nine itineraries. Cruise holidays on offer from Rosyth – 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:

"Whether you are seeking out exciting new destinations, or are drawn to re-visiting a previous favourite, whichever Fred. Olsen itinerary you choose, you will be able to relax and enjoy the warm, friendly atmosphere of *Balmoral* – the flagship of our fleet – and all from a port nearby.

"And if you book any of these selected holidays now, you can take advantage of our 'The Drinks are on Fred. Olsen!' offer, which entitles guests to enjoy a free upgrade to our 'all-inclusive' drinks package on board, giving peace of mind that almost everything is included with your cruise."

Example itineraries featured in Fred. Olsen's new 'Balmoral from the north' brochure are as follows:

- Seven-night L1808 'German Cities & the Kiel Canal' cruise, ex Newcastle on 26th April 2018. Prices start from £799 per person.

Cruise to Germany in the Spring and enjoy a well-earned week away from it all, taking in the highlights of a trio of diverse destinations. From the seaside charm of Warnemünde – which is also the gateway to enchanting Rostock – to the maritime heritage of Kiel and the UNESCO-listed historic sites of Bremen, this cruise has it all! Also get to experience memorable journeys along the size-restricted Kiel Canal, with unspoilt views of the rolling German countryside from Balmoral's spacious decks.

- Five-night L1813 'Norwegian Fjords' cruise, ex Rosyth (Edinburgh) on 26th May 2018. Prices start from £649 per person.

Hours of unforgettable scenic cruising along spectacular fjords – and calls into two contrasting destinations – feature on this short, yet rewarding, cruise. Scotland's close proximity to Norway means that the stunning scenery and breathtaking natural wonders of Lysefjord, Hardangerfjord and Maurangerfjord can all be discovered in less than a week, along with the enchanting attractions of Bergen, home of the UNESCO-listed Bryggen Wharf, and the charming village

of Eidfjord.

- **Seven-night L1817 'Diamonds, Chocolates & Canals' cruise, ex Rosyth (Edinburgh) on 30th June 2018.** Prices start from £899 per person.

Bypass coastal ports and head further inland, straight to the jewels of Belgium and The Netherlands. 'Balmoral' will cruise along the winding Western Scheldt, all the way to Antwerp and its world-famous diamond district; visit Ghent, home to some of the finest Belgian chocolate shops; and sail into Amsterdam – the attraction-packed Dutch capital – via the Nordzeekanaal.

- **Five-night L1826 'Scottish Highlands & Islands' cruise, ex Newcastle on 28th August 2018.** Prices start from £749 per person.

Although short, this scenic Summer sailing aboard 'Balmoral' is packed with exploration and exciting experiences. In less than a week, visit Invergordon, the Orkney Islands and the Shetland Islands, for the chance to delve into the history of Dunrobin and Cawdor castles; explore rugged landscapes and the Neolithic village of Skara Brae; and discover some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery.

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

Guests booking any of these selected cruises will qualify for Fred. Olsen's '**Free upgrade to All Inclusive**' drinks promotion, valid up to 18th October 2017 inclusive. This complimentary drinks package gives Fred. Olsen guests the chance to take advantage of a wide range of selected house beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks on board, all day, every day, all within the cruise price!

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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