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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines launches brand new 2021 itineraries, including regional departures from Portsmouth and free drinks and tips offer

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has today launched eight new itineraries for its ship, *Balmoral*, including a number of regional departures from Portsmouth.

For selected *Balmoral* sailings of five-nights or more, guests will also enjoy a FREE drinks package, plus the cost of their tips covered, for bookings made by 31st October 2020 inclusive.

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

“We’re so pleased to be unveiling further new cruises this week, and just as excited to be returning to Portsmouth for four of our eight new sailings.

“On board our elegant, smaller ship *Balmoral*, guests will be able to sail down the Seine, seek out the Northern Lights, chase the sun in Madeira and the Canaries or visit German Christmas markets for a bit of festive shopping.

“Portsmouth’s well-connected cruise terminal has superb, modern facilities and we know that the team there will be able to provide a smooth and safe checking in process for our guests.”

Ian Diaper, Head of Operations for Portsmouth International Port, said:

“Like guests, we can’t wait to see cruises start again, so we’re delighted to welcome Fred. Olsen’s prestigious *Balmoral* for turnaround cruises from the city next October. Guests will have the most enviable start to their holiday as they sail from our dramatic harbour, on a long overdue cruise.

“This marks a new cruise era for Portsmouth and we’re looking forward to working with Fred. Olsen on this exciting journey.”

Highlights of *Balmoral*’s new itineraries include:

The 14-night L2103B ‘Canary Islands & Madeira Winter Warmth’ cruise, departing from Southampton on 2nd February 2021. Prices start from £1,599 per person. Prices start from £1,599 per person. *Enjoy a FREE drinks package and your tips covered on this sailing when booked by 31st October 2020.*

The sunshine and scenery of these beautiful islands awaits you on this relaxing and rejuvenating late winter escape. You’ll have chances to unwind on Gran Canaria’s golden sands; marvel at the volcanic landscapes of Tenerife and Lanzarote; explore the verdant lands of La Palma and stimulate your senses with Madeira’s fragrant gardens. Meanwhile, the cities of Lisbon and La Coruña boast an abundance of architectural, historical and cultural delights.

Ports of call: Southampton, England – Lisbon, Portugal – Funchal, Madeira – Santa Cruz, La Palma – Santa Cruz, Tenerife – Las Palmas, Gran Canaria – Arrecife, Lanzarote – La Coruña, Spain – Southampton, England

The 13-night L2135 ‘Arctic Norway & Northern Lights’ cruise, departing from Portsmouth on 4th November 2021. Prices start from £1,599 per person. *Enjoy a FREE drinks package and your tips covered on this sailing when booked by 31st October 2020.*

Revel in the early winter wonders of Northern Norway. In Narvik, embark on a thrilling husky-sled ride or witness Arctic wildlife at the Polar Park, while Tromsø’s attractions include Mount Storsteinen and the Arctic Cathedral. This sailing brings with it the chance to witness the wonder of the Aurora Borealis illuminating the night sky.

Ports of call: Portsmouth England – Molde, Norway – Narvik, Norway – Alta, Norway (overnight stay) – Tromsø, Norway – Ålesund, Norway – Portsmouth, England

The 6-night L2137 ‘German Christmas Markets’ cruise, departing from Portsmouth on 30th November 2021. Prices start from £699 per person. *Enjoy a FREE drinks package and your tips covered on this sailing when booked by 31st October 2020.*

Immerse yourself in the famous yuletide spirit of Germany with visits to two enchanting cities, Bremen and Hamburg. Experience the magic of the German Christmas markets, draped in twinkling lights and decorations, with plenty of traditional gifts and fare on offer. Visit Bremen’s historic, UNESCO-listed centre and Hamburg’s impressive architectural landmarks, beautiful Alster Lake and the unique Miniatur Wunderland.

Ports of call: Portsmouth, England – Bremen, Germany – Hamburg, Germany (overnight stay) – Portsmouth, England

Balmoral’s new itineraries have been unveiled following the recent launches of sailings aboard Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines’ new ships, *Bolette* and *Borealis*.

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines or to book online,

visit www.fredolsencruises.com/new-balmoral-cruises, call Reservations on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm; Saturday 9am to 5pm), or contact your 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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