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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines releases five new exotic fly-cruises for 2016

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is offering guests five newly released exotic fly-cruises in early 2016 aboard 804-guest ship *Black Watch*. These exciting adventures, with durations from 19-nights to 41-nights, include; a 19-night 'Australia & the Landscapes of Indonesia' cruise; a 27-night 'Beautiful Burma and Bustling Bombay' discovery and a 30-night 'South Pacific Sail-Away' holiday. Guests can take in a host of sumptuous worldwide destinations, all with prices starting from just £59 per person per night (cruise only).

Nathan Philpot, Sales & Marketing Director at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

“With these very special 2016 exotic fly-cruises there is something for every kind of Fred. Olsen cruiser. We are pleased to be able to offer our guests the most cost-effective way to see some of these very expensive and hard-to-reach destinations around the world, particularly the Polynesia Islands, and to give them experiences that will last a lifetime.”

Fred. Olsen’s 2016 exotic fly-cruises, which still have availability, include:

- *Black Watch*’s 25-night ‘Caribbean & Central American Discovery’ fly-cruise, W160213, ex Southampton on 8th January 2016. Prices start from £1,399 per person based on two adults sharing an inside, twin-bedded cabin (cruise only). Prices including flights and transfers are available on request.

Black Watch will make her first call on this exciting cruise in **Ponta Delgada**, in the Azores, before three stops in the sunny Caribbean. First, guests will visit **Bridgetown** (Barbados), then **Kingstown** (St. Vincent and Grenadines), and finally **Castries** (St. Lucia). With plenty of time to enjoy the ‘chilled out’ vibe of the Caribbean, guests will be ready for adventure when *Black Watch* cruises past the mountainous Pitons and reaches **Oranjestad**, in Aruba.

Black Watch then embarks on a discovery of South America, with stops at **Santa Marta** and **Cartagena de Indias** (Colombia) and **Colon** (Panama). One of the ‘must-see’ highlights of this trip follows, with a scenic cruise along the awe-inspiring **Panama Canal**. Listed in CNN’s rundown of ‘11 places to go in 2014’, Panama is a tiny, but diverse, country of volcanoes, rainforests, coffee plantations and beautiful beaches, on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, which is also home to one of the most important trade waterways on the globe. The ‘Big Ditch’, as the Panama Canal is known, lifts *Black Watch* with a fascinating system of mechanics, along the three great locks – ‘Gatun’, ‘Pedro Miguel’ and ‘Miraflores’.

Next come the ports of **Manta** (Ecuador), **General San Martin** and **Callao** (both Peru) – for an overnight stay and the opportunity to take an overland tour to the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu. Guests will then fly back to the UK.

- *Black Watch*’s 19-night ‘Australia & the Landscapes of Indonesia’ fly-cruise, W160224, ex Sydney, Australia on 4th March 2016. Prices start from £1,799 per person based on two adults sharing an inside, twin-bedded cabin (cruise only). Prices including flights and transfers are available on request.

Joining the ship in **Sydney** (Australia) for an overnight stay, guests can visit the famous Opera House or take a stroll along the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge. Next, is the chance to soak up the fantastic sunshine in **Brisbane** – known as ‘Surfer’s Paradise’.

A cruise through the Great Barrier Reef is next, before guests reach **Hamilton Island** (Australia). *Black Watch* will then make one more stop on the mainland in **Cairns**, before cruising onto **Komodo Island** (Indonesia), to see the truly terrifying Komodo Dragons...not an experience for the faint-hearted!

Black Watch continues onto the spiritual land of **Benoa** in Bali. With its tranquil, golden beaches there is plenty for guests to explore with an overnight stay. Next, guests will arrive in impressive Singapore, where there will be plenty of time to explore before flying to the UK.

- *Black Watch's* 41-night 'India, Myanmar & the Pyramids' fly-cruise, W160241, ex Singapore on 23th March 2016. Prices start from £3,899 per person based on two adults sharing an inside, twin-bedded cabin (cruise only). Prices including flights and transfers are available on request.

Arrive in the electric city of **Singapore**, where guests can visit the world-famous Zoo or indulge in a ‘Singapore Sling’ at Raffles, the grand old dame of this former colonial city from 1887. *Black Watch* will then set sail to **Phuket** (Thailand). Next, is a call to **Yangon** (formerly Rangoon), the intriguing capital of Myanmar (formerly Burma), before arriving in **Hambantota** and **Colombo** (Sri Lanka), for an overnight stay.

Fred. Olsen then calls into **Mangalore** in India, before continuing onto **Goa** and **Mumbai** (formerly Bombay), where guests can take in all the non-stop sights and sounds with an overnight stay.

The ship then calls at **Salalah** (Oman), **Aqaba** (Jordan) – for an overnight stay – **Safaga** (Egypt) – for another stopover – and **Sharm el-Sheikh** (Egypt), before cruising through the amazing Suez Canal.

With a final stop in Egypt at **Port Said** – the last overnight call – *Black Watch* will then cruise to **Valletta** (Malta) and **Gibraltar**, before a leisurely return

voyage to Southampton arriving back on 3rd May 2016.

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at www.fredolsencruises.com Book online, call Reservations on 0800 0355 242 (Monday – Friday, 8am – 8pm; Saturday, 9am – 5pm; Sunday, 10am – 4pm), or see 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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