



Black Watch sailing under the Forth Bridge (picture Forth Ports)

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Fred. Olsen's 'Black Watch' to commence cruise season from Rosyth, Edinburgh in Summer 2017

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' 804-guest ship *Black Watch* is due to commence her cruise season from Rosyth, for Edinburgh, Scotland on 14th August 2017, with a seven-night '**Lochs of Scotland**' sailing. In total, Fred. Olsen will be offering eight cruises from Edinburgh (Rosalie) aboard *Black Watch* this year, until 14th October 2017 – an increase of one turnaround call since 2016.

Fred. Olsen will be offering guests a variety of itineraries from Edinburgh (Rosalie) in 2017, including a seven-night '**Scenic Fjords of Norway**' cruise, a 10-night '**Cultural Cities of Northern Europe**' sailing, and a 16-night '**Landscapes of Portugal & the Canaries**' sunshine getaway.

In 2017, Fred. Olsen has also included two river cruises – '**German Waterways**' and '**French Rivers**' – both of which are itineraries that have not been offered from this Scottish port before.

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

"*Black Watch*'s forthcoming cruise season from Rosyth builds upon Fred. Olsen's already-close relationship with this convenient, regional Scottish port.

"It is rewarding to see that cruising with Fred. Olsen is now well-established as the 'holiday of choice' in the minds of so many local people, as well as attracting guests from further afield on our more adventurous itineraries, such as our 13-night 'Greenland, Iceland & Norway Exploration' in August.

“The Port of Rosyth boasts spectacular scenery and three iconic bridges; *Black Watch*'s guests will be amongst the first to sail under the new Queensferry Bridge.”

Robert Mason, Capital Cruising's Head of Cruise at Rosyth, said:

“We are looking forward to the Fred. Olsen cruise season starting at the Port of Rosyth in August. Rosyth is fast becoming Scotland's key port to cruise from, with some amazing destinations on offer. It's so easy to arrive at the Port, board a cruise liner and quickly be on your vacation.

“Across all our Scottish ports, we are enjoying a very busy cruise season this year and – with the arrival of the *Black Watch* on 14 August – we will have welcomed over 100,000 passengers in 2017, with more due over the next few months.”

Black Watch has benefitted from an extensive multi-million Pound refurbishment, and now offers guests improved facilities on board, including a new informal dining area, Brigadoon, and the creation of a new speciality dining restaurant, The *Black Watch* Room, as well as an upgraded Glentinar main restaurant and new 3D-enabled Marina Theatre.

In 2018/19, Fred. Olsen will be reinforcing its commitment to Edinburgh (Rosyth) by introducing its 1,350-guest flagship, *Balmoral*, which will be sailing from the Port for the first time ever, on a total of nine itineraries. Cruise 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.

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. To learn more about the Port of Rosyth, go to <https://forthports.co.uk/rosyth/>

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

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