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Set sail from Falmouth with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines for the first time ever in Spring 2016

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' 880-guest cruise ship, *Boudicca*, will be operating her <u>first cruise season from the Port of Falmouth</u> in Spring 2016. Fred. Olsen will be offering guests in the South West of the UK a choice of two sailings: a 12-night **'Canaries & Portugal'** cruise – for adults only; and a 10-night **'Around the UK'** sailing.

Guests booking by midnight on 31st May 2015 will also be able to take advantage of Fred. Olsen's limited-edition offer, where the cruise line agrees to cover guests' tips throughout their cruise (only applicable on new 2016/17

departures of 35 nights or fewer).

Nathan Philpot, Sales and Marketing Director of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"We are very pleased to be cruising from Falmouth next year, as this will open up another growth area of the UK cruise market to us.

"It has always been our philosophy to use as wide a variety of regional ports as possible, to allow easy access and greater convenience for our guests. Fred. Olsen has been calling at Falmouth for some years on transit calls, and we are looking forward to *Boudicca*'s first turnaround cruise season in 2016."

Fred. Olsen will be offering the following two *Boudicca* itineraries from Falmouthin 2016:

- **12-nightD1604 'Canaries & Portugal Spring Break' cruise (18+ only), departing on 12th April 2016.** Prices start from £1,099 per person.

Boudicca will call first at **Funchal**, on the 'Garden Island' of Madeira, where guests can enjoy the tropical warmth, crystal clear waters and inviting scents of the exotic flowers and botanical gardens at this most beautiful time of year.

Next comes three sun-drenched days in the Canaries. In **Santa Cruz**, on the charming island of La Palma, there is an abundance of flora and striking varied landscapes, as well as fine Renaissance-style architecture, such as the Church of El Salvador.

This cruise continues to another **Santa Cruz**, this time the sunshine capital of Tenerife. Here, guests can climb Spain's tallest mountain at the El Teide National Park, or visit the mysterious Pyramids of Güímar to marvel at the fascinating collection of poisonous plants in the Secret Garden.

Arrecife, on the island of Lanzarote, offers an exciting day of exploration amongst the incredible volcanic landscapes of the Timanfaya National Park – home to the fantastic 'Fire Mountains' – or guests can visit Teguise, the historic former capital, on a fantastic 4x4 Jeep adventure tour.

Portugal's lively capital, **Lisbon**, is the final port of call; guests will have the chance to explore the fragrant botanical gardens or relax on a delightful boat ride along the River Tagus.

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- 10-night D1605 'Land's End to John O'Groats' cruise, departing on 24th April 2016. Prices start from £999 per person.

Travel the length of the British Isles on this fantastic 'Land's End to John O'Groats' cruise. What's more, you do not even have to own a passport, as Fred. Olsen has amended its policy at Check-in to include any of these other acceptable forms of photographic identification:

- Passport
- EU national ID card
- Driving licence
- Council-issued bus pass / travel card
- Firearms licence
- Val-ID-ate UK card

Setting sail from the quintessentially-British seaside town of **Falmouth** – the closest port to Land's End – this cruise calls first at **Liverpool**, the former 'European Capital of Culture'. Guests can explore the historic Albert Dock, see the stunning Liver Building and follow in the footsteps of arguably the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band at The Beatles Story exhibition.

Cruise by Fingal's Cave – Fred. Olsen guests' favourite 'scenic cruising' spot in the UK – and admire the incredible sea-cave, on the uninhabited island of Staffa, as *Boudicca* continues to **Kirkwall**, on the remote Orkney Islands. Here, guests can visit the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae, or wonder at the Ring of Brodgar, with its magnificent standing stones, some dating as far back as 1500 BC.

Guests can go in search of the elusive Loch Ness Monster on tours from **Invergordon** and see the lush Highland landscapes, from where *Boudicca* makes her way to **Scrabster**, the closest port to John O'Groats.

Pretty **Tobermory**, on the Isle of Mull, comes next; *Boudicca* will anchor in the picturesque harbour, with its colourful painted cottages.

Belfast, the capital and largest city in Northern Ireland, is the final port of call. Guests can take a tour to visit the spectacular UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway or spend hours fascinated by the award-winning 'Titanic Belfast' exhibit, the world's largest Titanic-themed visitor attraction, located on the very slipways where she was built at the heart of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

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All prices are per person, and include accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board, and port taxes. Guests can also choose to upgrade to Fred. Olsen's 'all-inclusive' drinks package for just £10 per person, per night.*

Fred. Olsen is pleased to have been awarded the 'Gold Trusted Merchant' status by independent review site Feefo in 2015, for the second year in a row. This accreditation is based on genuine customer feedback and, to date, Fred. Olsen has received over 11,000 reviews, with 95% of these being in the 'Good' or 'Excellent' categories.

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

*See the website <u>www.fredolsencruises.com</u> for full Terms and Conditions.

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

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