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Braemar's 'Western Caribbean & Central America' fly-cruise update - 16/03/2020 16.45 GMT

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines can confirm that our ship Braemar is now on her way to Cuba where guests will be repatriated back to the UK by air.

We are working with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office towards a Wednesday departure, but details are still being confirmed and this may change. We will update our guests as soon as we have more information.

Earlier today, the Foreign and Commonwealth office confirmed that flights from Cuba are being planned for passengers aboard Braemar – who had been waiting at anchor in The Bahamas.

The FCO has now issued a questionnaire to passengers on board in order to gather the necessary information to get them home.

A Foreign and Commonwealth spokesperson said: "We are working around the clock to arrange evacuation flights from Cuba to the UK as soon as possible for passengers on the Braemar cruise ship.

"The evacuation is being co-ordinated with Fred Olsen Cruise Lines and we advise that all passengers follow their instructions.

"We continue to update British passengers as the plans progress."

A dedicated Braemar Relative Support Team has been set up at Fred. Olsen's UK Head Office to give a direct point of contact for those who have relatives on board. Relatives can reach this team by calling +44 (0) 1473 292350

between the hours of 8am and 8pm.

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