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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines announces revised 'back in service' date for new ship *Borealis*

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has today announced a revised 'back in service' date for new ship *Borealis*, in light of the latest Government lockdown.

Borealis will still be the first of the fleet to set sail, with her maiden voyage with Fred. Olsen now the seven-night 'Sailing Around Iconic Ireland' cruise, departing from Liverpool on 22nd May 2021. *Borealis* was initially due to set sail on 23rd April 2021.

Peter Deer, Managing Director at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

“When we announced our new ‘back in service’ plans in December, we had every confidence in these new dates based on the information available to us at the time.

“Since then, we have seen a third national lockdown imposed, and this must be taken into consideration for our plans in returning to service.

“Deferring *Borealis*’ return allows us a little more time to consider and understand the developments around Covid-19, including the roll-out of the vaccine, and how this will reflect how we operate.

“We were also conscious that guests on sailings in April and early May would be due to pay their final balances soon, which is why we have taken this decision now.

“We are really looking forward to welcoming our guests back on board with us in 2021, and I would like to stress that we will not do so until we are confident that the time is right.”

Bolette will be the second of the Fred. Olsen fleet to set sail, and will depart from Dover on 29th May 2021, followed by *Balmoral* from Edinburgh (Rosyth) on 9th June 2021. Due to having an extensive fly-cruise programme, *Braemar* will remain in lay-up until 2022.

All guests who are booked onto a cancelled sailing will be notified of the changes, and will be provided with a number of options including a no-quibble refund as part of Fred. Olsen’s Plain Sailing Guarantee.

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit

www.fredolsencruises.com.

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

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