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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' Balmoral arrives in South America marking the start of the first of three 2023 grand voyages

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' *Balmoral* is the first of the fleet's three ships to set sail on a 2023 grand voyage and has arrived in Bermuda after leaving Portsmouth on 5th January for a 78-night 'Exploration of South America and the Antarctic' cruise.

During the circumnavigation of South America, *Balmoral* will be calling in to destinations including Peru, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil and for the first time in Fred. Olsen's history, the Antarctic.

Guests will have the chance to learn to dance in Buenos Aires, the birthplace of the Tango, or spend time with a Gaucho cowboy on ranches in Argentina and Uruguay and on the call into Port Stanley, will be joined by war veteran Simon Weston MBE, where he will share his experience of time in the Falklands.

Next month, *Borealis* will set sail on an 'Around the World in 80 Days' cruise, with chances to sail from either Liverpool or Southampton, which will follow as closely as possible in the footsteps of fictional explorer Phileas Fogg. This includes opportunities to see Japan's cherry blossoms in full bloom or visit the tomb of Tutankhamun on the 100th anniversary of it's opening.

Those wishing to experience part of the epic adventure can join one of two shorter sailings, with a 26-night sailing from Southampton to Singapore where guests can cruise the world-famous Suez Canal and visit the Elephanta Caves in the bustling city of Mumbai or the 53-night sailing from Singapore to Southampton, with chances to enjoy authentic farmers' markets in Hawaii, the street food and architecture of Hong Kong and Japan's Samurai heritage at Fukuoka and Osaka Castle.

In November, *Bolette* will set sail on a 93-night 'The Intrepid Beauty of Africa and the Indian Ocean' cruise, offering chances to spend four days in Cape Town, South Africa, visit Goan spice and tea plantations in India or climb the sand dunes of the world's oldest desert Namib.

Martin Lister, Head of Destination Experience and Itinerary Planning at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"We're incredibly proud of all of our grand voyage itineraries, each is handcrafted with a selection of truly exceptional highlights, from a chance to visit the Taj Mahal, to witnessing the impressive modern cityscapes of Singapore and bustling markets of Mumbai.

"Our smaller ships allow us to truly venture away from the well-trodden tourist path, and delve deeper in to the history and culture of some truly fantastic ports. Guests currently on *Balmoral*'s 78-night adventure have chances to visit the Galapagos islands to spot native wildlife, cruise the world-renowned Panama Canal, witness the rugged icy landscapes of Antarctica, explore the 'Lost City of the Incas' on an overland tour to Machu Picchu, and even cruise the Chilean Fjords."

Details of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' upcoming Grand Voyages for 2023 are as follows:

Borealis' 79-night S2305 'Around the World in 80 Days' cruise, departing from Southampton on 23rdFebruary 2023. Prices start from £7,999 per person. Departure for an 81-night sailing from Liverpool on 21st February (returning to Southampton) is also available.

Itinerary: Southampton, UK – Lisbon, Portugal – Cruising Strait of Messina – Brindisi, Italy – Port Said, Egypt – Cruising Suez Canal – Safaga, Egypt – Mumbai, India – Mormugão, Goa, India – Kochi, India – Singapore, Singapore (overnight stay) – Nha Trang, Vietnam – Hong Kong, China – Hakata, Fukuoka, Japan – Osaka, Japan – Nagoya, Aichi, Japan – Yokohama (Tokyo), Japan – Crossing International Date Line – Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii – Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii – Hilo, Hawaii – San Francisco, USA – San Diego, USA – Acapulco, Mexico – Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica – Cruising Panama Canal – Cartagena de Indias, Colombia – Santa Marta, Colombia – Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands – Basseterre, St Kitts – Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores – Southampton, UK

For more details: Visit Borealis' S2305 'Around the World in 80 Days' cruise.

Borealis' 26-night S2306 'A Journey from Southampton to Singapore' cruise, departing from Southampton on 23rd February 2023 (flights returning to London Heathrow). Prices start from £2,599 per person.

Itinerary: Southampton, England - Lisbon Portugal - Cruising Strait of Messina, Italy - Brindisi, Italy - Port Said, Egypt - Suez Canal Transit, Egypt - Safaga, Egypt - Mumbai, Maharashtra, India - Mormugão, Goa, India - Kochi, Kerala, India - Singapore, Singapore

For more details: Visit <u>Borealis' S2306 'A journey from Southampton to Singapore' cruise.</u>

Borealis' 53-night S2307 'A Journey from Singapore to Southampton' cruise, departing from Singapore (flights departing from London Heathrow) on 21st March 2023. Prices start from £5,499 person.

Itinerary: Singapore, Singapore - Nha Trang, Vietnam - Hong Kong, China - Hakata Fukuoka, Japan - Osaka, Japan - Nagoya Aichi, Japan - Yokohama (Tokyo), Japan - Crossing International Date Line At sea - Honolulu, Oahu, HI, United States of America - Lahaina, Maui, HI, United States of America - Hilo, HI, United States of America - San Francisco, CA, United States of America - San Diego, CA, United States of America - Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico - Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica - Panama Canal Transit, Panama - Cartagena de Indias, Colombia - Santa Marta Colombia - Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

- Basseterre St Kitts and Nevis Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal
- Southampton, England

For more details: Visit <u>Borealis' S2307 'A journey from Singapore to Southampton' cruise.</u>

Bolette's 93-night T2330 'The Intrepid Beauty of Africa and the Indian Ocean' cruise, departing from Southampton on 19th November 2023. Prices start from £10,999 per person.

Itinerary: Southampton, England – Tangier, Morocco – Valletta, Malta – Alexandria, Egypt - Port Said, Egypt - Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt - Safaga, Egypt - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia - Salalah, Oman - Mumbai, India - Mormugao, India - Mangalore, India - Kochi, Kerala, India - Uligamu, Maldives -Hithadhoo, Maldives - Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles (overnight stay) - Praslin Island, Seychelles – La Dique, Seychelles – Mombasa, Kenya (overnight stay) - Zanzibar, Tanzania - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - Mamoudzou, Mayotte -Andoany, Nosy Be, Madagascar – Antsiranana, Madagascar – Port Réunion. Réunion Island – Port Louis, Mauritius (two-night stay) – Toamasina (Tamatave), Madagascar - Port d-Ehoala, Fort-Dauphin, Madagascar -Maputo, Mozambique – Richards Bay, South Africa – Durban, South Africa – East London, South Africa - Ggeberha (Port Elizabeth), South Africa - Mossel Bay, South Africa – Cape Town, South Africa (three-night stay) – Walvis Bay, Namibia – São Tomé, São Tomé & Príncipe – Cotonou, Benin – Lomé, Togo - Takoradi, Ghana - Dakar, Senegal - Santa Cruz, Tenerife - Funchal, Madeira – Southampton, England

For more details: Visit <u>Bolette's T2330 'The Intrepid Beauty of Africa & the Indian Ocean' cruise.</u>

For further information on all Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' Grand Voyages, visit fredolsencruises.com/world-cruises-and-grand-voyages. Book online, call our Reservations team on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm), or contact your 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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