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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' Balmoral to offer sailings from Portsmouth next month

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines will be cruising from Portsmouth this December, offering a selection of festive cruises and an unforgettable exploration of South America and the Antarctic.

Leaving on 10th of December, *Balmoral* will depart from Portsmouth on a festive voyage to Spain and Portugal where guests will be able to admire the festive light displays of Vigo and meander Funchal's Christmas markets in Madeira.

Other sailings from the port include a chance to enjoy a warm festive break

with Christmas celebrations in the Canaries, offering guests an unforgettable Christmas at sea with *Balmoral* in full festive decorations.

And in early 2023, *Balmoral* will depart on a 78-night exploration of South America and the Antarctic. On this sailing, there will be a chance to enjoy an unforgettable circumnavigation of the continent, where guests can enjoy cruising the scenic Patagonian Fjords in Chile, the wildlife rich Galapagos Islands, the sandy beaches and blue waters of the Bahamas or, for the first time in Fred. Olsen Cruise Line's history, the Antarctic.

Portsmouth is just one of Fred. Olsen Cruise Line's regional departure ports, alongside Southampton, Dover, Liverpool, Newcastle and Rosyth (Edinburgh).

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

"At Fred. Olsen, we have almost 200 years of seafaring history, and so to welcome guests aboard form Portsmouth, a city with rich maritime heritage, is particularly exciting for us.

"These sailings have been hand-crafted by our team of dedicated Journey Planners, to offer our guests something special at the time of year they are visiting. Plus, the smaller size of *Balmoral* means everyone can be sure of a warm and friendly atmosphere aboard all of her sailings, whether it's for a warmer festive break, or that once-in-a-lifetime voyage to South America and Antarctica."

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' sailings from Portsmouth this winter are as follows:

Balmoral's 12-night L2233 'Festive Spain and Portugal' cruise, departing from Portsmouth on 10th December 2022. Prices start from £599 per person. Itinerary: Portsmouth, England – Lisbon, Portugal – Cádiz, Spain – Funchal, Madeira (overnight stay) – Vigo, Spain – La Coruña, Spain – Portsmouth, England

For more details: Visit Balmoral's L2233 'Festive Spain and Portugal' cruise

Balmoral's 14-night L2234 'Christmas Celebrations in the Canaries' cruise. Departing from Portsmouth on the 22nd December 2022. Prices start from £1,599 per person.

Itinerary: Portsmouth, England – Funchal, Madeira, Portugal (overnight stay) – Santa Cruz De La Palma, Spain – Arrecife, Spain – Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain – Santa Cruz De Tenerife, Spain – Portsmouth, England For more details: Visit Balmoral's L2234 'Christmas Celebrations in the Canaries' cruise

Balmoral's 78-night L2301 'Exploration of South America and the Antarctic' cruise, departing from Portsmouth on 5th January 2023 (returning to Southampton). Prices start from £7,999 per person.

Itinerary: Portsmouth, England – Ponta Delgada, Azores, Portugal – Horta, Azores, Portugal – King's Warf, Bermuda – Nassau, Bahamas – Colon, Panama – Panama Canal – Guayaquil, Ecuador – Callao, Peru (overnight stay) – Matarani, Peru – Arica, Chile – Valparaiso, Chile – Castro, Chile – Puerto Chacabuco, Chile – Cruising Chilean Fjords – Punta Arenas, Chile – Cruising by Cape Horn – Ushuaia, Argentina – Cruising Antarctica Peninsula (three days) – Port Stanley, Falkland Islands – Montevideo, Uruguay – Buenos Aires, Argentina (overnight stay) – Itajai, Brazil – Ilhabela, Brazil – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (overnight stay) – Salvador, Brazil – Recife, Brazil – Mindelo, São Vicente, Cape Verde – Santa Cruz, Tenerife – Southampton, England For more details: Visit Balmoral's 78-night 'Exploration of South America and the Antarctic' cruise

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines departures from Portsmouth, or to book online, visit www.fredolsencruises.com/cruises-from-portsmouth, call Reservations on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm, 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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