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## Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' *Borealis* completes multimillion-pound refurbishment at Cammell Laird shipyard near Liverpool

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' *Borealis* has completed a multimillion-pound refurbishment programme at Cammell Laird shipyard, Birkenhead, becoming the first cruise liner to undergo work at the site for over 25 years.

*Borealis* arrived on 28<sup>th</sup> October, for a 14-day refurbishment, including steel repairs, an overhaul of the shafts and propellers as well a new application of underwater paint, supported by more than 150 members of Cammell Laird's

workforce.

The ship sailed out of Cammell Laird's Birkenhead site at lunchtime on Saturday, ready to welcome guests back on board for a cruise in search of the Northern Lights, which left the city on Sunday.

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

"I would like to thank the people of Liverpool, Birkenhead and Cammell Laird for looking after our ship *Borealis* during her time in dry dock.

"We've been sailing from Liverpool for almost 20 years and we're so proud to have this fantastic city as *Borealis*' homeport. We cherish the relationship we have with the people in the area, whether that be our guests, our friends at Cruise Liverpool or the men and women of Cammell Laird who have worked hard to get *Borealis* refurbished in time for her upcoming sailings.

"As a family-run cruise line, we know how important it is to support local communities and we hope to continue to build these relationships in and around Liverpool for many years to come."

*Borealis* joined the Fred. Olsen fleet in 2020, and has called Liverpool its homeport since sailing resumed in 2021, offering more than 50 sailings from the city. A report to the local authority's culture and visitor economy committee earlier this year found *Borealis* had contributed more than £2.25m to the local economy by using Liverpool as her homeport.

Her upcoming sailings from the city include the chance to visit both Northern and Western Europe, including a special two-week Christmas sailing to the Canary Islands – before setting sail on an exciting 'Around the World in 80 Days' cruise in February – the first time Fred. Olsen has offered the chance to join a World Cruise from Liverpool.

David McGinley, Chief Executive of Cammell Laird, said:

"Cammell Laird was delighted to welcome *Borealis* and her crew to our facility, and be given the opportunity to showcase Cammell Laird's ship repair capabilities.

"It took over 150 members of the Cammell Laird workforce, including apprentices, to complete the programme of works - which injected well in excess of a million pounds into the local economy.

"Contracts such as these deliver significant economic value to the Liverpool City region and we look forward to welcoming the *Borealis* again as well as other members of the Fred. Olsen fleet."

There is still time to get away aboard *Borealis* this year, with the following sailings departing from Liverpool in 2022:

***Borealis*' 11-night S2230 'Discover Portugal with Madeira' cruise. Departing from Liverpool on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.** Prices start from £899 per person.

**Itinerary:** Liverpool, England – Lisbon, Portugal – Funchal, Madeira, Portugal (overnight stay) – Leixões (for Oporto), Portugal - La Coruña, Spain – Liverpool, England

**For more details:** Visit [Borealis' S2230 'Discover Portugal with Madeira' cruise](#)

***Borealis*' 9-night S2231 'River Cities and German Christmas Markets' cruise. Departing from Liverpool on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.** Prices start from £699 per person.

**Itinerary:** Liverpool, England – Cruising North Sea Canal, Netherlands – Amsterdam, Netherlands (overnight stay) – Cruising River Elbe, Germany – Hamburg, Germany (overnight stay) – Honfleur, France – Liverpool, England

**For more details:** Visit [Borealis' S2231 'River Cities and German Christmas Markets' cruise](#)

***Borealis*' 8-night S2232 'Festive Spanish City Break' cruise. Departing from Liverpool on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022.** Prices start from £649 per person.

**Itinerary:** Liverpool, England – Gijon, Spain – Getxo (Bilbao), Spain – Vigo, Spain - La Coruña, Spain – Liverpool, England

**For more details:** Visit [Borealis' S2232 'Festive Spanish City Break' cruise](#)

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