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## **Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines introduces two new winter Caribbean fly-cruises in early 2015 to meet demand**

Due to unprecedented demand, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has made the decision to introduce two more new [Caribbean fly-cruises](#) in January and February 2015 after the first cruise sold out in just five days.

Fred. Olsen launched a new January 2015 Caribbean fly-cruise on 12th August 2013 - the first time that the cruise line has operated Caribbean fly-cruising since March 2012. The first cruise was introduced after Fred. Olsen's loyal customers had lobbied for its return, and the itinerary was created on the back of its customers' feedback.

Guests can get away from the cold British winter on two new Caribbean fly-cruises with Fred. Olsen, taking in the stunning Caribbean Islands, aboard 929-guest cruise ship *Braemar*. Flying from London Gatwick or Manchester and departing from Barbados on 26th January and 9th February 2015, these exotic cruises are sure to be extremely popular with Fred. Olsen's guests.

Nathan Philpot, Sales and Marketing Director for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"Clearly, we are very excited that our first Caribbean fly-cruise since March 2012 has proved a sell-out with our loyal guests, and we know that many of them have been waiting for us to return to their favourite winter itinerary on board *Braemar*. It is a very special experience to be able to enjoy a relaxing sunshine holiday on this popular ship, and our crew are looking forward to offering our guests the 'sunshine welcome' on board that they have been asking for.

"We expect demand to be equally high for the next two Caribbean fly-cruises, as we are maintaining great-value lead-in fares and an 'all-Inclusive' upgrade for just £6.99 per person per night if booked by 19th September."

One unusual feature of Fred. Olsen's most modern ship, *Braemar*, is the promenade deck - a complete wrap-around deck ideal for a gentle stroll in the evening sun, making it an excellent choice for warmer cruising.

Fred. Olsen had operated a winter fly-cruise programme, based in Barbados, from 2001 to 2012, but this was concluded to extend the wide choice of ex-UK departure ports, giving greater convenience to guests from all over the British Isles, as well as allowing those loyal *Braemar* fans to cruise on the ship all-year-round from the UK. However, Fred. Olsen has listened to guests feedback and brought back this very popular cruise itinerary on board *Braemar*.

Details of the two new cruises are as follows:

***Braemar's* 14-night M1502 'Caribbean, Colombia and the Canal' fly-cruise, departing from London Gatwick or Manchester on 26th January 2015**

On board this Caribbean fly-cruise, guests will enjoy a day in Bridgetown, Barbados, before cruising on to Castries, named one of the top ten markets in the world by 'National Geographic' magazine.

St. Georges, the prettiest harbour town in the West Indies, is the next port of call, where guests can take a water taxi to Grand Anse Beach and relax on the golden sands.

Guests can then explore the unspoilt town of Kralendijk, capital of the island of Bonaire, and Aruba's compact, quaint and charming capital Oranjestad, before sailing on to Colon, Panama's gateway to the Miraflores Locks, and experience the world's greatest engineering feat, the Panama Canal.

The Colombian ports of Santa Marta and Cartagena follow, before *Braemar* calls at Willemstad, the final port on this exciting cruise, and then returns to Bridgetown, where guests disembark the ship to fly back home.

***Braemar's 14-night Caribbean & Cuba fly-cruise, departing from London Gatwick or Manchester on 9th February 2015***

Joining *Braemar* in Bridgetown, Barbados, guests will have ample opportunity to soak up the Caribbean sunshine before arriving at the first port of call, Tortola, to explore the beautiful bays and white sandy coves.

From here, *Braemar* sails on to Cuba's beautiful capital city, Havana, for an overnight stay, where guests can experience a rush of art, culture, dancing, rum and cigars.

Setting sail for the next port of call, Grand Turk, guests can explore the unspoilt beauty of this stop, before cruising on to the island of St. Maarten, home to gourmet food, world-class duty free shopping, and a cosmopolitan atmosphere with a Caribbean twist.

Basseterre, the capital of St. Kitts, and one of the oldest towns in the Eastern Caribbean, is the next port of call, before *Braemar* arrives at the lively port of St. Johns, Antigua, the last call, before heading back to Bridgetown, for the flight home.

Prices for both cruises start from £999 per person (cruise only), based on two adults sharing an inside, twin cabin, and include all meals and entertainment on board, and port taxes. Return flights start from £780 per person, including airport taxes and transfers. Guests can upgrade to the 'all-inclusive' drinks package for just £6.99 per person, per night - this price is available until 19th September 2013 only.

Fred. Olsen was recently voted one of the Top 10 holiday providers in a Which? consumer survey:

<http://www.which.co.uk/media/popup/table-popup-holiday-companies--2013-323783.html>

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at [www.fredolsencruises.com](http://www.fredolsencruises.com). Book online, call Reservations on 0800 0355 150 (Monday Friday, 8am 8pm; Saturday, 9am 5pm; Sunday, 10am 4pm, or visit an ABTA travel agent.

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

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