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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines launches worldwide cruises brochure 2012/13

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has launched its new worldwide cruises for 2012/13. The brochure details a comprehensive programme of ex-UK cruises, from early 2012 to Spring of 2013, aboard Fred. Olsen's fleet of classic ships – Balmoral, Braemar, Boudicca and Black Watch. All the new cruises feature Fred. Olsen's 'No Fuel Surcharge Guarantee'.

The 2012/13 programme includes an enormous choice of destinations, varying in duration from a mini-cruise of just two nights, to an epic world voyage, lasting 112 nights. The itineraries feature a number of new and exciting destinations, along with many old favourites. Departures are from convenient regional British ports – Dover, Southampton, Portsmouth, Newcastle, Greenock (Glasgow) and Rosyth (Edinburgh.)

New features for 2012/13 include:

- A 'Christmas Markets' cruise aboard Black Watch, travelling right into the Baltic Sea, calling at Warnemünde (Germany), Tallinn (Estonia), St. Petersburg (Russia), Helsinki (Finland), Copenhagen (Denmark), and Kiel (Germany.)
- The chance to sail over 50 miles up the Guadalquivir River to Seville, in Spain
- A return call to the newly-accessible Banjul Harbour in The Gambia, on Balmoral's 21-night 'West Africa and Cape Verde' cruise
- Three brand new destinations on Canada's east coast – Port Saguenay, Trois Rivières and Havre St. Pierre.

- Some enticing longer cruises in 2013 – Balmoral's new 'Around the World' itinerary and Black Watch's epic cruise, down the West Coast of Africa, and into the Indian Ocean

- Another opportunity to take a Winter cruise to Norway, 'In Search of the Northern Lights', with Boudicca in February 2013, or to cruise into the heart of the mighty Amazon River, also aboard Boudicca, on a long (35-night) cruise in early 2013.

- Christmas 2012, when both Balmoral and Braemar will be visiting the Cape Verde Islands, as part of their festive itineraries, while Black Watch offers a real getaway, with her ex-UK 'Caribbean Christmas' cruise of 25 nights.

Fred. Olsen continues to make regular enhancements to its fleet; Boudicca benefitted from a major refit in January 2011, allowing for extra cabins, smart new shopping outlets and a top-deck fitness centre. The onboard experience continues to benefit from an ever-increasing choice of activities and interests for guests to pursue. The cruise enrichment programme, Vistas, (formerly The ArtsClub) (www.fredolsencruises-vistas.com), has been re-launched and reinvigorated, with many distinguished new names joining the panoply of on-board experts, covering an even wider range of subjects.

Other additional attractions, on selected cruises, include the 'Flagship Golf' programme (<http://fredolsencruises-flagshipgolf.com/>), boasting even more top courses in 2012/13, and, for the very best in entertainment, Fred. Olsen's 'Music and Laughter'; programme. This gives guests a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live music and comedy in an intimate setting, from some of the top names in the business, and all at no extra cost. Past favourites include the 'Merseybeats', the 'Divas of Motown', 'The Drifters' and Lulu, and big names lined up for this season include 'The Operababes' – back by popular demand – 'The Sounds of Boney M, featuring Sheyla Bonnick', and 'The Tornados' – the first UK group to top the US charts, with 'Telstar', and originally backing group to 60s legend, Billy Fury.

Nigel Lingard, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' Marketing Director said: "It is hard to think of a better time to take a cruise with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines; the latest programme really does have something for everyone, in terms of destinations, length of cruise, activities and entertainment on board – and with our 'No Fuel Surcharge Guarantee', our guests can book with absolute

confidence.

“As the popularity of cruising continues unabated, especially ex-UK cruising, we are delighted to be able to offer this extensive selection of cruises from UK ports, and we very much look forward to welcoming guests, old and new, on board our four ships in 2012/13.”

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at 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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