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## Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines makes inaugural connections to shore power in calls to Bergen and San Francisco

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' flagship *Bolette*and sister ship *Borealis* have made inaugural connections to shore power in calls to Bergen and San Francisco this month.

*Borealis*became the first of Fred. Olsen's fleet to utilise shore power, by connecting during a transit call to San Francisco as part of the 'Around the World in 80 Days' cruise on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Just one week later, flagship *Bolette* followed suit, by connecting to shore power for seven hours on a call into Bergen, Norway. During this time, the

ship was able to utilise up to 27,000 kilowatts of renewable hydropower.

*Bolette* will connect again when she returns to Bergen on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, with both ships to utilise any future connections when available in other ports of call.

Stuart Ferguson, Head of Quality and Resource at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"Our sister ships, *Bolette* and *Borealis*, the newest additions to our fleet, have brought a number of benefits to our brand, not only with enhanced on-board facilities but also with innovative new technologies that allow us to sail the world more sustainably.

"Being able to connect to shore power allows us to turn off our engines and make use of renewable energy to keep our ships running while in port.

"Cruising has pioneered the way among the shipping and maritime industries with these sustainable developments in engineering, and we look forward to being able to connect in more ports as shore power technology becomes more accessible across the world."

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit <a href="mailto:fredolsencruises.com">fredolsencruises.com</a>, call Reservations on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm), or contact your ABTA travel agent.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines are proud to sail their own course with their three-strong fleet of smaller ships, *Bolette*, *Borealis* and *Balmoral*, each carrying less than 1,400 guests.

With fewer guests on board, the atmosphere is warm and civilised, and the service is more personal.

This passion for cruising has led to Fred. Olsen having more returning guests than any other cruise line.

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