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## Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines resumes sailing with Maiden Voyage aboard new ship **Borealis**

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is resuming sailing today, with new ship *Borealis* to depart on her Maiden Voyage from Liverpool this afternoon (Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July).

It is the first time that the 1,360-guest ship will set sail with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, and marks the launch of the line's 'Welcome Back' programme of UK summer sailings.

*Borealis* brings a number of new venues and facilities to the fleet, including a grand, two-tier theatre and main restaurant, an all-weather pool with

retractable roof, a large spa and thermal suite and new venue The Auditorium offering culinary demonstrations and more.



[Watch video on YouTube here](#)

Guests will also have the chance to savour new flavours in *Borealis'* new specialty dining restaurants. Vasco, named after the famous explorer Vasco Da Gama, who was the first European to reach India by sea, offers a fresh and modern take on Indian food. Meanwhile Colours & Tastes offers modern Asian Fusion dishes. The décor is colourful, the mood cheerful and the food offers a stimulating set of new taste experiences.



While the ship will sail at 50% capacity initially, *Borealis* will always carry less than 1,400 guests, allowing her and her crew to offer the same small ship experience and attention to detail for which Fred. Olsen is renowned.

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

“Today is a truly momentous day for us, as not only are we setting sail again after 16 months, but we are doing so with the first of two wonderful new ships.

“Our crew on board have been working incredibly hard to get *Borealis* ready to sail, and our guests can enjoy many brand new venues including The Crow’s Nest and the Piano Bar, and those familiar Fred. Olsen touches, such as the Morning Light Pub, and our famous ‘doodle’ carpet, designed to be bright and cheerful.

“I must extend my personal thanks to each and every member of our wonderful crew, our shoreside team and our trade partners for their hard work, dedication, passion and commitment, and to our guests, both new and returning, for the support, patience and loyalty they showed as we prepared for our return.

“This voyage setting sail today is the beginning of a bright new future for



Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines with two remarkable new ships among the fleet. Here's to many, many years of happy sailing ahead."



Captain Rommel Pineda, who will be at the helm for *Borealis*' Maiden Voyage, said:

"Being Captain on a new ship is a great honour in its own right, but today represents so much more than that.

"My team on board have put their all into adding our own 'Fred. Olsen touches' and to see the pride on their faces as they prepare to welcome our first guests on board is testament to just how much we have all missed being at sea.

"Today we set sail on a new era, with many cruising adventures ahead."

To mark the launch, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is offering savings of up to £300 on selected ex-UK 2021 sailings and up to £200 per person to spend on board, plus up to £200 per person to spend on board on a selection of 2022 ex-UK cruises.

*Borealis* will sail exclusively from Liverpool for 2021, and will debut with scenic-only sailings around the UK before introducing ports of call later into

July and August as part of the 'Welcome Back' programme of cruises.

*Borealis* was purchased by Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines in the summer of 2020, along with sister ship *Bolette*, as the line looked to strengthen and evolve for its return to cruising.

**For further information on *Borealis*, visit [fredolsencruises.com/our-ships/borealis](https://fredolsencruises.com/our-ships/borealis). Book online, call our Reservations team on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm), or contact your 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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