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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines returns to Scotland for selection of summer sailings

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has today (7th June) returned to the Port of Rosyth in Scotland, marking the start of a summer season of sailings aboard its 1,325-guest ship, *Balmoral*.

A total of eight cruises will depart from Rosyth between June and August 2025, offering guests the chance to enjoy scenic and cultural discoveries closer to home and further afield.

Highlights include scenic cruising past Fingal's Cave and the remote Scottish isles, exploring Arctic Norway under the glow of the Midnight Sun,

uncovering the heritage of the Baltic with visits to Riga, Tallinn and Copenhagen, and whale watching in Icelandic waters. Guests can also enjoy the chance to sail the beautiful River Seine through the heart of Normandy.

Later today, *Balmoral* will depart Rosyth on a 10-night Scotland, Scilly Isles & the West Country cruise. The itinerary features a host of scenic cruising moments including sailing past the Duncansby Sea Stacks, the Needle, Old Man of Hoy, the Small Isles, Dutchman's Cap and Fingal's Cave. Calls into Lerwick, St Mary's in the Isles of Scilly, Falmouth, Dartmouth and Portsmouth offer opportunities to step ashore and explore.

Doug Glenwright, Guest Experience Director at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"Our summer 2025 sailings from Rosyth offer a hand-crafted mix of scenic cruising and enriching destinations. Guests can marvel at Norway's majestic fjords, witness Iceland's striking volcanic landscapes, and uncover the rich histories of the Baltic capitals. *Balmoral*'s smaller size also allows us to sail the serene River Seine – a rare opportunity to experience river cruising aboard an ocean-going ship. Each itinerary has been carefully designed to showcase the beauty of the world around us, while offering the warm, personal service we're known for."

Rosyth is one of Fred. Olsen Cruise Line's 2025 departure ports, alongside Liverpool, Portsmouth, Southampton, Newcastle, Dover and Southampton.

Upcoming highlights on *Balmoral* sailing from Rosyth include:

Balmoral's 10-night L2513 'Norway's Arctic Islands and Mountainous Vistas' cruise, departing from Rosyth on 17th June 2025. Prices start from £1,599 per person.

- Explore Arctic Norway in the summertime
- Witness the Midnight Sun and see Torghatten
- Travel along the iconic Atlantic Ocean Road

Itinerary: Rosyth, Scotland – Crossing the Arctic Circle, Norway – Cruising by Reine, Lofoten, Norway – Leknes, Norway – Svolvær, Norway – Cruising Tjeldsundet Strait, Norway – Tromsø, Norway – Sortland, Vesteralen, Norway – Cruising by Seven Sisters Mountain Range, Norway – Cruising by Torghatten, Norway – Kristiansund, Norway – Rosyth, Scotland **For more details:** Visit <u>L2513 'Norway's Arctic Islands and Mountainous Vistas'</u>

Balmoral's 13-night L2514 'Fairytale Castles and Old Towns of the Baltic' cruise, departing from Rosyth, Edinburgh on 27th June 2025. Prices start from £1,799 per person.

- Discover the enchanting cities of Riga, Tallinn and Copenhagen
- Immerse yourself in Estonian life at the Song & Dance Festival
- Uncover the Hanseatic history of the Baltic region

Itinerary: Rosyth, Scotland – Copenhagen, Denmark – Warnemünde (for tours to Schwerin Castle), Germany – Klaipėda, Lithuania – Riga, Latvia – Tallinn, Estonia – Saaremaa, Estonia – Rosyth, Scotland

For more information: Visit <u>L2514 'Fairytale Castles and Old Towns of the</u> <u>Baltic'</u>

Balmoral's 10-night L2515 'Exploring the Land of Fire and Ice', departing from Rosyth on 10thJuly 2025. Prices start from £1,699 per person.

- • Discover Iceland's extraordinary glaciers, geysers and waterfalls
- Immerse yourself in Iceland's wellness culture of hot spring bathing
- Experience whale watching on a tour from *Balmoral*

Itinerary: Rosyth, Scotland – Cruising by Duncansby Sea Stacks, Scotland – Cruising Pentland Firth, Scotland – Cruising by the Needle, Scotland – Cruising by Old Man of Hoy, Scotland – Torshavn, Faroe Islands – Seyðisfjörður, Iceland – Akureyri, Iceland – Ísafjörður, Iceland – Reykjavik, Iceland – Rosyth, Scotland

For more details: Visit <u>L2515</u> 'Exploring the Land of Fire and Ice'

Balmoral's 13-night 'French Rivers with Normandy & Bordeaux' cruise, departing Rosyth on 20th July 2025. Prices start from £2,099pp.

- Sail along the picturesque River Seine, only possible on smaller ships
- Join a tour to France's capital and experience Parisian life

Discover the enigmatic Mont Saint-Michel from St Malo

Itinerary: Rosyth, Scotland – Bordeaux, France (overnight) – Cruising Girdonde and Garonne Rivers – Getxo, Spain (for Bilbao) – St Malo, France (anchor port) – Cruising River Seine, France – Rouen, France (overnight port) – Honfleur, France - Rosyth, Scotland

For more details: Visit L2516 'French Rivers with Normandy and Bordeaux'

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' sailings from Rosyth, visit www.fredolsencruises.com/cruises-from-scotland

Book online or 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.

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