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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines sees bumper January as sales return to pre-pandemic levels

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has enjoyed a bumper January, with sales returning to pre-pandemic levels across its small-ship ocean fleet.

The strong start to 2022 was reflected in new bookings across Fred. Olsen's 2022 and 2023 programme currently on sale, with last minute bookings for late winter and early spring proving particularly popular.

It follows the introduction of Fred. Olsen's Travel Ready Service, launched in

December, under which the line will take care of paperwork such as the Passenger Locator Forms and NHS vaccination letters.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines also offers risk-free deposits on all new bookings for sailings in 2022, meaning guests can move their deposit to any other cruise within 12 months of their original sailing, with no transfer fees, so long as they let Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines know before the final balance has been paid.

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

"The New Year has brought with it a fresh wave of optimism for overseas travel. The success of our Cruise Sale shows that people are looking ahead to their next holiday now more than ever - there is real confidence in the market again, and this is being reflected in our bookings.

"We have had great feedback on our Travel Ready Service, which provides additional peace of mind for those looking to explore again in 2022, and teamed with a relaxation of restrictions by our UK Government has really helped to stimulate new bookings.

"This is a really great start to the year, and we are looking forward to a successful season of cruising as we sail into the summer months and beyond."

Some of the most popular sailings for bookings so far this year include:

Borealis' 14-night S2205A 'Winter Warmth in the Canaries' cruise, departing from Liverpool on 27th February 2022. Prices start from £1,399 per person. Enjoy a free all inclusive drinks package and the cost of tips on us when booked by 1^{st} March 2022.

Itinerary: Liverpool, England – Las Palmas, Gran Canaria – Arrecife, Spain – Puerto del Rosario, Fuerteventura – Santa Cruz, Tenerife (overnight stay) – San Sebastian, La Gomera – Funchal, Madeira – Liverpool, England

For more details: Visit S2205A 'Winter Warmth in the Canaries'

Bolette's eight-night T2204B 'Western Europe City Break' cruise, departing

from Southampton on 16th March 2022. Prices start from £599 per person. Enjoy a free all inclusive drinks package and the cost of tips on us when booked by 1stMarch 2022.

Itinerary: Southampton, England – Hamburg, Germany (overnight stay) – Amsterdam, Netherlands (overnight stay) – Antwerp, Belgium (overnight stay) – Southampton, England

For more details: Visit T2204B 'Western Europe City Break'

Balmoral's seven-night L2216 'Norwegian Fjords & Mighty Waterfalls' cruise, departing from Newcastle on 15th June 2022. Prices start from £1,099 per person. Enjoy a free all inclusive drinks package and the cost of tips on us when booked by 1stMarch 2022.

Itinerary: Newcastle, England – Cruising Lysefjord, Norway – Eidfjord, Norway – Cruising Maurangerfjord and Furebergfossen, Norway – Cruising Åkrafjord and Langfoss Waterfall, Norway – Bergen, Norway – Olden, Norway – Cruising Nordfjord, Norway – Cruising by Hornelen, Norway – Åndalsnes, Norway – Newcastle, England

For more details: Visit L2216 'Norwegian Fjords & Mighty Waterfalls'

For more information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit <u>fredolsencruises.com</u>. Book online, call our Reservations team on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm), or contact your ABTA travel agent.

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

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