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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines unveils brand new 106-night ‘Voyage of Exploration Around the World’ cruise, inspired by journeys of historic and fictional explorers

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has announced a brand new World Cruise for 2025, inspired by journeys taken by famous historical explorers.

Departing from Southampton on 6th January 2025, flagship *Bolette* will follow a similar route to the first world circumnavigation by explorers Magellan and Elcano in 1519.

The cruise, which will take guests to destinations including Brazil, Argentina, French Polynesia, Mauritius and South Africa, will also cruise the south coast of Australia as British navigator Matthew Flinders did in 1801, and will call into places visited by the likes of Captain James Cook and Alexander Selkirk – the Scottish Sailor who was the inspiration for the Robinson Crusoe novel.

During the first half of this epic voyage, there will be chances to enjoy the traditional and cultural artforms of South America, with opportunities to learn more about the Samba beats in Rio de Janeiro or learn the techniques of the Tango in Argentina. From here, guests can enjoy scenic cruising to admire the snow-capped peaks and rugged landscapes of the Chilean fjords, and take a tour to see the iconic Iguazu Falls.

Throughout the cruise there will be chances to gain cultural insight into many societies and civilisations and encounter a variety of native wildlife including Magellanic Penguins in South America, Koalas and Kangaroos in Australia or the ‘Big Five’ in South Africa.

This cruise will be unveiled exclusively to members of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines’ Oceans club on 1st March, and will go on general sale on Friday, 3rd of March.

All guests will enjoy up to £600 per person to spend on board plus free door-to-door transfers covering up to 250 mainland miles from the port, with the option to join and return to Liverpool departing on 4th January for an additional £400 per person for Interior and Ocean View cabins or £500 for Terrace Cabins and Suites.

Martin Lister, Head of Itinerary Planning and Destination Experience at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

“We have a real passion for curating creative and innovative itineraries, and this Grand Voyages really tells a story - retelling the tales of some of history’s greatest adventurers.

“There are some incredible highlights, from seeing the mysterious Moai statues on Easter Island or exploring the tropical islands of the South Pacific with their volcanic landscapes, turquoise lagoons, coral reefs and pearl trade.

“There’s chances to delve into the origins of music and dance in the

birthplace of some of the greatest art forms in the world, or visit St Helena, the isolated British island that was once a crucial shipping port and the place where Napoleon was exiled.

“In each destination there is something not to be missed, and we can’t wait to share all of these experiences with our guests.”

Bolette’s 106-night T2505 ‘A Voyage of Exploration Around the World’ cruise. Departing from Southampton on 6th January 2025. Prices start from £11,499 per person. Enjoy free door to door transfers of up to 250 UK Mainland miles and up to £600pp on board spend.

An option to depart from and return to Liverpool is also available, sailing on 4th January 2025 for an additional £400 per person for Interior and Ocean View cabins or £500 per person for Terrace Cabin and Suites.

Itinerary: Southampton, England - Funchal, Madeira - Mindelo, São Vicente, Cape Verde - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Montevideo, Uruguay - Buenos Aires, Argentina - Cruising Magellan Strait - Punta Arenas, Chile - Cruising by Cape Deseado - Cruising Chilean Fjords - Castro, Chile - Valparaíso, Chile - Robinson Crusoe Island, Chile - Cruising by Alejandro Selkirk Island - Hanga Roa (Easter Island), Chile - Cruising by Pitcairn Island - Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia - Bora Bora, Society Islands, French Polynesia - Rarotonga, Cook Islands - Crossing the International Date Line - Nuku’alofa, Tonga - Sydney, Australia - Hobart, Tasmania, Australia - Melbourne, Australia - Albany, Australia - Fremantle (Perth), Australia - Port Louis, Mauritius - Port Réunion, Réunion Island - Gqeberha, South Africa - Cape Town, South Africa - Walvis Bay, Namibia - Jamestown, St Helena - Cruising by Ascension Island - Dakar, Senegal - Arrecife, Lanzarote - Lisbon, Portugal - Southampton, England

For more details: Visit [Bolette's T2505 'A Voyage of Exploration Around the World' cruise](#)

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines’ new World Cruise, visit fredolsencruises.com/cruise/around-the-world-t2502. Book online, call Reservations on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm, 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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