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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines welcomes 'Little Skippers' on board

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has launched a new kids club on board its fleet of four ships – *Balmoral, Braemar, Boudicca* and *Black Watch* – called **'Little Skippers'**. Parents and grandparents can leave their children in the care of the qualified hosts and hostesses, who – during peak holiday seasons – will arrange a variety of family-orientated activities, including arts and crafts sessions, deck games, treasure hunts, quizzes, cookie and pizza making in the Galley, games evenings, swimming classes and much more.

'Little Skippers' is run by qualified children's hosts, whose passion is to come up with creative and exciting ways for children to get the most out of their cruising experience. Depending on the age groups, there will be a ratio of

one adult to every six or eight children, as per recommended guidelines.

Neil Herbert, Head of Sales at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"We welcome many multi-generational families on board our ships, and we appreciate that it can be difficult to find a holiday to suit all ages. We are therefore very happy to be unveiling our 'Little Skippers' club. Parents or grandparents can indulge in a spa treatment, relax by the pool, or sip on a cocktail in the lounge, safe in the knowledge that their children will be looked after by our team of creative and professional hosts."

On board, an itinerary for the 'Little Skippers' club will be released each day in a dedicated children's programme, and will include a schedule of activities, facts, jokes, port information and even a 'Mock-tail of the Day'!

Unlike many other holiday companies, whose prices rise significantly during the school Summer holidays, Fred. Olsen has created a special great-value offer on its August sailing to 'Spain, Portugal & the Canary Islands' aboard *Balmoral*, which includes calls into seven destinations, all meals, entertainment, accommodation on board and a host of activities for all the family.

Details of this cruise are as follow:

Balmoral's 15-night L1618 'Spain, Portugal & the Canary Islands' cruise, departing from Newcastle on 12th August 2016. Prices start from £2,296 for a family of four in an 'Interior Room'.

<u>Ports of call:</u> Newcastle, UK – La Coruňa, Spain – Leixoes (for Oporto), Portugal – Funchal, Madeira- Santa Cruz, Tenerife – Las Palmas, Gran Canaria – Arrecife, Lanzarote – Lisbon, Portugal – Newcastle, UK

Fred. Olsen has also arranged a wide variety of family-friendly shore tours for guests to book, such as: a 'La Coruňa by Segway' tour; a 4x4 jeep safari in Madeira; whale-watching in Santa Cruz, Tenerife; a day trip to discover the wildlife at Palmitos Park; kayaking and bicycle rides in Gran Canaria; and a submarine safari, or a chance to spot white tigers and crocodiles, at Rancho Texas Park, in Lanzarote.

For further information, visit: http://www.fredolsencruises.com/places-we-visit/cruise-holiday/spain-portugal-and-the-canary-islands-l1618?referrer=7&isback=1

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at www.fredolsencruises.com Book online, call Reservations on 0800 0355 242 (Monday – Friday, 8am – 8pm; Saturday, 9am – 5pm; Sunday, 10am – 4pm), or visit an 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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