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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines welcomes third ship back into service as Balmoral begins summer programme of sailing

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has welcomed its third ship back into service, with the return of *Balmoral* marking the start of a summer season of sailing from Newcastle and Rosyth.

Balmoral will split her summer sailings between the two ports, ahead of a programme of winter sailings from Southampton and Dover, with two new Captains, Captain Valentin Giuglea and Captain Steffan Ravneng, at the helm.

In the coming weeks, guests will have the chance to witness the phenomenal Midnight Sun and the rugged beauty of Arctic Norway, explore the historic towns and cities of Tallinn and Riga and experience the famous Golden Circle in Iceland. *Balmoral* will also be offering scenic sailings into the heart of the Norwegian fjords and along the River Seine in France, made possible by her smaller size.

These follow on from *Balmoral*'s inaugural voyage - the 16-night 'Canary Islands with the Funchal Flower Parade' cruise - which returned to Newcastle earlier today.

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

"Welcoming our wonderful *Balmoral* back into service is a big milestone for us. Having three ships sailing means we can offer departures from even more regional ports, and we are so pleased to have *Balmoral* returning to offer sailings from Newcastle and Rosyth again this year.

"I would also like to congratulate our two new Captains, Captain Valentin Giuglea and Captain Steffan Ravneng, on their promotions after many years of working aboard our fleet as Officers.

"I look forward to exploring the world with our guests aboard *Balmoral* this year and beyond."

Some highlights of *Balmoral*'s first season of sailing are:

***Balmoral*'s 15-night L2217 'Rugged & Remote Spitsbergen' cruise, departing from Newcastle on 22nd June 2022.** Prices start from £2,299 per person. Enjoy £200 per person to spend on board, or £400 per person when booking a suite, when booked before 31st May 2022.

Itinerary: Newcastle, England – Olden, Norway (overnight stay) – Cruising Nordfjord, Norway – Maloy, Norway – Cruising Nærøyfjord, Norway – Cruising Torghatten, Norway – Cruising Seven Sisters Mountain Range, Norway – Crossing the Arctic Circle, Norway – Cruising Trollfjord, Norway – Cruising by Djevelen Tanngard, Norway – **Honningsvåg, Norway** – Cruising North Cape, Norway – Pryamiden, Norway – Cruising by Nordenskiöldbreen, Norway – Cruising Tempelfjorden, Norway – Longyearbyen, Norway –

Tromsø, Norway – Cruising by Black Glacier, Norway – Cruising Nordfjorden, Norway – **Åndalsnes, Norway** – Cruising Romsdalfjorden & Isfjorden, Norway – Newcastle, England

For more details: Visit [L2217 'Rugged & Remote Spitsbergen'](#)

Balmoral's 13-night L2219A 'Historic Cities and Islands of Sweden, Estonia and Latvia' cruise, departing from Rosyth (Edinburgh) on 16th July 2022.

Prices start from £1,299 per person.

Itinerary: Rosyth, Scotland – Liepaja, Latvia – Saaremaa, Estonia – Tallinn, Estonia – Stockholm, Sweden (overnight stay) – Visby, Sweden – Riga, Latvia – Klaipeda, Lithuania – Rosyth, Scotland

For more details: Visit [L2219A 'Historic Cities and Islands of Sweden, Estonia and Latvia'](#)

Balmoral's five-night L2218 'Summertime Norwegian Fjords in Five Nights' cruise, departing from Rosyth (Edinburgh) on 3rd August 2022. Prices start from £1,099 per person. Enjoy £50 per person to spend on board, or £100 per person when booking a suite, when booked before 31st May 2022.

Itinerary: Rosyth, Scotland – Cruising Lysefjord, Norway – Bergen, Norway – Cruising Nordfjord, Norway – Olden, Norway – Cruising by Hornelen, Norway – Rosyth, Scotland

For more details: Visit [L2318 'Summertime Norwegian Fjords in Five Nights'](#)

Balmoral's four-night L2227 'France Short Break' cruise, departing from Dover on 23rd September 2022. Prices start from £449 per person. Enjoy £50 per person to spend on board, or £100 per person when booking a suite when booked before 31st May 2022.

Itinerary: Dover, England – Rouen, France (overnight stay) – Honfleur, France – Dover, England

For more details: Visit [L2227 'France Short Break'](#)

For more information on *Balmoral's* first season of sailing for 2022, visit fredolsencruises.com/our-ships/balmoral/cruises. Book online, call the friendly 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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