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Fred. Olsen launches epic 108-night 'World Cruise' in 2021 with 'FREE On Board Spend & Tips', plus inaugural boarding option in Liverpool

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is launching its new 108-night 'Around the World' voyage, setting sail on *Black Watch* on 8th January 2021, with 'FREE On Board Spend & Tips' of up to £600 per person, for bookings made by 31st May 2019 inclusive. This enticing cruise will be offered exclusively to Fred. Olsen's loyalty membership scheme, Oceans, from today [19th February 2019], before going on general sale on 26th February 2019.

This stunning global exploration in 2021 will give guests the choice to board from either Southampton or Liverpool – the first time ever that a 'World Cruise' has departed from the popular Merseyside port in Fred. Olsen's history.

Justin Stanton, Sales and Marketing Director for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"This exceptional 'Around the World' sailing, aboard 804-guest *Black Watch*, will allow guests to explore and enjoy diverse landscapes, cultures and wildlife, right across our magnificent planet.

"And what's more, guests will be able to return to the ship and refresh themselves in the bar, unwind with a treatment in the Atlantis Spa, or enjoy an action-packed shore excursion, all on Fred. Olsen, with up to £600 per person in free on board spend. We will even pay your tips!

"This inspirational voyage – taken from Fred. Olsen's eagerly-awaited 2020/21 cruise programme – is particularly exciting, as it is the first time

that guests will have the option to set sail on such an epic exploration from Liverpool.

"With scenic cruising, spectacular sights and culture a-plenty, this 'Around the World' voyage has all the makings of a truly sensational holiday, sure to create memories to last a lifetime."

Details of this breath-taking 'Grand Voyage' with Fred. Olsen in 2021 are as follows:

Black Watch's 108-night W2102 'Around the World' cruise, ex Southampton on 8th January 2021. Prices start from £10,799 per person. Guests can also choose to set sail from Liverpool on 6th January 2021, returning to Liverpool on 29th April 2021, with prices starting from an additional £200 per person.

Ports of call: Southampton, UK – Oporto (from Leixões), Portugal – Funchal, Madeira – Santa Cruz, Tenerife – Santa Cruz, La Palma – Bridgetown, Barbados – St John's, Antigua – Road Town, Tortola – Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos – Havana, Cuba – Colón, Panama – *Cruising Panama Canal* – Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica – Nuku Hiva, French Polynesia – Fakarava, French Polynesia – Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia – Raiatea, French Polynesia – Bora Bora, Society Islands, French Polynesia – *Crossing the International Date Line* – Nuku'alofa, Tonga – Savusavu, Fiji – Mystery Island (Inyeug), Vanuatu - Noumea, New Caledonia - Sydney, Australia (two-night stay) - Burnie, Tasmania, Australia – Melbourne, Australia – Albany, Australia – Perth (from Fremantle), Australia – Surabaya, Java, Indonesia (overnight stay) – Singapore (overnight stay) – Sabang (Weh Island), Sumatra, Indonesia – Colombo, Sri Lanka – Kochi, Kerala, India – Mormugao, Goa, India – Mumbai, Maharashtra, India (overnight stay) – Agaba, Jordan – Cruising Suez Canal – Haifa, Israel (overnight stay) – Limassol, Cyprus – Valletta, Malta – Malaga, Spain – Southampton, UK

Black Watch's 'World Cruise' in 2021 will set sail first to Portugal, with visits to Oporto, from Leixões, home of the world-famous wine cellars and delicious Port wine, and the stunning 'Garden Island' of Madeira, before moving to the Canary Islands and onto the sun-kissed sandy beaches of the Caribbean.

If exploring the paradise islands of Bora Bora and Fiji, travelling over the Gatun Lake – considered to be one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Modern World' – and visiting the world's largest Buddhist temple in Borobudur, Java are not enough, holidaymakers will also get the chance to take in nine Pacific islands, a 'Down Under' discovery in Australia, and four maiden calls – including in Fakarava, French Polynesia, and Surabaya, in Java, Indonesia – whilst sailing in the style and comfort of Fred. Olsen's classic 'Black Watch'.

The price shown is based on two adults sharing a twin-bedded Interior Room, and include accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board, plus port taxes.

This is the fourth itinerary to be teased from Fred. Olsen's 2020/21 cruise programme, which will be launched in full in March 2019.

It follows the early launch of *Boudicca*'s <u>D2023</u> 'Black Sea Discovery with the <u>Med</u>' sailing, the <u>M2109</u> 'Greek Islands and Corinth Canal' cruise aboard the shallow-drafted *Braemar* and the <u>L2026</u> 'American Waterways in the Fall with <u>New York'</u> sailing aboard the flagship *Balmoral*.

Prices shown are based on two adults sharing a twin-bedded Interior Room, and include accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board, port / airport taxes.

Guests booking their holidays with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines can also benefit from its 'Book with Confidence' guarantee. This means that, once a booking is confirmed, Fred. Olsen guarantees that no surcharges or supplements will be added to the cruise price.

Bookings are underpinned by the security of ABTA and ATOL protection, as well as Fred. Olsen's industry-leading 'Enjoyment Promise', giving real peace of mind.

What is more, all cruises, shore tours and purchases made on board Fred. Olsen's ships are priced in Pounds Sterling – so that guests can explore the world without having to worry about exchange rates.

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at <u>www.fredolsencruises.com</u> Book online, call Reservations on 0800 0355 242 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm; Saturday, 9am to 5pm; Sunday, 10am to 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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