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Get the best views of the total solar eclipse in March 2015 with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines!

A total solar eclipse is one of the most awe-inspiring natural spectacles in the world, and one of the most difficult to view; it occurs when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, entirely obscuring the Sun and blocking all direct sunlight, turning daylight into complete darkness. A sensational full solar eclipse is due to occur in March 2015, and the great news for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' fans is that its 880-guest cruise ship, *Boudicca*, will be at the precise co-ordinates at this time to allow guests on board one of the best chances of viewing it from anywhere on the planet. The 15-night D1504 'Solar Eclipse Cruise' departs from Southampton on *Boudicca* on 9th March

2015, and is now on sale.

In order to see the Sun completely eclipsed by the Moon, you must be inside the narrow 'Path of Totality' – the track of the Moon's umbral shadow across the Earth. Typically, this covers less than 1% of Earth's surface and if you are not in it, then you cannot see it. Fred. Olsen's *Boudicca* will be at the precise location of the 'Path of Totality', off the coast of the Faroe Islands, on 20th March 2015.

Nathan Philpot, Sales and Marketing Director for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"We are very excited to be launching this unique itinerary for March 2015, which has been designed to position *Boudicca* at the best latitude and longitude to give guests the optimum chance of seeing the total solar eclipse. Because *Boudicca* will be based out at sea on the day, this will limit any man-made light pollution, thereby improving guests views of the eclipse, and giving them the chance to witness that rarest of phenomena, the 'Solar Corona', when the Moon's apparent diameter is larger than the Sun, and creates a 'pearly white crown' around the Sun.

"We are already seeing amazing levels of interest in this once-in-a-lifetime cruise, so guests are advised to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!"

Boudicca departs from Southampton on 9th March 2015, and calls at several attractive Norwegian ports: pretty Art Nouveau Ålesund, Tromsø, inside the Arctic Circle, sometimes described as 'The Paris of the Arctic'; Alta (Finnmark), home for centuries to the Sami people and their herds of reindeer; and Leknes, in the remote and beautiful Lofoten Islands.

Boudicca then spends a day at sea on 20th March 2015, en route to the Faroe Islands, Denmark, and is positioned at the best-suggested co-ordinates – 64.26.3N, 6.39.0W – for guests to make the most of viewing the extraordinary total eclipse of the Sun from the ship. The final port of call is Runavik on the Faroes, before *Boudicca* returns to Southampton

Prices for this fascinating ex-UK cruise start from £1,699 per person, based on two adults sharing an inside, twin cabin Grade 'I', and include

accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board, and port taxes. There is an additional bonus of up to £250 free onboard spending credit per cabin, making this cruise unbeatable value for money.

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

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