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## Join naturalist and broadcaster Tony Soper, on a Fred. Olsen Cruise to the North Cape

Expedition leader, naturalist, and veteran broadcaster, Tony Soper, will be joining guests aboard Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' Braemar cruise to the North Cape, M1214, in June 2012. Appearing as part of its Vistas cruise enhancement programme, Tony's expert topic will be 'Flora and Fauna'.

Tony Soper started his career as a trainee with the BBC, and is a co-founder of its Natural History Unit. His many TV credits include BBC2's 'Nature' and the film series 'Discovering Birds' and 'Beside the Sea'. A renowned bird watcher, he is also an accomplished expedition leader, having led wildlife safaris to both the Arctic and the Antarctic, and is a pioneer of expedition cruising. Many people will have fond memories of his time on the classic children's nature programme, 'Animal Magic,' which he co-presented with multi-voiced Johnny Morris; the much-loved series ran for 21 years, from April 1962.

The cruise lends itself perfectly to Tony's subject. Setting sail from Dover on 14th June 2012, the first port of call is Ijmuiden (for Amsterdam), then Braemar cruises north to Leknes, in the Lofoten Islands, inside the Arctic Circle. The wild landscape, with jagged peaks and white sand, is visually stunning, and one of the most picturesque in Norway. Next port is Tromsø and from there Braemar travels right up to the North Cape, to Honningsvåg, Norway's most northerly village framed by rugged mountains and the Arctic Ocean. At this time of year, there is daylight around the clock, so the sightseeing is unparalleled. On the return journey, Braemar visits Trondheim, then Ålesund, with its strikingly pretty 'Art Nouveau' architecture, and, finally, the bustling port of Bergen, with its cobbled streets and quaint wooden buildings. The cruise then returns to Dover on the 27th of June.

A North Cape cruise offers many opportunities for spotting birds and wildlife, including reindeer, whales, and many species of seabird, and no doubt the guests' enjoyment will be greatly enhanced by Tony Soper's fascinating and well-informed talks.

Prices for this truly fascinating cruise start from £1,529 per person, based on two adults sharing an inside twin cabin, Grade 'I'. The price includes all meals and entertainment on board, and port taxes, and there is no extra charge for Vistas activity.

Find out more about this cruise by visiting [www.fredolsencruises.com](http://www.fredolsencruises.com) Book online, by calling Reservations on 01473 742424, or through any ABTA travel agent.

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

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