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Long Cruises From Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines 2011-12

The new Fred. Olsen brochure of worldwide cruises features a host of exciting itineraries to destinations all over the globe. These include several epic voyages; longer cruises that offer a fantastically varied experience to some of the world's most amazing ports of call.

World Cruises

Both *Balmoral* and *Black Watch* offer a full world cruise – *Balmoral* has a 108-night cruise departing from Southampton on 5th January 2011 (L1101) and *Black Watch* leaves Southampton for a 106-night cruise on 11th January 2012 (W1201).

Balmoral World Cruise 2011

Travelling westward, key destinations are the Canary Islands, the Caribbean, South Pacific, the Cook Islands and New Zealand where she visits Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin. The ship continues on to Australia and a two-night stay in Sydney, allowing plenty of time for excursions, before Brisbane, cruising the Great Barrier Reef, and then Cairns. Then it is on to Indonesia, Brunei, Thailand and Cambodia before Singapore where there is another overnight stay. This amazing cruise also visits India (Cochin, Goa and Mumbai), then Dubai, Oman and Egypt, before returning home via Malta, with a final call into Gibraltar, before docking back in Southampton. Prices start from £8,999 per person.

The cruise is also available in six shorter sectors:-

Southampton – Peru 22 nights from £1,969

- Peru Sydney 31 nights from £3,629
- Sydney Singapore 27 nights from £3,259
- Sydney Dubai 40 nights from £4,259
- Singapore Southampton 35 nights from £3,389
- Cruise and stay pre- and post-cruise options are available in Peru ('Sampling the Inca Trail'), Sydney, Singapore and Dubai.

Black Watch World Cruise 2012

Travelling east for her circumnavigation of the globe, *Black Watch* heads for Egypt, Oman and India, plus her maiden call to the Andaman Islands, then on to Singapore and Hong Kong, the Philippines and Borneo, before reaching Australia. A cruise of the Great Barrier Reef and a two-night stay in Sydney are highlights, before crossing the Pacific for the islands of Vanuatu, Fiji, Bora Bora and Tahiti, before South America. A three-night stay in Callao (for Lima) allows for visits to Machu Pichu and other great excursions, then on to Ecuador, Colombia, the Caribbean and finally the Azores en route back to Southampton. Prices start from £9,499 per person.

Sectors for this cruise are:-

- Southampton Singapore 32 nights from £3,199
- Singapore Sydney 27 nights from £3,469
- Sydney Peru 30 nights from £3,689
- Peru Southampton 24 nights from £2,469

Grand Voyages

As well as the world cruises, Fred. Olsen offers two dramatic long voyages around South America in this brochure. *Black Watch* has a 77-night cruise departing from Southampton on 5th January 2011 (W1101), while *Balmoral* cruises around South America in January 2012, a cruise of 89 nights (L1201), departing from Southampton on 5th January 2012.

Black Watch South America Grand Voyage 2011

This epic voyage travels via Tenerife and the Cape Verde Islands to Brazil, with an overnight stay in Rio. Then on to Uruguay, Argentina - with a two-night stay in Buenos Aires - and the Falkland Islands, visiting Port

Stanley. *Black Watch* then rounds Cape Horn and cruises the Chilean Fjords, with stops including Punta Arenas and Castro, before a three-night stay in Callao for Machu Pichu. Ecuador, Panama and a transit of the Panama Canal are next, with the last part of the cruise visiting seven Caribbean islands, before returning via the Azores to Southampton. Prices start from £7,519 per person.

Like the world cruises, this voyage is also offered in shorter sectors:-

- Southampton Buenos Aires 24 nights from £2,389
- Buenos Aires Peru 27 nights from £3,569
- Peru Southampton 30 nights from £3,169
- There are also pre-and post-cruise holiday options in Buenos Aires and Peru.

Balmoral South America Grand Voyage 2012

Balmoral's South America voyage has a different and novel itinerary, taking in parts of North America including the Florida Keys, New Orleans and Galveston.

Departing from Southampton, the cruise heads for the Caribbean, via Tenerife before reaching legendary Key West in southern Florida. The next ports of call are New Orleans, and Galveston for excursions to Houston – both maiden ports for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines. After Montego Bay and Ocho Rios, the cruise visits Central America – Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador - before heading for Ecuador and on to Peru for a two-night stay in Callao (Lima). This cruise also visits several Chilean ports, the Falkland Islands, Uruguay, Argentina (Buenos Aires), and finally Brazil, a key focus of the cruise. The Brazilian sector includes calls into Santos (for Sao Paolo), an overnight stay in Rio, then Salvador, Recife, Fortaleza and Santarem in the Amazon. The return voyage is via the Cape Verde Islands and finally Madeira, returning to Southampton. Prices from £7,999 per person.

Sectors on this cruise are:-

- Southampton Montego Bay 25 nights from £2,479
- Montego Bay Valparaiso 22 nights from £3,039
- Valparaiso Rio de Janeiro 21 nights from £2,899

- Rio de Janeiro Southampton 25 nights from £2,659
- There are also cruise and stay pre- and post-holiday options for Easter Island, Santiago and Rio available with this cruise.

Other Long Voyages

In addition to these 'epic' voyages, Fred. Olsen also operates longer than average voyages throughout the year, for example:

- Balmoral: 22 night cruise to the Adriatic from £2,269 per person
- Boudicca: 35 night cruise to the Amazon from £3,049 per person
- Boudicca: 25 night cruise to the Eastern Med from £2,289 per person
- Black Watch: 28 night cruise to the Red Sea from £3,179 per person

Nigel Lingard, Fred. Olsen's Marketing Director, said: "We are very excited about our long cruises in this programme; we have some real variety and a world of choice, with several maiden ports as a bonus. The extra options such as cruise sectors and pre- and post-cruise holidays mean that everyone can plan the perfect itinerary to suit their tastes and budgets."

Many of these cruises also feature 'The ArtsClub', Fred. Olsen's programme of special interest cruises that are free for all passengers to enjoy, as they wish.

Prices quoted are per person in an inside twin-bedded cabin, and include meals and entertainment on board, plus port and airport taxes where applicable.

For information on Fred. Olsen cruises visit the website www.fredolsencruises.co.uk . For bookings visit the website, call Fred. Olsen Reservations on 01473 742424, or see your preferred 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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