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Lucky competition winner scoops a Fred. Olsen cruise prize a year for two 'for life', worth a staggering £160,000!

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines was delighted to present lucky competition winner Mrs. Pamela Creighton, 68, of Cottingham, Yorkshire, with a cruise holiday a year for two 'for life', during a VIP Reception on board its flagship, *Balmoral*, at the Port of Tyne, Newcastle. Mrs. Creighton entered a competition with Fred. Olsen in March this year, guaranteeing her a cruise for two, of up to two weeks' duration, every single year, for the next 40 years!

Commenting on her dramatic win, Mrs. Pamela Creighton said:

"I am so thrilled to be the lucky winner of this amazing Fred. Olsen competition! I couldn't quite believe the news and did wonder whether it was a hoax! My husband and I are really looking forward to our first-ever Fred. Olsen cruise, leaving Southampton on *Balmoral* on1st September, for the Baltic and St. Petersburg. We are particularly keen to visit St. Petersburg, as this is a destination we have wanted to visit for a long time.

"Thank you, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, for this year's cruise, and the many more to come!"

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

"Congratulations to Mrs. Creighton, and we are looking forward to welcoming her and her husband aboard *Balmoral* in September. This is the most ambitious competition that we have ever run, with a cumulative value of £160,000!

"We are confident that the Creightons will love what we do and they can look forward to cruising with us every year from now on – all for free!"

Fred. Olsen has a clear focus on 'bringing the world *closer to you*', taking guests from convenient, regional UK departure ports 'right on their doorstep' to hundreds of exciting destinations around the globe, aboard its fleet of four smaller, more intimate ships – *Balmoral*, *Braemar*, *Boudicca* and *Black Watch*

Fred. Olsen's classically-styled, smaller-scale ships are able to access many ports around the world that larger cruise ships cannot: taking guests into the heart of iconic cities, river cruising through breathtaking landscapes, past soaring fjords, and to soft, sandy beaches, bathed in sunshine. During its 2016/17 cruise season, Fred. Olsen will be visiting 253 destinations in 84 countries – more than ever before!

Whilst the Creightons have chosen to take their first Fred. Olsen cruise from Southampton, they will also have the option of sailing from a range of other convenient, regional UK departure ports in the future: Dover, Harwich, Tilbury, Falmouth, Liverpool, Newcastle, Greenock (Glasgow), Rosyth (Edinburgh) and Belfast.

The relatively small size of Fred. Olsen's ships means that there is a relaxed and friendly atmosphere on board, where guests and crew quickly get to know each other; Fred. Olsen's famous 'service with a smile', fantastic five-star cuisine and elegant, stylish ships all help to create a holiday to remember!

Fred. Olsen is pleased to have been awarded the 'Gold Trusted Merchant' status by independent review site Feefo in 2015, for the second year in a row. This accreditation is based on genuine customer feedback and, to date, Fred. Olsen has received over 11,000 reviews, with 95% of these being in the 'Good' or 'Excellent' categories.

<u>Photo caption:</u> Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' Sales and Marketing Director, Nathan Philpot (right), presents lucky competition winner Mrs. Pamela Creighton, and her husband Paul, with the 'cruise for life' certificate at a VIP Reception on board flagship *Balmoral* at the Port of Tyne, Newcastle.

For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at www.fredolsencruises.com

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

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