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Welcome to our biggest issue yet!

The last few months have been especially exciting for us here at Bolsover Cruise Club, as we underwent a complete refurbishment of The Cruise Centre. The arrival of our state-ofthe-art reception desk signalled the final stage in the process and we are thrilled with the results that award-winning interior designer Jamie Hempsall and his team have achieved. The boutique style of our new look bureau is bold, bright and inviting, making it the perfect place to grab a coffee and talk holidays. I hope that you will visit us and see it for yourself next time you're passing.

Summer 2015 has welcomed inaugural seasons from some of the biggest cruise lines in the world. Six months since its regal launch, P&O Cruises' Britannia continues to attract great reviews. As The Great British Bake Off comes to an end on our television screens, this issue sees us take a closer look at the great Britannia bake off; with several chefs having now spent time on board, has The Cookery Club risen to the challenge?

Royal Caribbean International's Anthem of the Seas has also been incredibly well received by our customers and I'm sure we will see the same level of success following the launch of both Ovation of the Seas and Harmony of the Seas in 2016. Right now we are gearing up for the October launch of Norwegian Cruise Line's new ship, Norwegian Escape. We'll be meeting the ship in Southampton, so keep your eyes peeled for exclusive photos of what promises to be an exciting prospect for family cruising.

Our destination feature has become a popular part of Into The Blue and this edition focuses on one of my personal favourites, the Middle East. With recent announcements confirming that Celebrity Cruises and MSC Cruises will base ships in Middle Eastern ports, there really has never been a better time to explore the region. My love for Dubai is mentioned in my interview for our Under The Spotlight feature, something that I had managed to escape becoming the subject of until this issue!

This edition's Industry Insider is Nathan Philpott, Sales and Marketing Director of Fred Olsen. Following the launch of the line's 'most ambitious and unique cruise programme ever', we found out just what else is in store for one of the nation's favourite operators. Fred Olsen also helped inspire our Sailing Solo feature, exploring the various options available to solo cruisers. It has been something of a bone of contention but tides are changing as operators make it easier, and more cost effective, for lone travellers to get on board.

With articles on world cruising, the Caribbean's best excursions and a review of director Julie's river cruise along the Rhine, plus a brand new 'Bolsover on Board' feature, I'm confident that you'll find plenty in this issue to inspire enough wanderlust to see you through the winter.

I hope you enjoy our latest edition.



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Yours sincerely

Michael Wilson Managing Director

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We talk travel with Michael Wilson

As the Managing Director of Bolsover Cruise Club, Michael Wilson has seen the company through some of its most significant changes. We grilled him on his role in the business, and more importantly, his love of travel.

Bolsover Cruise Club was founded by your late grandfather in the 1960's and you have played an influential part in its running since the late 1970's. How has your role changed over the years?

I have always played a managerial role since the very beginning, developing each department in turn before delegating the responsibility to newly appointed department managers. Latterly, marketing became my primary role, though I have moved to more general management due to the expansion of our Marketing Department in recent years.

I also played the lead role in developing our own bespoke computer system, which was launched back in June 1997 and was the first windows system of the time. It has gone on to control our entire Customer Management System, our Accounting System, as well as making reservations direct with the cruise operators, full CMS, full accounts, in fact it undertakes almost all administrative and reservation tasks, saving tens of thousands of man hours annually.

What would you say has been your key strategic decision in the history of Bolsover Cruise Club?

I would certainly say switching to cruise-only from general travel in the early 90's, along with the decision to move

Bolsover Cruise Club out of Bolsover to our current location at The Cruise Centre in Barlborough. Our new position has opened up so much scope for the business, thanks to the additional office space, prestige location and proximity to the motorway. In addition to this, the decision to open The Cruise Holiday Shop in Meadowhall Shopping Centre was also pivotal. It has opened us up to a whole new customer base and has proved very successful.

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What do you consider to be standout achievements for Bolsover Cruise Club?

Our many awards certainly figure up there in terms of standout achievements, particularly attaining the title of Top UK Independent Agent for P&O Cruises for the last 28 consecutive years. That said, the most impactful achievement for me personally has been scooping the top spot twice in a row when mystery shopped by industry magazine Travel Weekly. We scored almost 100% each time and that to me is a perfect testament to our expertise and the level of service we offer our customers day-in, day-out. That makes me exceptionally proud.

What does the future hold for Bolsover Cruise Club?

We are currently in the process of relaunching our new responsive website, so this is a very exciting time for us. Travel







has evolved to become such a digital market and it is incredibly important for us to change and develop accordingly. Our new website will help us do this and we are really excited to finally be able to offer our customers the facility to book online too.

Now for the important stuff... travel! What was your first experience of cruising?

I remember it very vividly; it was a Canberra cruise educational to the Caribbean when I was just 18 years old and I thoroughly enjoyed it from start to finish. I have sailed on 36 cruises since and have gathered some very fond memories along the way.

What is your favourite cruise line?

I love Seabourn for its relaxed approach to luxury and the fact that there is never a hint of pretentiousness on one of their cruises. I have also enjoyed some fantastic holidays with Princess Cruises recently, having taken my family on Emerald Princess, Ruby Princess and Royal Princess in the last few years. Princess Cruises really are fantastic for families, whilst still proving equally appealing to adults. Also, P&O Cruises' Britannia has certainly impressed me in terms of styling and design.



Opposite: The Bolsover Travel office in 1981, located on the high street in Bolsover town centre, with Michael's first car parked outside

Clockwise from top left:

A young 18 year old Michael on his first cruise aboard P&O Cruises' Canberra; Michael pictured receiving an award with father Derek, mother Audrey and sister Julie; Continuing with their success, Michael pictured with Derek and Julie receiving multiple cruise line awards; After a fair few years in the business Michael is now a well and truly seasoned cruiser

Do you have a favourite destination?

Italy. I absolutely love everything about the country, from the culture to the food, and of course the wine. Rome is one of my favourite cities in the world. I also like Dubai. The weather is always fantastic and Dubai is such a vibrant place; there is always something incredible to see and something new to experience.

Where will your travels take you next?

I'm really excited about travelling on Seabourn Encore when it launches next year, purely because I love everything about the cruise line and I know that the ship will be incredible. I am also keen to try river cruising, as this is something that intrigues me and that I haven't yet experienced.

Aside from cruising, I would love to visit Las Vegas in the not too distant future. It is somewhere I have always wanted to go but never quite got round to visiting; I have every intention of going next year!

Who is your dream desert island companion?

Well, that would have to be my lovely wife and children of course... or Cheryl Fernandez-Versini.

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The Cookery Club was touted as the star of the show aboard P&O Cruises' Britannia, with Yorkshireman James Martin drafted in to impart his culinary expertise to the eager participants. Six months later and with Nathan Outlaw, Pierre Koffmann, Mary Berry, Theo Randall and Lawrence Keogh having already been on board, we decided to find out just what is on the menu at The Cookery Club.

Excitement reached fever pitch for foodies, when P&O Cruises announced that a bevy of gastronomic greats were set to join James Martin on board Britannia throughout 2015/16, with baking queen Mary Berry, worldrenowned Pierre Koffmann and Godfather of Italian gastronomy Antonio Carluccio amongst those who would be serving up the secrets behind their signature dish. Six months later, it has become wildly obvious that P&O Cruises' latest venture has risen to the challenge and exceeded the expectations of those desperate to get on board and meet their food heroes.

Speaking about her experience attending The Cookery Club, one guest said: "It's like



being on your own television programme – it's hard not to do a little piece to the camera every now and then!", whilst another amateur cook remarked: "It's just a great experience and something that most people will never be able to do". So what is it about The Cookery Club that sees passengers queuing up to pay £200 for a class led by James Martin and one of his famous foodie friends?

Cookery programmes have taken over our televisions in recent years and are no longer consigned to lazy Sunday mornings; the likes of Masterchef and The Great British Bake Off have garnered a cult following that spans the generations, something that was previously unheard of. Capitalising on this new found fame, The Cookery Club takes cuisine's biggest names and gives passengers the chance to learn from the best. With something available for all abilities, from family

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classes and simple dishes to more elaborate and advanced creations, The Cookery Club enables everyone to flour their hands and join in the fun; the state of the art kitchen, sea views and great grub at the end only add to the appeal.

Whether led by James Martin or the The Cookery Club's resident chefs Rob Mottram and Lizzie Kennedy, classes follow the same format. Following a rundown of the dishes to be cooked, the chef spends a further 20-30 minutes discussing the background and history of the dishes, plus the cookery methods to be used in the class. Next, the chef will give a step-by-step demonstration, before attendees pair up to recreate each dish; something that makes The Cookery Club an especially exciting prospect for solo travellers looking for new ways to socialise. Finally, all that remains is the all-important taste test.

Careful consideration has gone into the themes behind the classes, with options including Dim Sum, French Brasserie, Modern Gastropub, Brunch and Italian Bistro. The inclusion of a Family Dishes class is a welcome one, as is the presence of a lower level work station specifically designed for wheelchair bound passengers, with carers not required to pay for their place if assisting during a class.

When asked for his own feedback on how he felt The Cookery Club had settled in to its new home, James Martin attributed its success to the fact that there is something for everyone, saying: "If you're interested in food or if you're just interested in cooking for the first time, we can offer that. Or if you're looking to expand your expertise and do something a little bit fancy, we've got something for everybody".



White Chocolate & Whisky Croissant Pudding with Honeycomb Foam & Whisky Ice Cream

James Martin's trade mark dish. This recipe has bucket loads of butter cream and calories. Just forget all that and enjoy it as it's never been off my restaurant menu for 22 years now and still is one of the biggest sellers.

INGREDIENTS

For the whisky ice cream

- 400ml whole milk
- 100ml double cream
- 6 egg yolks
- 100g caster sugar
- 100ml whisky

For the pudding

- 3 large all-butter croissants, thickly sliced
- 25g sultanas
- 40g unsalted butter, softened
- 500ml double cream

500ml milk

METHOD

- 1 vanilla pod, split, seeds scraped out
- 300g white chocolate, roughly chopped
- 3 whole eggs, plus 6 egg yolks
- 200g caster sugar
- 75ml whisky
- 2 tbsp icing sugar, to dust

For the honeycomb foam • 400ml milk

- 75g honeycomb, roughly
 - chopped
- 1 tsp lecithin powder

For the ice cream, put the cream and milk into a saucepan with the vanilla pod from the chocolate custard and bring to a simmer. Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together.

Add the whisky to the hot cream and return to a simmer, then pour over the eggs, whisking constantly to combine. Return to the pan and, whisking constantly, heat gently until thick enough to coat the back of a spoon.

Now you can go two ways. The high-tech way is to strain the mixture into a Paco Jet ice cream container and freeze until solid. Otherwise churn the mixture as normal in an ice cream machine. Either way, decant into a freezerproof container and freeze until needed.

To make the pudding, preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4. Lay the croissants into an ovenproof dish with the sultanas layered in between, then dot with the softened butter. Try to make sure no sultanas show on top, or they could burn in the oven.

Place the cream, milk and vanilla pod into a saucepan and bring to the boil, then add the chocolate and whisk until totally melted. Place the eggs, egg yolks and sugar into a bowl and whisk to combine.

Pour the hot chocolate custard through a sieve over the eggs (reserve the vanilla pod) and whisk to combine, pour in the whisky, then ladle it through a fine sieve over the croissant pudding and set aside for 20 minutes to soak.

Cover with foil and place in the oven for 25–30 minutes until golden and just set. Remove from the oven and dust with the icing sugar. Place under a hot grill to caramelise, or use a blowtorch.

To create the foam, place the milk, honeycomb and lecithin into a small saucepan and heat until simmering, then froth with a stick blender until foaming. Place a serving of the pudding into the centre of a plate, with some of the sauce from the dish, top with ice cream and add a spoonful of foam.



RECIP



Dark Chocolate Moelleux

This extremely moist sponge is a perfect base for a celebration cake filled with a rich chocolate buttercream and coated with a glossy ganache. It looks great decorated with berries or dried fruits and nuts.

INGREDIENTS

For the sponge

- 350g (11½oz) butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 50g (2oz) dark chocolate, roughly chopped
- 350g (11½oz) golden caster sugar
- 50g (2oz) black treacle
- 8 eggs, lightly beaten
- 300g (10oz) self-raising flour
- 50g (2oz) cocoa powder
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 50g (2oz) ground almonds

For the ganache

200ml (7 fl oz) whipping cream
200g (7oz) dark chocolate, chopped

For the buttercream

- 25g (1oz) dark chocolate, roughly chopped
- 200g (7oz) icing sugar, sifted
- 100g (3½ oz) unsalted butter, softened
- a few drops of vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp double cream
- berries or dried fruits & nuts, to decorate

METHOD

First make the sponge. Preheat the oven to 170°C (fan 150°C)/325°F/ gas mark 3. Grease 2 x 22cm (8½in) diameter shallow cake tins and line with baking paper. Melt the chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a saucepan of barely simmering water, making sure the surface of the water does not touch the bowl.

In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in the black treacle. Beat in the eggs, a little at a time, then add the melted chocolate. Sift the flour, cocoa powder and baking powder together, then fold in with the ground almonds. Finish with an electric hand whisk to produce a smooth, glossy consistency.

Divide the mixture between the prepared tins and level the tops. Bake in the oven for 30–35 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centres comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tins, then turn out on to a cooling rack.

To make the ganache, put the whipping cream into a saucepan and heat to just below boiling point. Remove from the heat and add the chocolate, beating vigorously until melted and smooth. Leave to cool to room temperature.

To make the buttercream, melt the chocolate as above and leave to cool. In a bowl, cream the icing sugar and butter together using an electric hand whisk until light and fluffy. Beat in the vanilla, cooled chocolate and double cream to form a fairly stiff spreading consistency.

To assemble the cake, level the tops of the sponges using a sharp knife. Spread the buttercream over the top of one of the sponges and place it on a cooling rack set over a large plate or baking tray.

Place the other sponge, upside down, on top to give a nice flat surface. Pour the ganache over the cake, completely covering it. Smooth with a palette knife and leave to set. Serve decorated with berries or dried fruits and nuts.



Eric Lanlard RECIPE







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Venice Split Santorini Kusadasi (for Ephesus) Istanbul Lesbos (Mytilene) Athens (Pireaus) Mykonos Dubrovnik Rijeka Venice

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£1,999	£2,409
Oceanview	£2,199	£2,609
Balcony	£2,199	£2,609
Mini-Suite	£3,239	£3,649
Suite	£4,199	£4,609

Prices based on 16 Jul 2016. Prices for other departures may vary.

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NORTH CAPE & SUMMER SOLSTICE

EMERALD PRINCESS • 14 NIGHTS 18 Jun 2016

Southampton > Stavanger > Flaam/ Sognefjord > Olden/Nordfjord > Trondheim > Honningsvåg (for North Cape) > Tromsø > Lofoten Islands (Gravdal) > Ålesund > Bergen > Southampton

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ICELAND & NORWAY

PACIFIC PRINCESS • **14 NIGHTS** 28 Aug 2016

Dover Shetland Islands (Lerwick) Scrabster Seydisfjordur Akureyri Grundarfjordur Reykjavik Eidfjord Bergen Dover

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SCANDINAVIA

EMERALD PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 2 Jul 2016

Southampton Bruges/Brussels (Zeebrugge) Copenhagen overnight onboard Helsingborg Oslo Southampton

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SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA

REGAL PRINCESS • **11 NIGHTS** 1 May, 14 Jun, 6 Jul, 8 Aug 2016

Copenhagen Solo Berlin (Warnemünde) Tallinn 2-Day Experience St. Petersburg overnight onboard Helsinki Stockholm (Nynasham) Copenhagen

CRUISE ONLY
£1,399
£2,049
£2,049
£2,649
£4,049

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY
Interior	£2,099
Oceanview	£2,879
Balcony	£2,879
Mini-Suite	£4,119
Suite	£4,799

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY
Interior	£849
Oceanview	£1,199
Balcony	£1,199
Mini-Suite	£1,449
Suite	£2,229

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£1,099	£1,389
Balcony	£1,449	£1,739
Deluxe Balcony	£1,449	£1,739
Mini-Suite	£1,749	£2,039
Suite	£2,999	£3,289

Prices based on 1 May 2016. Prices for other departures may vary.

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KYUSHU & KOREA WITH TOYOHASHI FIREWORKS **FESTIVAL**

DIAMOND PRINCESS • 8 NIGHTS 15>, 24< Aug, 9, 17^ Sep 2016

Tokyo 🕨 Nagoya 🕨 Japan Inland *scenic cruising* Kanmon Straits scenic cruising > Busan > Nagasaki > Yatsushiro > Tokyo

Interior £849 £1,909 Oceanview £1,099 £2,159 Balcony £1,099 £2,159 Mini-Suite £1,639 £2,699 Suite £2,819 £3,879	PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Balcony £1,099 £2,159 Mini-Suite £1,639 £2,699	Interior	£849	£1,909
Mini-Suite £1,639 £2,699	Oceanview	£1,099	£2,159
	Balcony	£1,099	£2,159
Suite £2,819 £3,879	Mini-Suite	£1,639	£2,699
	Suite	£2,819	£3,879

Prices shown based on 17 Sep 2016. Prices for other departures may vary. >Cruise is 9 nights and follows a slightly different itinerary. <Cruise is 7 nights and follows a slightly different itinerary. ^Itinerary follows a slightly different order and calls at Osaka instead of Yatsushiro.

TAIWAN & RYUKYU

DIAMOND PRINCESS • 9 NIGHTS

Tokyo 🕨 Okinawa 🕨 Taipei (Keelung) 🕨

CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
£1,099	£1,873
£1,369	£2,143
£1,369	£2,143
£1,999	£2,773
£3,299	£4,073
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PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£999	£2,059
Oceanview	£1,299	£2,359
Balcony	£1,299	£2,359
Mini-Suite	£1,859	£2,919
Suite	£3,189	£4,249

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DIAMOND PRINCESS • 9 NIGHTS

24 Jun, 8, 25[^] Jul, 31 Aug, 25 Sep 2016

Tokyo 🕨 Kushiro 🕨 Shiretoko

Korsakov 🕨 Otaru 🕨 Hakodate 🕨

Peninsula *scenic cruising*

Aomori 🕨 Tokyo

CIRCLE HOKKAIDO

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15 Jun 2016

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Hualien
Tokyo

Vancouver Cruising the Inside Passage 🕨 Ketchikan 🕨 Juneau 🕨 Skagway 🕨 Glacier Bay National Park *scenic cruising* College Fjord *scenic* cruising Anchorage (Whittier)

JAPAN & ALASKA

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Weekly Wednesday departures from

ISLAND PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS

CORAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS

STAR PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS

Weekly departures from Saturday

Weekly departures from Saturday

11 May to 7 Sep 2016^

14 May to 10 Sep 2016

21 May to 17 Sep 2016^

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£599	£1,927
Oceanview	£959	£2,287
Balcony	£959	£2,287
Mini-Suite	£1,179	£2,507
Suite	£1,699	£3,027

Prices based on 21 May 2016 on Star Princess. Prices for other departures may vary. ^Some sailings operate in reverse, with scenic cruising at Hubbard Glacier (Yakutat Bay) instead of College Fjord.





FREE BALCONY UPGRADE



EASTERN CARIBBEAN

REGAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 14, 21 Feb. 6, 13, 27 Mar. 3 Apr 2016 ROYAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 8° Feb 2016

Fort Lauderdale 🅨 Princess Cays 🕨 St. Thomas 🕨 St. Maarten 🕨 Fort Lauderdale

CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
£559	£1,300
£779	£1,520
£779	£1,520
£949	£1,690
£1,629	£2,370
	ONLY £559 £779 £779 £949

Prices shown based on 8 Feb 2016 on Royal Princess. Prices for other departures may vary. ^Cruise calls at Nassau instead of Princess Cays.

MEXICO

CROWN PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 13, 20, 27 Feb, 5, 12 Mar, 9 Apr 2016

Los Angeles 🕨 Puerto Vallarta 🕨 Mazatlan 🕨 Cabo San Lucas 🕨 Los Angeles

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£519	£1,211
Oceanview	£669	£1,361
Balcony	£669	£1,361
Mini-Suite	£929	£1,621
Suite	£1,549	£2,241

Prices shown based on 13 Feb 2016. Prices for other departures may vary

EASTERN CARIBBEAN

EMERALD PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 20 Feb. 26 Mar 2016

Fort Lauderdale > Princess Cays > St. Maarten 🕨 St. Thomas 🕨 Grand Turk ▶ Fort Lauderdale

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£639	£1,396
Oceanview	£799	£1,556
Balcony	£799	£1,556
Mini-Suite	£1,029	£1,786
Suite	£1,649	£2,406

Prices shown based on 26 Mar 2016. Prices for other departures may vary

CARIBBEAN & MEXICO

TURTLE, ISLAND OF COZUMEL

WESTERN CARIBBEAN

REGAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 7. 28 Feb. 20 Mar. 10 Apr 2016^ ROYAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 15 Feb 2016#

Fort Lauderdale 🕨 Princess Cays 🕨 Grand Cayman 🕨 Costa Maya (Mahahual) Island of Cozumel Fort Lauderdale

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£559	£1,161
Balcony	£779	£1,381
Deluxe Balcony	£779	£1,381
Mini-Suite	£949	£1,551
Suite	£1,639	£ 2,241

Prices shown based on 15 Feb 2016 on Royal Princess. Prices for other departures may vary. ^Cruise follows a slightly different order and calls at Ocho Rios instead of Costa Maya. #Cruise calls at Falmouth before Grand Cayman and does not call at Costa Maya.

WESTERN CARIBBEAN

EMERALD PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 27 Feb. 19 Mar 2016

Fort Lauderdale > Grand Cayman > Island of Roatan Island of Cozumel ▶ Princess Cays ▶ Fort Lauderdale

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£579	£1,378
Oceanview	£739	£1,538
Balcony	£739	£1,538
Mini-Suite	£969	£1,768
Suite	£1,579	£2,378

Prices shown based on 27 Feb 2016. Prices for other departures may vary.

These offers should be read in conjunction with Princess Cruises Booking Conditions, which must be read before booking. Prices shown are per person, subject to availability, based upon two adults sharing the lowest available grade within the stateroom type specified and include Taxes, Fees and Port Expenses. Prices for other categories may vary. Prices and availability are correct at time of going to print, and may go up or down. Package guide prices shown include your cruise, air fares based on best available return economy flights from London which could be direct or indirect, transfers between airport and ship, and an operational overnight hotel stay where applicable. Package guide prices are subject to change as they are based on live pricing information from the relevant airlines' booking systems. Please note some package fares do not include baggage fees, contact your airline for details. All offers apply to new bookings only made from 1 Sep-30 Nov 2015, subject to availability. Offers apply to 1st and 2nd guests only. Singles and 3rd and 4th berth guests are not eligible. *Free balcony upgrade is from the lowest available Oceanview to lowest available Balcony or lowest available Balcony or lowest available Balcony on Royal Princess and Regal Princess. *Free onboard spending money is based on two adults sharing and is available on 2016 sailings in Japan and Europe only. Amount shown is the maximum available per stateroom, and varies by duration and stateroom type. Onboard spending money may be used on a single cruise Travel with confidence only, is non-refundable, not for cash value, and expires at the end of that cruise.



We catch up with Nathan Philpot

For many years Fred. Olsen has been known as something of an expert in Norwegian Fjord cruising. Now, following the release of its most ambitious cruise programme ever for 2016/17, the cruise line is steaming ahead towards ever greater things. We spoke to Sales & Marketing Director Nathan Philpot to find out what the future holds for this long-established operator.

Hi Nathan, firstly thank you for taking the time to speak to us for the latest edition of Into The Blue. It's great to be able to offer our readers a closer look at one of the UK's favourite cruise lines.

The last 18 months have seen something of a reinvention for Fred. Olsen. How has the way you market your brand changed?

In a recent survey we were found to be the third best known brand in cruising and people trust brands that they are familiar with. We strive to be the mostrecognised cruise name by investing in advertising and sponsorship. It's been important that we try to get across why we are different too, by promoting our ten regional departure ports and the unique itineraries that allow us to reach parts of the world others ships cannot. All this is why we talk about bringing the world closer. This investment in marketing helps to stimulate the market and I hope it gets people talking about Fred. Olsen.

The 2016/17 'Worldwide Cruises' programme has been described by Fred. Olsen as its 'most ambitious and unique cruise programme ever'. In an ever-changing and rapidly expanding industry, do you think it has become increasingly important to think outside the box in terms of new itineraries?

Yes, undoubtedly, but always with the customer at the heart of our decisions. We spend a lot of time listening to what our guests want, examining trends in the travel market and occasionally just going with a crazy idea such as last year's Elvis cruise! After all, people buy itineraries and destinations first and foremost - not ships. In the wider holiday sector, I have never heard of anyone choosing a hotel brand and then looking at the narrow list of countries they can visit to stay at that hotel brand. We don't make decisions that way.

The 2016/17 season will see the Fred. Olsen fleet visit 253 destinations in 84 countries, including a record 23 maiden calls. What is the process behind choosing maiden calls and which of those in the new programme are you most excited for cruisers to experience?

2016 is a little bit special because we have launched the "Maiden Call Mystery Cruise", which visits six maiden port calls. It improves on the success of last year's Mystery Cruise as this time you can be sure you have not been to any of the destinations. We are always liaising with different destinations and ports to see what they can offer and whether our smaller ships can get in. I heard a statistic recently that these new big ships can only get in to 6 or 7 ports around the Med. That makes for a fairly repetitive itinerary and some busy ports. At Fred. Olsen we like to find somewhere new and authentic where there are not thousands of other cruise guests taking the real experience away.

Bestselling itineraries for 2017 include Central America and the Mardi Gras, The Caribbean with

Panama and Venezuela and the Amazon River Adventure. Has Fred. Olsen witnessed a definite shift away from the traditional 'sun tan' cruise, in favour of more adventurous itineraries?

We may still be a traditional cruise line in terms of the onboard experience but our cruises have changed significantly. It comes back to looking out for trends in the travel market and the next generation of future guests. There are still a lot of people who want to head to the sun in winter - our classic range - but increasingly we are finding that experiences are becoming more important. One of our other bestselling cruises for the last two years has been the Arctic Explorer, which is a long journey full of adventure. Others have been visiting the thrills of the Monaco GP or searching for the Loch Ness monster!

Sky Atlantic's TV series Fortitude, which is filmed in Iceland, prompted an explosion in sales of Spitsbergen, **Greenland and Iceland itineraries** for Fred. Olsen. Why do you think people are choosing cruising as their preferred way of seeing these places? I think market research people call it 'fauxcenticity'. It is the desire to visit authentic, difficult to reach destinations and do it from the comfort of a Fred. Olsen ship, so you get the best of both worlds. I think a lot of us get to a stage in life where we want to do more adventurous holidays but we like convenience and a little bit of luxury too.



I really don't believe bigger is better. When we asked those who have not yet cruised with Fred. Olsen what size of ship they would prefer, 80% wanted a ship under 1000 passengers.

> Nathan Philpot Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines Sales & Marketing Director

The 2016/17 season sees Fred. Olsen sail from 10 UK ports, including a first ever season sailing from Newcastle for flagship Balmoral and an increase of 50% on sailings from Tilbury. Do you feel the local departures have become something of a unique selling point for Fred. Olsen?

We want to be the UK's regional cruise line and we believe 90% of the UK are already within a 90 minute drive time of one of our ships. For many people it is far more convenient to depart from your local port rather than travel all the way to Southampton. I think it is really important that potential cruisers think about where they are sailing to as well. For example, if you are heading to the Norwegian Fjords, you can save three days time and money (potentially at least £600) if you depart from Newcastle and not Southampton because it takes a full day and a half to cruise between Southampton and Newcastle on the way up to the Fjords. If you depart from Liverpool, you can do a Canada cruise in 16 nights.

Fred. Olsen recently announced 20 adult-only cruises, many of which feature amidst the line's top selling itineraries for 2016. Is this the first step in moving towards the introduction of a dedicated adult-only ship?

We have no plans to do that. We will see how these cruises perform. Most of the time we don't have a huge amount of children onboard but we can get over a hundred kids on some cruises in the school holidays. We know some people have reached a stage in life where they are 'post-children' and now prefer to holiday with other like-minded guests whose children have 'flown the nest'.

When it comes to themed cruises, Fred. Olsen have become industry leaders in terms of the variation offered, with everything from Tulips & Chocolates itineraries to the wildly popular Sun, Sea and Monaco Grand Prix. What is it about themed cruising that has proved so successful for Fred. Olsen and is this an area of the business that is likely to expand further in coming years?

We have talked a lot about the importance of the itinerary and the destination and the next natural progression, for me, will be the experience in the destination. You've already mentioned big events such as the Rio Carnival and Mardi Gras - my feeling is that people want inspirational experiences in most destinations. I think we need to do more than simply offer sightseeing – we need to stimulate all the senses and leave every guest with amazing memories. For example, we don't just cruise by the stunning Kronberg Castle in Denmark (the setting for Hamlet), we offer a Shakespearean evening. We sail all the way up the river to dock in the heart of Bordeaux before spending an evening tasting wine with a sommelier. Similarly, our Great British Cruise allows you to watch the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo. We deliberately plan our itineraries to coincide with events whenever possible and I have no doubt this will continue.

Other cruise lines have followed a blueprint of 'bigger is better' when it comes to new ships. Are there any plans to expand the Fred. Olsen fleet in order to remain competitive in the cruise market or do you feel that a focus on destination will continue to set you apart?

I really don't believe bigger is better. When we asked those who have not yet cruised with Fred. Olsen what size of ship they would prefer, 80% wanted a ship under 1000 passengers. Just 6% wanted to cruise on a ship with over 2,000 passengers. On that basis I would say we are already extremely competitive - we are giving people what they want but it's more challenging when the media only talk about big ships. If we build a new ship or two then it is important that we stick to our brand values. We have a very special atmosphere onboard that can never be replicated on a big ship and that would influence our decision.

What else does the future hold for Fred. Olsen?

There are some very exciting projects that we are working on but I can't talk about them – sorry! We are fortunate to have owners who are passionate about shipping. It is 200 years since the first Fred. Olsen was born in 1815 and our current chairman – Fred. Olsen Jnr – is the fifth generation of the Olsen family. We have so much heritage in the past, the present is very exciting and I am very much looking forward to the future of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines.

Bora Bora

Floating in a sparkling blue lagoon and bathed in an air of tranquillity, Nathan Philpot's dream destination of Bora Bora is one of French Polynesia's sweetest spots.



Fred.Olsen Cruise Lines Nathan Philpot Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines Sales & Marketing Director



MaiKai Restaurant in Bora Bora



EAT: If you're looking for intimate dining in an idyllic waterfront setting, MaiKai Bora Bora fits the bill perfectly. Watch the sunset on the terrace, before heading inside for what is arguably the best food in Bora Bora. The much-celebrated menu has a combination of dishes 'From the Sea' and 'From the Land', whilst the extensive selection of carpaccios, tartares and French Polynesia's signature Poisson Cru scoop endless rave reviews.

DRINK: Bloody Mary's signature cocktails have attracted so many famous visitors, they've had to erect two 'walls of fame' on which to list them. Marlon Brando, Charlton Heston, Ringo Starr, Diana Ross and Denzel Washington are amongst the 230 stars said to have sampled the wares of this iconic establishment.

The bar opens at 9.30am (hey, you're in Bora Bora now, there's no work tomorrow), and the Maitai Roa is as good a place to start as any on the cocktail list. DO: As you would expect, Bora Bora's activities revolve around those stunning blue lagoons. Rent a motorboat and spend a lazy day exploring or take a catamaran cruise and let someone else do the driving. Shark and stingray dives are exhilarating, while a Motu picnic in the water is the perfect end to a day.

SEE: It's difficult not to see Mt. Otemanu from wherever you are in Bora Bora, as the extinct volcano dominates the scenery. An energetic hike up the mountain is a welcome break from otherwise lazy days, although loose rocks will prevent you from scaling its summit. Look out for the ancient burial grounds of Polynesian Kings along the way and remember to take your camera; although an arduous journey, the views will take your breath away.

SAIL: Fred. Olsen offer 2016/17 itineraries with port calls throughout French Polynesia, including Bora Bora. These include epic Around the World sailings and a shorter Peru, Polynesia and Fijian Delights itinerary, all of which sail from Southampton.







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	Date	Destination		Date	Destination	
	JANUARY 2017			MARCH 2017		
	Tue 03 Southampton			Wed 01	Brisbane, Australia	
	Sat 07	Funchal, Madeira		Thu 02	Cruising Great Barrier Reef	
	Sat 14	Bridgetown, Barbados	-	Fri 03	Cruising Great Barrier Reef	
	Mon 16	Kralendijk, Bonaire	100	Sat 04	Hamilton Island, Australia	
	Tue 17	Oranjestad, Aruba		Sun 05	Townsville, Australia	
2	Thu 19	Cruising Panama Canal		Mon 06	Cairns, Australia	
	Sat 21	Manta, Ecuador		Fri 10	Darwin, Australia	
	Tue 24	Callao, Peru (overnight in port)		Mon 13	Komodo Island, Indonesia	
	Wed 25	Callao, Peru		Tue 14	Benoa, Bali, Indonesia (overnight in port)	
1	Thu 26	General San Martin, Peru	-	Wed 15	Benoa, Bali, Indonesia	
é.	Tue 31	Cruising Isla Salas y Gómez	-	Sat 18	Singapore (overnight in port)	
3	FEBRUARY 2			Sun 19	Singapore (overnight in port)	
	Wed 01	Hanga Roa (Easter Island), Chile		Mon 20	Singapore	
-	Tue 07	Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia		Tue 21	Kuala Lumpur (from Port Klang), Malaysia	
ė	Wed 08	Bora Bora, Society Islands, French Polynesia		Thu 23	Phuket, Thailand	
111	Fri 10	Rarotonga, Cook Islands		Sun 26	Hambantota, Sri Lanka	
	Sun 12	Crossing International Date Line		Mon 27	Colombo, Sri Lanka	
	Thu 16	Auckland, New Zealand (overnight in port)	12	Wed 29	Uligamu, Maldives	
14	Fri 17	Auckland, New Zealand		Thu 30	Utheemu, Maldives	
	Sat 18	Tauranga, New Zealand		APRIL 2017 Mon 03	Calalah Oman	
	Mon 20	Wellington, New Zealand		Sat 08	Salalah, Oman Safaga, Egypt	
	Wed 22	Cruising Milford Sound		Sun 09	Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt	
-	Wed 22	Cruising Doubtful Sound	1.5	Mon 10	Cruising Suez Canal	
14	Wed 22	Cruising Dusky Sound	10	Tue 11	Alexandria, Egypt	
MAN	Sat 25	Eden, Australia		Fri 14	Valletta, Malta	
all	Sun 26	Sydney, Australia (overnight in port)	R	Mon 17	Malaga, Spain	
- North	Mon 27	Sydney, Australia		Fri 21	Southampton	
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Prices per person

Cabin type	Prices from
Inside	£9,999
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Braemar (M1622) - 27 Aug 16 - 3 nts

Southampton, Rouen (overnight in port), Southampton



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Balmoral (L1615) - 9 Jul 16 - 14 nts

Newcastle, Alesund, Cruising Rorvick, Cruising the Hat Mountain, Cruising Seven Sisters mountain, Neptunes Arctic Circle Crossing, Cruising Black Glacier, Pilot Station Lodingen, Tromso, Cruising (Midnight Sun), Honningsvag, Cruising North Cape, Midnight Sun, Cruising Bear Island, Midnight Sun, Pyramiden, Longyearbyen (overnight in port), Barentsburg, Trondheim, Geiranger, Seven Sisters waterfall, Cruising Geirangerfjord, Cruising Sunnylvsfjorden, Cruising by Strandafjellet mountain, Newcastle



FRED.'S FAVOURITE FJORDS

Balmoral (L1612) - 11 Jun 16 - 7 nts

Newcastle, Bergen, Geiranger, Seven Sisters Waterfall, Hellesylt, Olden (overnight in port), Skjolden, Newcastle

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Balmoral (L1617) - 30 Jul 16 - 13 nts

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Boudicca (D1609) - 6 Jun 16 - 25 nts

Liverpool, Gibraltar, Cartagena, Catania (Sicily), Kerkira (Corfu), Kotor, Hvar, Venice (overnight in port), Split, Dubrovnik, Valletta, Malaga, Cadiz, Liverpool





CENTRAL AMERICA & THE MARDI GRAS

Balmoral (L1703) - 4 Feb 16 - 46 nts

Southampton, Funchal (Madeira), Barbados, St Lucia, Antigua, Tortola, Falmouth (Jamaica), Honduras, Belize, Cozumel, New Orleans (2 nights in port), Tampa, Key West, Miami, Port Canaveral, Jacksonville, Charleston, Hamilton, Ponta Delgada, Southampton

INTERIOR from



BALCONY from



SPAIN, PORTUGAL & THE CANARY ISLANDS

Balmoral (L1618) - 12 Aug 16 - 15 nts

Newcastle, La Coruna, Leixoes (for Oporto), Funchal (Madeira), Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Lisbon, Newcastle

OUTSIDE from (obs)







EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF GREENLAND

Boudicca (D1615) - 14 Aug 16 - 15 nts

Liverpool, Torshavn, Reykjavik, Tasiilaq, Narsarsuaq, Qaqortoq, Nanortalik, Belfast, Liverpool

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SAILING SOLO

Holidaying alone is no longer taboo, in fact seeing the world solo has never been more fashionable. There is something empowering about doing exactly what you want, when you want, with nobody else to consider. When it comes to solo cruising, it is completely up to you whether to venture ashore or stay on board and make the most of the peace.

You can see the sights in your own time, wandering into side streets and quaint cafes that attract your attention along the way. You can snooze away an afternoon beside the pool, with nobody to ask if it's time you were getting ready for dinner. You dine wherever and whenever you choose, enjoying your own company or joining a whole table of new acquaintances.

Though travelling alone is becoming increasingly popular, we're the first to admit that solo cruising can be something of a sore subject, thanks to the substantial single person supplements applied by many operators.

As cruise lines begin to recognise the growing call for solo cruising, more of them are offering low and even no single supplements on certain itineraries. Fred. Olsen recently released a collection of cruises benefitting from no single supplement, whilst Royal Caribbean International's Quantum of the Seas and Anthem of the Seas each feature studio staterooms designed to sleep two, but are available without a single supplement for solo travellers.

New ships are designed with more focus on the incorporation of single cabins, such as P&O Cruises' Britannia which features 28 single cabins, while older ships such as Cunard's Queen Mary 2 are factoring single accommodation reconfiguration into drydock refits. Norwegian Cruise Line have included 128 inside solo studio staterooms into the design of Norwegian Epic, along with a dedicated Studio Lounge where solo passengers can socialise.

All of these recent developments prove that cruise lines are finally choosing to get on board with solo sailing and with an increasing number of sensible supplements available, all that remains is for single travellers to choose an itinerary and start planning their days.



EMBRACE YOUR SPACE

SOCIALISE



If your idea of the perfect holiday involves slipping into your own world, with days spent doing exactly what YOU want, a solo cruise couldn't be more ideal.

LEISURELY MORNINGS

Imagine not having to set an alarm before bed, knowing you can wake when you choose. Imagine waking refreshed and indulging in room service on your balcony. Imagine slipping back into bed for another ten minutes, before enjoying a long, hot shower and getting dressed for the day in your own time. That's if you do decide to get dressed of course, if today's a pool day you'll need little more than your swimwear and your towel, plus that book you never got around to reading at home.

ME TIME

Slip in your earphones and hideaway in the gym, treating yourself to a session with a personal trainer if you're up to the challenge. Afterwards, soothe your aches in the sauna or have them soothed for you in the spa, before heading to lunch wherever you choose. We suggest dining al fresco with a glass of wine in hand and something light, fresh and delicious on your plate. Nurse a food baby in the library, along with a coffee and something naughty for dessert, or slip away to the cinema to watch a movie alone – something few of us would ever do at home.

EXPLORE ASHORE

If you're in port, spend the morning sightseeing, arranging your own transfers or joining the ship's, before exploring your destination at your own pace. Wander into shops that take your fancy, get snap happy with your camera or simply sit and watch the locals go about their day. With only yourself to please, you can do what you like.

LAZY AFTERNOONS

Hot afternoons call for cool pools and even cooler cocktails; the only things diverting your attention away from catching the rays. Sun deck retreats are a solo traveller's paradise, the private cabanas and adult-only pools seemingly encouraging you to hide away from the world. Fresh fruit, cold drinks and healthy bites on demand aren't to be grumbled at either.



If you love nothing more than mingling with like-minded travellers, cruising promises more opportunities for socialising than any other holiday.

GET INVOLVED

Grab your yoga mat and head for the sun deck to start the day with a workout, before enjoying breakfast at a table full of fellow travellers. Head to the ship's cookery school to brush up on your culinary prowess or join other eager ears in lectures and workshops led by world-class organisations including the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA) and the Royal Astronomical Society. Several cruise lines hold welcome receptions, giving you the perfect chance to break the ice and meet others who are travelling alone. Likewise, themed cruises mean you're all travelling with a shared interest, giving you a conversation starter from the outset. If you're into getting involved, you need never be bored.

EXPLORE ASHORE

One of the best ways to socialise on a cruise holiday is to take part in some of the ship's excursions. You're really unlikely to be the only solo traveller in the group and you're certain to strike up conversation as you navigate your way around a destination. Mix up your days, joining ship excursions some days, buddy up with a couple of fellow solo travellers the next, and go it alone others - this way you really do have the best of both worlds

ENTERTAINING EVENINGS

MMost cruise lines hold singles receptions early on in a cruise, giving solo travellers a chance to mingle. Other cruise lines have begun to incorporate dedicated areas for singles within their entertainment offerings, such as Norwegian Cruise Line's Studio Lounge. With cocktail parties and dances (with dance hosts) also on the agenda, you'll easily be coaxed into joining the party.

When it comes to dinner, request a large table and you'll find yourself dining with between 6 and 10 others, often a mix of solo travellers and couples. 'Freedom' or 'Anytime' dining allows you to meet new people over dinner each night, whilst some operators will make the necessary arrangements for groups of solo travellers to be seated together in the main dining room. You'll always be asked if you're happy to share a table, with the option to move if you dislike any of your companions, so it can be a fail-safe way to socialise.

Whether you choose to embrace your own space or socialise with like-minded travellers, a solo cruise can offer the best of both worlds.

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When it comes to travelling the world, backpacking is out and cruising is in. As you adventure around the globe in comfort, a world cruise can become the best way to work through your bucket list.

With P&O Cruises' 2016/17 world cruise itineraries now on sale, we decided to ask the sales team at Bolsover Cruise Club to share what's on their bucket list.We then chose the best of the bunch to put together the ultimate world travel bucket list:





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- A private tour in your chosen destination with an English Speaking driver^.
- A wide selection of wines or perhaps a glass of Veuve Clicquot Champagne.

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Q607 Queen Elizabeth	31 May- 14 Jun 2016	14	£1,699	Southampton > Sea Day > Hamburg, Germany ^P > Sea Day > Copenhagen, Denmark > Sea Day > Stockholm, Sweden > Tallinn, Estonia > St Petersburg, Russia ^o > Sea Day > Kiel, Germany ^P > Skagen, Denmark ^{AM} > Sea Day > Southampton
V608A Queen Victoria	23 Jun - 9 Jul 2016	16	£2,159	$\label{eq:southampton} $$ Two Sea Days > Gibraltar^{H} > Sea Day > Valencia, Spain > Barcelona, Spain > Cannes, France^A > Florence or Pisa (tours from Livorno), Italy > Rome (tours from Civitavecchia), Italy > Transit Messina Strait > Corfu, Greece > Kotor, Montenegro^{ALE} > Sea Day > Trieste, Italy > Venice, Italy^o > + \\$
M608F Queen Mary 2	23 Jun - 13 Jul 2016	20	£2,599	Southampton > Seven Sea Days > New York, USA > Sea Day > Halifax, Canada > Boston, USA ^{+LE} > New York, USA > Six Sea Days > Southampton
Q610 Queen Elizabeth	5 - 22 Jul 2016	17	£2,199	Southampton > Three Sea Days > Mallorca, Spain > Sea Day > Transit Messina Strait > Athens (tours from Piraeus), Greece > Ephesus (tours from Kusadasi), Turkey ^{LE} > Mykonos, Greece > Olympia (tours from Katakolon), Greece > Sicily, Italy > Transit Messina Strait > Two Sea Days > Gibraltar ^H > Two Sea Days > Southampton
M614D Queen Mary 2	16 Aug - 1 Sep 2016	16	£2,339	Southampton > Sea Day > Hamburg, Germany ^P > Sea Day > Oslo, Norway > Sea Day > Olden, Norway > Andalsnes, Norway ^A > Trondheim, Norway > Sea Day > Flaam, Norway ^{PA} > Bergen, Norway > Stavanger, Norway > Sea Day > Hamburg, Germany ^P > Sea Day > Southampton

Here are a few examples of cruises with additional complimentary on board spending money:

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- ship usually berthed alongside, but there is a possibility we may be required to land passengers by tender



Awestruck on Azura

Sales Consultant Lucy spent seven nights cruising the Norwegian Fjords aboard P&O Cruises' family-friendly ship, Azura. With the Fjords proving an ever popular destination, we couldn't wait to hear all about it.

Why cruise the Norwegian Fjords?

Cruising really is the best way to get up close to some of the most beautiful scenery in the world and the best thing is that you dock right in the heart of it.

Must pack item

For a Fjord cruise, walking shoes or boots are an absolute must, along with a good camera to capture all of the beautiful scenery.



Favourite port of call

Bergen stands out as my favourite. We rode the funicular train to the top of Mount Fløyen and then walked back down, taking in some pretty incredible views of the town and harbour along the way.



Lucy Senior Cruise Consultant





Favourite photograph...

Most memorable meal

Our favourite meal by far was in Olly Smith's Glass House. The small plates and wine choices were fab. I would certainly recommend this restaurant to anyone sailing on Azura.

Who would you recommend to ?

Everyone! It is something that is suitable for passengers of any age. Even if you don't want to get off the ship, you can still sit back and enjoy the stunning views.

Would you do it all again...



Best excursion

The Sognefjell Mountain Scenery excursion was fantastic. We travelled along the Sognefjell Mountain Pass – the highest mountain road in Norway – and the area is so scenic. We had plenty of time to photograph the lakes, traditional Norwegian villages and mountain scenery along the way too, which was lovely.

Favourite spot on board

Probably on deck as we sailed out of Gerainger; the views of the Seven Sisters waterfall were just amazing.



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MSC Preziosa - 13 Dec 15 - 7 Nights Fly British Airways to Genoa (Italy), Civitavecchia (Rome), Palermo (Italy), Valetta (Malta), Barcelona (Spain), Marseille (France), Genoa (Italy), Fly to UK

Pay for an Inside travel in a Balcony: £549_{pp}

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MSC Splendida - 21 Sep 16 - 7 Nights Southampton, Zebrugge (Bruges), Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg (Germany), Le Havre (Paris), Southampton

Pay for an Inside travel in a Balcony: £549_{pp}

Aurea Suite (All Inclusive): £1,269pp

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Few places combine ancient history and modern-day luxury quite like the Middle East, so there is little wonder that more and more cruise lines are choosing to sail the seas of the Persian Gulf. With Celebrity Cruises and MSC Cruises set to homeport ships in Dubai and Abu Dhabi respectively, and Royal Caribbean investing a growing interest in the destination, we took a closer look at the magnificent Middle East.

DUBAI

If you had travelled to Dubai in the mid 19th century, you would have found it was little more than a small fishing village, home to residents who would spend their days diving for pearls up and down the coast. Even more difficult to believe, given the sprawling metropolis that Dubai has become, is that as recently as 35 years ago, the area was little more than desert.

Today, Dubai is a place renowned for excess and extravagance, providing a new echelon of opulence against which all others are compared. The luxury here is tangible and it is easy to see that Dubai prides itself on offering the world the biggest and best of everything: Burj Khalifa - the world's tallest building, the JW Marriott Marquis – the world's tallest hotel and Palm Jumeirah – the world's largest artificial island, being just a few examples.

It is difficult to suggest things to do while in Dubai, because the truth is that you really can do almost anything imaginable. Adrenaline junkies can indulge in extreme sports, with sandboarding, desert 4x4 safaris, bungee jumping, fly boarding, sky diving and even shark diving; all options available to get your blood pumping. The city of Dubai has perfected the art of shopping and is home to over 70 shopping malls, including Dubai Mall, again the largest in the world! With temperatures soaring into the 50's during the summer months, the air-conditioned shops provide a welcome refuge from the heat. High-end boutiques from European designers sit alongside traditional Arabian oud outlets, with tax-free prices making many luxury goods a bargain. If you're thinking of nipping in for a quick browse, think again; many Dubai malls are the size of small cities and home to everything from indoor ski slopes to soaring waterfalls, theme parks and even zoos.

The old adage of 'if you can dream it, you can do it' has never been truer than in Dubai. Get lost amongst the stars on a stargazing desert safari, sip champagne cocktails 40 storeys above the city at the glimmering rooftop bar of 40 Kong, or slip into your slickest swimwear and head for immaculate beaches, edged with exclusive cabanas. Albino alligators are the rarest in the world, yet somehow Dubai's The Lost Chambers Aquarium has two amongst its collection. Waterparks snake their way around the city, each of them competing to offer the latest world record-breaking slides. As one might expect, dining here is the height of sophistication. Brunches are complemented by free flowing champagne and world class entertainment, whilst six-star dining is the norm come night time. With French, Thai, Italian, Malaysian, Japanese, Pakistani, Latin and more on offer, your taste buds will be in for a treat.

Dubai's Bedouin heritage may have made way for more modern developments, but evidence of its history can still be found around the city. Souqs teaming with aromatic frankincense and other essential oils will delight your sense of smell, whilst camel rides and Arabian dinners in traditional Bedouin desert camps will give you a feel for Dubai of years gone by.





The best experiences aren't always the most expensive, even in Dubai, where the 1 dirham you will pay to cross the Dubai Creek in an old wooden abra boat may well be the best money spent all holiday. Depart from the embankment near the textile souq, bound for the neighbourhood of Deira, a place reminiscent of Dubai in the times before its bid for world-domination began.

However you choose to see Dubai, it won't take you long to realise that this Emirate doesn't do anything by halves!





Opposite: Distinctive sail-shaped silhouette of the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah in Dubai Clockwise from top left: Camel caravan going through the desert; The impressive night skyline from the Marina in Dubai; Dubai's Jumeirah Palm Island Development; The Burj Khalifa (tallest building in the world) and Souk Al Bahar (shopping centre) in Dubai

From top:

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is located in Abu Dhabi; Skyscrapers in Abu Dhabi Opposite from top: One of the khors (fjords) in Khasab; Coast landscape in Salalah

ABU DHABI

Like Dubai, the United Arab Emirates' capital Abu Dhabi was once little more than a sleepy fishing village. Now, the city has grown to become Dubai's less flashy yet equally impressive sibling.

Being home to the most anticipated race on the Formula 1 calendar, it comes as little surprise that Abu Dhabi is a glamorous destination, offering her guests the grandest of welcomes. That being said, the luxury on offer here is far more understated than that of its fellow Emirate. The ultra-modern malls of the city's cosmopolitan centre sit just minutes away from bustling Arabian sougs teaming with traditional wares. The soaring skyscrapers are somehow overshadowed by magnificent marble constructions, for example the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is a wonderful mixture of mother of pearl, Swarovski crystals and gleaming white marble, and stands as the third oldest mosque in the world. If you are looking for contemporary comforts combined with a traditional sense of ceremony, Abu Dhabi is the place for you.

Whilst Dubai has become notorious as a melting pot of nationalities, Abu Dhabi remains true to its Emirati roots. The Abu Dhabi Heritage Village gives an interesting glimpse into pre-oil life in the UAE, complete with recreations of a fort, souq, mosque, traditional goat hair tent



and a working falaj irrigation system. Craftsmen demonstrate the traditional skills of tannery and metal work, while women can be seen weaving in different areas around the village. The fort museum is one of the walled complex's most interesting attractions, thanks to the displays of Bedouin jewellery, costumes and wares that fill its walls. Play your own part in the trading process at the village spice shop, or dine on authentic Arabian cuisine in the restaurant.

Those keen to encounter Abu Dhabi's glitzier side should head to the Yas Marina, littered with super yachts and cutting-edge architecture. It is also home to the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix and Ferrari World – the world's largest indoor theme park. When the Formula 1 is in town, Viceroy Hotel on Yas Island offers the best seat in the house. Built amidst the race track, with balconies suspended above the track itself, you won't find a better viewpoint this side of the pit lane. Time your stay to cover a Tuesday and you can even walk, jog or cycle on the track itself.

Not to be missed is Abu Dhabi's lavish take on the quintessentially English afternoon tea. Enjoy sandwiches at the Emirates Palace amidst the utmost splendour with one of the world's most indulgent afternoon tea experiences or opt for the 'highest' of High Tea in the 300 Lounge and Observation Deck at the Jumeirah Etihad Towers.

If you're looking to see the majestic Abu Dhabi skyline from a great viewpoint, a boat ride from the Dhow Wharf or a chartered yacht along the Corniche are highly recommended. One thing is for sure, with Abu Dhabi's cultural district found on Saadiyat Island looking forward to welcoming the Guggenheim and Louvre Museums in forthcoming years, this Emirate has come a long way from its fishing village roots.

KHASAB

Found nestled within the Musandam Peninsula, an enclave of Oman, is the 17th century harbour town of Khasab. As the largest of all the towns, Khasab offers an insight into Arabian life long before the United Arab Emirates made its fortune. Otherworldly scenery provides a stark but enthralling contrast to the glittering skylines and architectural audacity of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, with painted fishing boats in rustic harbours replacing impressive yachts in marinas.





The port of Khasab makes a great base from which to explore the Musandam Peninsula: observe Dhow boats that float close to the shore and find treasures to take home at the Old Souq. A visit to Khasab Castle, built by the Portuguese as part of their plan to take control of the Strait of Hormuz, is a must, whilst a Dhow boat trip around the rocky coastline is another memorable experience. Dolphins can usually be spotted swimming and jumping alongside the boat as you journey through the emerald waters of the Khor Sham fjord, a sheltered 17km long fjord. Khasab and its neighbouring islands are home to vibrant coral and extensive marine life, making for some fantastic snorkelling opportunities at island stop-offs along the way. When the waters have worn you out, sit back on the oriental carpets and velvet pillows that cover the deck to enjoy the last of the day's sun, dining on surprisingly sumptuous fare cooked by the boat's crew as you venture back towards shore.

Known as the Norway of Arabia, Khasab's landscape is dramatic and beautiful. One of the best ways to experience the landscape is to book a 4 x 4 safari. The winding roads found on the Mount Jebel Harim offer a breathtaking driving experience. At 2087m, the summit is the highest point in Musandam and the ancient and perfectly preserved fossils found on the roads are not to be missed, nor the view back towards Khasab and onwards as far as Dibba.

SALALAH

Salalah is a city found in the Dhafar region of Oman. Its landscape is an anomaly in the Middle East, thanks to a unique microclimate that sees the

For information on the cruise lines that sail to the Middle East please ask us about... region's subtropical greenery burst into life, following the khareef monsoons that water the area from June to September each year. Thanks to Mother Nature, Salalah is an explosion of colour in comparison with its fellow Omani city of Khasab; coconut, papaya and banana plantations thrive and palm trees flourish on the edge of the province's soft sand beaches.

A leafy national park is the last thing one might expect to find in the barren lands of Oman, but Salalah's Wadi Darbat is as impressive as any you would find anywhere else in the world. A cliff marks the entrance to the park, transforming into a magnificent 100 metre waterfall which runs into the Khor Rori creek below during the khareef season. Verdant vegetation surrounds all who venture through the park, the expanses of flora dotted with fauna, in the form of a scattering of freely-roaming camel and an abundance of bird species. Photo opportunities abound here, with stalactite and stalagmite filled caves, rising

mountains and peaceful lakes.

More of the Dhofar region's natural beauty is on exhibition just over 20 miles from Salalah, at Al Mughsail Beach. Picturesque limestone cliffs and turquoise waters provide a pleasant backdrop, but it is the coastal area's blowholes that provide the main attraction to eager visitors. Most spectacular during the khareef season, the moment when three small holes in the rock spurt water almost 30 metres into the air is met with much excitement from the crowds that gather. While the spectacle may serve as the main event, the area has so much more to offer besides, including wild waves for avid surfers and unspoilt coral reefs for snorkellers and scuba divers. Find a sheltered spot on one of the rocky outcrops to enjoy a picnic put together from the delicious fruits and other fare gathered from roadside stalls along the way.

Back in Salalah's main district, the Al Husn Soug is a 'must visit'. Nestled beside Al Husn Palace, which is also very deserving of lingering explorations, this age-old soug has become famous for its frankincense and is home to many rare specialities, including the highly-prized Royal Hojari. The best time to visit the souq is during the evening, when it comes alive in an explosion of sights, sounds and smells. Amongst the wares on offer are traditional handmade carpets, exotic spices, antiques, jewellery and copper coffee pots, whilst goldsmiths who craft their jewellery to order are hugely popular too.











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After 35 years of ocean cruising, Bolsover Cruise Club director Julie Straw and husband Steve recently decided to give river cruising a try. Find out how she fared as she shares her experience with Into The Blue.

It's been 35 years since I first tasted cruising on P&O's Canberra; since then I've enjoyed many ocean cruises. So, when my husband and I decided to try a river cruise, I was incredibly excited to experience something I had heard so many great things about.

We chose to cruse the Rhone with AmaWaterways, travelling by train from



our home station, via London and Paris before arriving in Lyon where our voyage began.

AmaWaterways appealed to us with their complimentary shore excursion programme, which promised an enticing menu of small group tours suitable for all levels of ability: easy, moderate, intermediate, challenging and difficult. You could opt for morning, afternoon, evening or full day trips and choose which level of activity suits you; gentle, regular or active. They even carried a fleet of bicycles on board to use on your own or as part of an escorted tour.

Our wonderful holiday began in Lyon, France's gastronomic capital. We arrived mid-afternoon into Lyon station and took a short taxi ride to where our home for the next seven days, AmaDagio, awaited us. After a very efficient and quick check-in we headed to explore our cabin. We had booked our holiday just 3 weeks earlier, so only their lowest grade of cabin was available. We were unsure how we would feel about sleeping on the bottom deck, with fixed windows offering a waterline view, but we were not at all disappointed, in fact in some ways it made it even more interesting! There was adequate storage space, a very comfortable bed and a reasonably sized bathroom.

AmaDagio carries no more than 148 passengers and consequently the public areas are never overcrowded. We were welcomed in a modern reception, where very attentive staff were always on hand to help. This level of service was consistent throughout our cruise. This area leads into the main lounge and bar with its panoramic windows to enjoy the ever changing view. A short flight of stairs take you up to the Observation Deck



where you find the Navigation Bridge, a whirlpool, sun deck and walking track. The ship also has a fitness room and hair salon.

Dining on board is all-inclusive and was to an excellent standard. AmaWaterways' Executive Chef is a winner of gold medals at the European Championship of Culinary Art and he is responsible for the planning of every cruise menu. Every day one of his recipes was placed in your cabin to recreate at home. We enjoyed a lovely selection of buffet and menu dishes at breakfast and lunch, followed by exquisite dinners. Beverages are included at meal times and as we had picked a wine cruise, the regions reds, whites and rosés were served.

Our delightful itinerary took us through France's legendary wine-growing regions; Beaujolais and Cote du Rhone. The sailing schedule took us from Lyon to Belleville, Chavanay, Tournon, Viviers, St Etienne, Avignon and finally Arles, just 25 miles from the French Riviera. A comprehensive list of immersive tours provided the opportunity to learn about the local history and see some very interesting sights. All were led by very knowledgeable tour guides and we were given audio headsets, meaning you could hear every word that was said, even if you strayed from the immediate group.

Lyon is a beautiful city and has lots to offer. We joined the half day tour starting with a short coach ride up to Fourviere Hill to see the 19th century basilica Notre Dame de Fourvière. Close to the basilica there are Roman ruins but the highlight for most is the stunning panoramic view from the rear of the church over the city, with the river in the foreground. We then visited the old town, Vieux Lyon, which is the site of fantastic Gothic and Renaissance houses. With nearly 400 monuments Vieux Lyon is considered to have European's finest collection and has earned a listing as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Finally we were taken on a guided walk through the St Jean district and introduced to the city's unique covered walkways known as 'traboules', which snake and zig-zag up and down the slopes of the town.

Our next day was divided between our arrival into Belleville and Chavanay. We chose a morning Beaujolais excursion passing through stunning fields of sunflowers and lavender and vineyards of the Golden Stone region towards the pretty little medieval hilltop village of Oingt. We stopped en-route to visit a traditional Beaujolais winery and were welcomed by the owner, the 6th generation of a family, to share the history and techniques of their vineyard. We couldn't leave, of course, without sampling their famed wines - just wonderful! A late arrival into Chavanay necessitated taking one of three tours the following morning. With a choice of a walking tour of Vienne, a hike up Mount Pipet or a bike tour on offer, we chose the latter. This was a great way to get out of the town and ride a portion of the Via Rhona. Our guide and her husband took us on a route that is currently being extended to eventually connect the Swiss Alps with the Mediterranean basin and there's so much to see when you "get on yer bike"! We peddled along the banks





taking in the glorious scenery of chateaus, rolling hills, vineyards and orchards. Leaving our bikes after an 18 mile cycle and returning to our ship, we sailed after lunch to Tournon. The steady passage along the river affords you stunning views of the region and we relaxed on deck with a glass of wine, watching the expert handling of locks by our Captain and his crew.

My husband and I had a divided opinion of choice of tour in Tournon. I was very tempted to join a group to indulge in chocolate and red wine tasting but was overruled by his enthusiasm to experience a steam train through the Gorge du Doux. I have to admit, I actually enjoyed the ride on the panoramic train car to discover the magnificent carved landscape, arriving at a charming little station to watch the train manoeuvre in preparation for its return journey.

We arrived into Viviers early evening. We could have taken a Ghost Walk tour or enjoyed a boulangerie baker's experience, but taking in the amazing view from our dining table we decided to visit independently. This small walled medieval city was once home to 30,000

Opposite clockwise from top: AmaWaterways' AmaDagio in Lyon, France; Map illustrating the river cruise itinerary Clockwise from top: Whirlpool on board AmaDagio; Group shot following an 18 mile cycle excursion. Steam train journey through the Gorge du Doux



inhabitants but is now occupied by just 4,000. It's magical! We decided to take our own ghostly walk, through deserted narrow streets housing fine Renaissance buildings to the Romanesque Cathedral St Vincent. It really looked like little had changed for centuries, but a few modern cars and road signs reminded you otherwise.

We chose two tours the next day, opting to experience the best of Grignan in the morning and Avignon in the afternoon. Our Grignan visit introduced us to truffles and the workings of the farm. Our host allowed us to take part in the unique experience of truffle-hunting with his adorable dogs, followed by a tasting of his local wine. We could have opted to take a walking tour of Avignon after lunch or visit Pont De Gard, a Roman aqueduct, but again chose to explore on our own. Once an important centre of the Catholic Church, this well preserved city is hidden behind high walls, offering shaded areas with peaceful passageways, elegant homes, boutiques and cafés.

We awoke in Arles, our final destination, and were determined to fill this last day. Les Baux and an Olive farm excursion held more appeal to the both of us rather than an artist experience tour. Our excursion took us to a hilltop village and castle which had been virtually destroyed in the 17th century, but was now restored. We were led through the village, passing a colourful local market, into a cluster of medieval and Renaissance stone houses. The Rue du



Chateau leads up to the entrance of the fortress, high above the village. Despite being in ruin, the remains of chapels and houses were visible, some of them hollowed out of the rock, with the most amazing view of the Alpilles. Before returning to the ship we got the chance to hear first-hand from a master olive miller how they cultivated, harvested and pressed their olives to produce a variety of oils. With time left in the afternoon we set off on bikes with a guided tour of Arles, a place that was once home to Van Gogh. Several stops were made to take in the sites that inspired the artist, including Langlois Bridge. Next stop was the Musee Departemental, a museum housing France's finest archaeological collections of the Roman era in Arles and a fascinating display of everyday artefacts and religious objects dredged up from the riverbed, including the remains of a Roman barge used for moving stone along the waterways.

Disembarkation day ran remarkably smoothly. Our bags could remain in our cabin until breakfast and everyone was made welcome to stay on board until ready for their home or onward arrangements. Our return train journey was to start late morning, so a quick last minute visit to Arles was a must. The

Clockwise from top: My husband looking lost wandering Viviers' narrow streets (top two); Roman amphitheatre in Arles; Colourful market in Arles



highlight was a Roman amphitheatre; although almost 2,000 years old it is excellently preserved and equally as impressive as the Colosseum in Rome.

Sadly our holiday had drawn to an end. We had both had the most amazing adventure and eagerly await our next river cruise. With so much to choose from, including the legendary Danube, the enchanting Rhine, and the port wine region of Douro to name a few, it makes for a difficult choice.

AmaWaterways had been an excellent choice for us. We were impressed with their first class service, friendly informative daily talks, fine wines and fantastic food, which was in fact some of the best I have ever eaten on a ship. We experienced all of this from the comfort of what is a really lovely ship. Their brochure states their mission is to provide guests with the best travel experiences possible and they certainly delivered on this aspiration.





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Vietnamese History.

Southeast Asia, the stunning paradise islands of the Indian Ocean and South Africa are all highlights of this enticing cruise.

Destination Fly from Heathrow to Thu 10 Mar Hong Kong Fri 11 Mar 2 Night Stay Hong Kong Embark Aurora, Sun 13 Mar Hong Kong, China (overnight in port) Mon 14 Mar Hong Kong, China Wed 16 Mar Nha Trang, Vietnam Thu 17 Mar Phu My, Vietnam Sat 19 Mar Singapore Sun 20 Mar Malacca, Malaysia Thu 24 Mar Colombo, Sri Lanka Mon 28 Mar Port Victoria, Seychelles Thu 31 Mar Mauritius Fri 1 Apr Reunion Island Tue 5 Apr Port Elizabeth, South Africa Cape Town, South Africa Thu 7 Apr (Overnight in port) Fri 8 Apr Cape Town, South Africa Sun 10 Apr Walvis Bay, Namibia Banjul, Gambia Sun 17 Apr Tue 19 Apr St Vincent, Cape Verde Islands Thu 21 Apr Santa Cruz, Tenerife Fri 22 Apr Gran Canaria Tue 26 Apr Southampton

WHAT'S INCLUDED

HOTEL ***

2 Nights Hong Kong 5* Langham Place Hotel, Kowloon, Room Only - Superior Room

CRUISE

P&O Cruises Aurora Hong Kong to Southampton, Asia & Indian Ocean, Africa, China.

TRANSFERS INCLUDED

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Singapore

Home to gorgeous parks and futuristic architecture; you don't have to be a culture vulture to appreciate Singapore's rich history and flourishing art scene. Tour the National Museum of Singapore, Singapore Art Museum, Asian Civilizations Museum, and ArtScience Museum.

South Africa

Via the paradise islands of the Seychelles, Mauritius and Reunion. Port Elizabeth, where you can visit the Addo Elephant National Park, is your penultimate port before you reach Cape Town where you will enjoy an overnight stay in port.



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UISE & STAY USIVE PACKAG

Africa & Atlantic Islands 3 APR 2016 - 26 APR 2016 - 23 NIGHTS

This 23 night cruise carefully balances days at sea with time discovering Africa before sailing to Southampton via the Canary Islands.

Date	Destination
Sun 3 Apr	Fly from Heathrow to Cape Town
Mon 4 Apr	3 Nights Stay Cape Town
Thu 7 Apr	Embark Aurora, Cape Town, South Africa (Overnight in port)
Fri 8 Apr	Cape Town, South Africa
Sun 10 Apr	Walvis Bay, Namibia
Sun 17 Apr	Banjul, Gambia
Tue 19 Apr	St Vincent, Cape Verde Islands
Thu 21 Apr	Santa Cruz, Tenerife
Fri 22 Apr	Gran Canaria
Tue 26 Apr	Southampton



CRUISE CLUB FARES

FLIGHT }

Cape Town

Walvis Bay, Namibia

Banjul, Gambia

St Vincent

Tenerife

Flights from Heathrow to Cape Town via Doha with Qatar Airways

INCLUSIVE TOURS

Cape Winelands Tour Full Day (8hrs) & Discover Cape Town City Tour

Explore the waterfront, visit Robben Island or take a cable car to the top of Table Mountain for the most phenomenal views of the city and beyond.

bird-life. For the adventurous a Kayak tour is a must.

Welcoming visitors into town is Arch 22, a historical monument that also houses a modest textile museum.

The city itself is home also to the African Heritage

With its African influenced old town, which lies in the shadow of the Cara Mountain, and the pastel-coloured

inland to the intriguing national park (a UNESCO World

Heritage Site) presided over by Mount Teide, or walk the

Museum as well 19th century Albert Market.

pretty traditional towns and villages.

HOTEL **

3 Nights Cape Town 5* African Pride 15 On Orange Hotel, Room Only - Standard Room

CRUISE

P&O Cruises Aurora Cape Town to Southampton, Canaries, Africa

TRANSFERS INCLUDED

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT'S INCLUDED



Customer review

"ANOTHER GREAT CRUISE, WONDERFUL FOOD, VERY HELPFUL AND CHARMING CREW."

Mrs Marion Taylor, 02 Jul 2015

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Cape Town to Sydney

24 JAN 2016 - 25 FEB 2016 - 31 NIGHTS

This 31-night adventure leads between two stunning cities, Cape Town and the iconic Sydney.

Date	Destination
Sun 24 Jan	Fly from Heathrow to Cape Town
Mon 25 Jan	2 Nights stay Cape Town
Wed 27 Jan	Embark Queen Elizabeth Cape Town, South Africa ^(Overnight in port)
Thu 28 Jan	Cape Town, South Africa
Sat 30 Jan	Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Wed 3 Feb	Reunion, Reunion
Thu 4 Feb	Port Louis, Mauritius
Fri 12 Feb	Fremantle, Australia
Tue 16 Feb	Adelaide, Australia
Thu 18 Feb	Melbourne, Australia (Overnight in port)
Fri 19 Feb	Melbourne, Australia
Sat 20 Feb	Sydney, Australia (Overnight in port)
Sun 21 Feb	Disembark Queen Elizabeth Sydney, Australia
Sun 21 Feb	3 Nights stay Sydney
Wed 24 Feb	Fly Sydney to Heathrow

cruise club fares from (per person)

FLIGHT)

Cape Town, South Africa

Réunion, Réunion

Mauritius

Flights from **Heathrow to Cape Town** via Dubai with Emirates

Flights from **Sydney to Heathrow** via Dubai with Emirates

INCLUSIVE TOURS

Not only is Cape Town one of the most

mountains and bucolic vineyards.

common with Hawaii than Paris.

beautiful cities in the world, but it is also surrounded by magnificent beaches, rugged

Réunion offers a little taste of French culture

Mauritius was uninhabited until the Dutch

arrived in 1635. Their colony lasted about two

generations - long enough for the settlers to

hunt the native dodo birds to extinction.

on a tropical island whose setting has more in

Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour Blue Mountains & Australian Wildlife Tour Including Lunch

HOTEL ***

2 Nights Cape Town 5*- Hilton Cape Town City Centre, Bed & Breakfast – Standard Room

21st February 3 Nights Sydney 5*- Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney, Room Only - Deluxe King Room

CRUISE

Cunard Lines Queen Elizabeth Cape Town to Sydney, Australasia, Pacific, Africa

TRANSFERS INCLUDED

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Adelaide, Australia

Connoisseurs of New World wines are in luck. Around a third of Australia's supply is produced an hour or less from church-sprinkled Adelaide.

Melbourne, Australia

Originally part of New South Wales, Victoria became a colony in its own right in 1851. Visit the shrine of remembrance, an amazing historical place.

Sydney, Australia

Australia's oldest and largest city was born in 1788 with the arrival of the "First Fleet" that transported 760 British convicts. Visit the iconic harbourfront Opera House.



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Singapore to Southampton

4 APR 2016 - 10 MAY 2016 - 36 NIGHTS

Make a dazzling 36-night return home from Singapore, it showcases some of of the east's most prestigious points.

Mon 4 Apr Fly from Heathrow to Singapore 2 Nights stay Singapore Tue 5 Apr Thu 7 Apr Embark Queen Mary 2 Singapore Fri 8 Apr Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Langkawi, Malaysia Sat 9 Apr Tue 12 Apr Colombo, Sri Lanka Thu 14 Apr Cochin, India Dubai, United Arab Emirates Mon 18 Apr (Overnight in port) Tue 19 Apr Dubai, United Arab Emirates Wed 20 Apr Muscat. Oman Salalah, Oman Fri 22 Apr Tue 26 Apr Luxor/Karnak (Safaga), Egypt Thu 28 Apr Port Said, Egypt Fri 29 Apr Limassol, Cyprus Sat 30 Apr Haifa, Israel Mon 2 May Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey Wed 4 May Capri/Naples, Italy Sat 7 May Seville (Cadiz), Spain Tue 10 May Southampton

CRUISE CLUB FARES

FLIGHT 🗲

Singapore

and the calm.

Kuala Lumpur

Penang

Colombo

Flights from Heathrow to Singapore **Direct with Singapore Airlines**

INCLUSIVE TOURS

Explore multi-cultural Singapore at the gold-

domed Sultan Mosque, the Sri Srinivasa Perumal

Temple with its vivid images of Hindu God Vishnu

Port Kelang is the port for Malaysia's modern and

bustling city of Kuala Lumpur, with its fusion of

Penang is an alluring combination of golden

A landscape draped in greenery, stunning

Port Said

beaches, great wildlife refuges and the ruins of an

Dubai

ancient civilisation beckon visitors to Sri Lanka.

Malay, Chinese and Indian cultures.

beaches and cultural gems.

Southampton

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Night out at Chinatown with Trishaw Ride & Afternoon till Sunset at Sentosa

WHAT'S INCLUDED

2 Nights Singapore 5* Pan Pacific Orchard, Room Only Double Deluxe

CRUISE

Cunard Lines Queen Mary 2 Singapore to Southampton, Asia & Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Dubai & Emirates, Egypt & Red Sea

Bolsover Cruise Club

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TRANSFERS INCLUDED

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Duhai

Dubai is a place of fascinating contrasts, a distinctive blend of East and West, old and new. Gaze upon astounding extravagance at man-made resorts and delve into a culture that has long drawn globe-trotting visitors.

Port Said, Egypt

Witness the impressive sight of an abundant vast ships waiting to enter the Suez Canal as you cruise lazily along the fabled Nile.

Naples, Italy

Sail into the beautiful Bay of Naples with its spectacular views of Capri and Ischia islands.

Lishon

Langka

olombo

Kuala Lumpu

Portugal's capital spreads its ancient sites on seven steep hillsides that overlook the Tagus River.

Customer review

"THIS SHIP IS MARVELLOUS. THE **PUBLIC AREAS ARE GORGEOUS.**"

Mr Talbot, 23 Aug 2015

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RHYTHMS OF THE CARIBBEAN & CUBA

3RD JANUARY 2016 - 15-DAY CRUISE

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HIGHLIGHTS

 Overnight stay in warm, welcoming Montego Bay
 The multicultural mosaic that is the Dominican Republic
 Overnight in Havana - a city of charm and contradictions
 Great Inagua - the undiscovered Bahamian gem
 Experience Cuba - a 1950s' time capsule
 Echoes of the Mayan Empire in Mexico

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CABIN TYPE	FROM
2 Bed Inside	£1,599
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CHICHEN ITZA 1-NIGHT PREMIUM TOUR FROM £175 PER PERSON



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MEXICO'S PACIFIC SHORES

14TH FEBRUARY 2016 – 14-DAY CRUISE MEXICO

HIGHLIGHTS

 All maiden calls for Voyager
 Overnight stay in Acapulco, the 'Pearl of the Pacific' • Topolobampo
 – gateway to the spectacular Copper Canyon • Experience the luxury of Ixtapa and the rustic charm of Zihuatanejo

SAVER FARES - PER PI	RSON VGR16021	
CABIN TYPE	FROM	
2 Bed Inside	£1,299	
2 Bed Outside	£1,599	
Single Occupancy from £1,599		



ACAPULCO PRE-CRUISE 2-NIGHT, OR POST-CRUISE 3-NIGHT STAY FROM £249 OR £299 PER PERSON



SOUTH AMERICAN EXPLORATION

12TH MARCH 2016 – 17-DAY CRUISE

COLOMBIA | PANAMA | ECUADOR | PERU

HIGHLIGHTS

 Overnight in the UNESCO-listed city of Cartagena • Transit the remarkable Panama Canal • Opportunity to visit the extraordinary Galapagos Islands • 2 nights in Lima, Peru, for the chance to witness the Inca heritage and magnificent Machu Picchu • Overnight stay in Guayaquil

SAVER FARES - PER PI	erson VGR160312
CABIN TYPE	FROM
2 Bed Inside	£1,899
2 Bed Outside	£2,299
Single Occupancy from £2,299	



MACHU PICCHU 2-NIGHT PREMIUM TOUR FROM £899 PER PERSON

Tortuguero National Park, Costa Rica CRUISE FROM **£120** PER PERSON PER DAY

CONTRASTS OF LATIN AMERICA

28TH MARCH 2016 – 15-DAY CRUISE

ECUADOR | COLOMBIA | PANAMA | COSTA RICA | HONDURAS | BELIZE | MEXICO

HIGHLIGHTS

 Start your voyage with an optional pre-cruise stay in the Galapagos Islands
 Marvellous Mayan ruins of Central America • Rainforest adventures in Costa Rica • Fascinating transit of the Panama Canal • Paradise personified – the beaches of Roatan

SAVER FARES - PER PERSON VGR16032		
CABIN TYPE	FROM	
2 Bed Inside	£1,799	
2 Bed Outside	£2,299	
Single Occupancy from £2,299		



COZUMEL 3-NIGHT POST-CRUISE EXTENSION FROM £349 PER PERSON

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HONG KONG

THE NAME HONG KONG translates to "fragrant harbour," derived from the two Chinese characters heung and gong.

HONG KONG HAS A POPULATION OF more than 7 million people occupying a small mass of land, making it one of the most densely packed areas in the world.

NUMEROLOGY GUIDES THE DAILY ACTIVITIES of Hong Kong Chinese. Lucky numbers are 2, 3, 6, 8, and 9, while 1, 4, and 7 are avoided like the plague.

THERE ARE MORE SKYSCRAPERS in Hong Kong than in any other city in the world. Buildings with more than 14 levels amount to more than 8,000 in Hong Kong – almost twice the number found in New York.

THE TSING MA BRIDGE, which travellers pass by coming from the airport to the city, is the world's longest road and rail suspension bridge.

Cover image: Hong kong city at night





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