



## Discover where a cruise from Port of Tyne can take you

The Port of Tyne in North East England is set for another record year in 2017, with more than 50 calls already booked.

The Port celebrated an all-time high in cruise ship visits in 2016, with more cruise lines than ever before discovering all that North East England has to offer. More people are taking advantage of starting their cruise local - with destinations across Scandinavia, the Baltics, Iceland and Europe as well as round-Britain stops on offer.

“We make cruising direct from the Port of Tyne an easy, hassle-free and happy experience - so passengers can expect to enjoy their holiday from the moment they arrive at the International Passenger Terminal in North Shields,” said Nolan Gray, Port of Tyne Business Development Director. “And with more choice of destinations than ever before, people are saving time and money by choosing to cruise from the Tyne. And our passengers arriving in Port can explore North East England’s world-class visitor attractions all within an hour transit time from the terminal.”

The Port of Tyne’s cruise and ferry business adds some £60 million to the economy of North East England supporting an estimated 1,700 tourism related jobs. 2017 sees the return of Thomson Cruises to the UK and to the Port of Tyne as their sole UK departure port with 12 cruise calls from *Thomson Celebration*.

Destinations you can discover direct from the Port of Tyne include cruises to Norway, Sweden, Iceland,

Spain, Portugal and further afield offering more choice and saving hundreds of miles for passengers embarking from Scotland, the North West, Yorkshire, the North East and the East midlands.

The Port of Tyne expects to handle around 19 transit cruises bringing tourists in to the North East and over 30 turnarounds sailing away to destinations that include Andalusia, Barcelona, German waterways, St. Petersburg, the Baltics and around Britain and Ireland.

Also returning in 2017 is popular British operators Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines with 14 calls, Cruise and Maritime Voyages with eight calls, German operated AIDA cruises, Holland and America Line and the return of *Disney Magic*.

New operators visiting the Port of Tyne include Norwegian Cruise Lines with the majestic *Norwegian Jade* and TUI cruises *Mein Schiff*.

For more information about the cruises available from the Port of Tyne please contact your local travel agent or visit the Port of Tyne's website.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

- The Port of Tyne is one of the UK's major deep-sea ports - operating in bulk and conventional cargo, car terminals, cruise & ferry, logistics and commercial property
- The Port of Tyne's mission is to create a vibrant and sustainable Port for the benefit of the national and regional economy - and that the Port is handed on in better condition to future generations
- The Port of Tyne adds some £710 million gross value added to the economy of North East England supporting over 14,000 jobs directly and indirectly

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