

## New itineraries from Liverpool for Fred Olsen's new Borealis in 2021

Sailings for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' second new ship Borealis have gone on sale with the inaugural programme featuring a number of brand new itineraries setting sail from Liverpool in 2021. This follows the launch of Bolette – another new ship for the cruise line – which went on sale last week.

*Borealis'* first cruise will be a six-night 'Scottish Lochs & Isles' sailing, departing from Liverpool on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021. This will be followed by a five-night 'Irish Capitals & Scottish Scenery' cruise, before the ship ventures further afield to the Mediterranean, Norway, Iceland and more.

The ship will sail almost exclusively from Liverpool across the 2021 and 2022 programme, and will be taking on existing itineraries for *Black Watch*, which was retired from the fleet in August, as well as five brand new itineraries.

Guests who book onto any of *Borealis'* sailings for 2021 or 2022 by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 will enjoy FREE tips and money to spend on board – up to £100 per person.

Clare Ward, Director of Product and Customer Service at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said: "It is so exciting to have both of our new ships on sale, and to be able to showcase some of the incredible itineraries that we have on offer.

"In addition to taking on *Black Watch's* sailings, *Borealis* will also take guests on a number of new cruises, offering opportunities to witness the natural beauty of closer-to-home islands around the UK, seek out the Northern Lights, from where *Borealis* takes her namesake, and recharge on a short Spanish City Break in the run up to Christmas next year.

"Importantly, the new ships will still offer that Fred. Olsen experience our guests have come to know and love, with familiar venues and faces on board, but with a range of exciting new facilities, too.

"We can't wait to return to Liverpool, which has been such a popular regional port for us for a number of years now. We know *Borealis* will have an extremely warm welcome when she arrives there next spring."

Liverpool City Council Head of City Assets, Angie Redhead said: "We are delighted that Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has chosen Liverpool as the home port for its new ship, *Borealis*. It is a wonderful show of commitment to our city and reinforces the already strong partnership we have with them."

Highlights of *Borealis'* inaugural cruise programme include:

**The six-night S2107 'Scottish Lochs & Isles' cruise, departing from Liverpool on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.** Prices start from £599 per person.

Be among the first guests to sail aboard *Borealis*, with opportunities to take in the natural beauty of some of Scotland's waterways. Feel the tranquillity of Loch Broom, Eriboll and Torridon; look-out for scenic sights such as Beinn Ghobhlach; and enjoy time ashore to seek-out the treasures of the Shetlands and Orkneys.

**Ports of call:** Liverpool, England – Belfast, Northern Ireland – Cruising Loch Torridon – Cruising Loch Broom – Cruising Loch Eriboll – Lerwick, Shetland Islands – Kirkwall, Orkney Islands – Liverpool, England

**The 16-night S2126 'In Search of Aurora Borealis' cruise, departing from Liverpool on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.** Prices start from £1,999 per person.

Revel in the early winter wonders of Northern Norway, where dramatic landscapes, exhilarating adventures, and chances to witness the spectacular Northern Lights await. Enjoy an overnight stay in Tromsø; immerse yourself in Alta's Sami heritage; go husky sledding into the wilderness surrounding Narvik; and even encounter native Arctic wildlife.

**Ports of call:** Liverpool, England - Belfast, Northern Ireland - Ålesund, Norway - Crossing the Arctic Circle - Tromsø, Norway - Alta, Norway - Hammerfest, Norway - Narvik, Norway - Trondheim, Norway - Liverpool, England

**The 14-night S2129 'Canaries Christmas & Funchal Fireworks' cruise, departing from Liverpool on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021.** Prices start from £2,299 per person.

Escape to the sunnier climate of the Canary Islands for a memorable festive season. Enjoy a magical Christmas, with a feast of fun, food, and festivity on board *Borealis*; see in 2022 with one of the world's greatest New Year's fireworks displays in Madeira. Enjoy visits to four beautiful, culture-rich islands.

**Ports of call:** Liverpool, England - Santa Cruz, Tenerife - Arrecife, Lanzarote - Las Palmas, Gran Canaria - Santa Cruz, La Palma - San Sebastian, La Gomera - Funchal, Madeira - Liverpool, England

*Borealis'* itineraries have been unveiled following the launch of sailings for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' new flagship, *Bolette*, last week.