

## Portsmouth offers wide range of exciting cruise destinations

Check out next year's cruise holidays from Portsmouth International Port, alongside details of all the fabulous ships that will be visiting the Great Waterfront City in 2018.

For lovers of luxury there are two cruises on the spectacular sailing ship Sea Cloud II. The first leaves Portsmouth in June on a twenty night cruise through Scandinavia to Tallinn in Estonia.

The three masted, square rigger, has been a regular caller in recent years, but this is the first time Sea Cloud II will be starting a voyage from the Great Waterfront City. The second cruise departs in August. During a 10 day journey through the North Atlantic passengers will cruise to the Channel Islands, French Ports and destinations in Northern Spain.

Saga Pearl II is 2018's first cruise ship to leave Portsmouth as she departs for Lisbon in search of some winter sun. Lucky passengers on the 17 night also cruise to Tangiers, Casablanca, Arrecife, Les Palmas, Maderia and ports in Spain.

Saga has 15 different "no fly" cruises leaving Portsmouth next year, all onboard Saga Pearl II. The smaller, yacht-like, cruise ship has a maximum of 449 passengers, but still manages to pack in an array of different features. During the year it will be taking passengers on cruises to see the Northern Lights and explore the Mediterranean.

Cruise and Maritime Voyages is another operator offering new cruise holidays. CMV's Astoria has a wonderful selection of Autumn cruises coming and going from the Great Waterfront City, which starts with a voyage to Norway's Fjords on 16 September. In addition there is a thirteen night holiday to the Baltic cities and St Petersburg, a nine night cruise exploring Europe's rivers and canals, and a fourteen night trip next October in search of the Northern Lights.

Other highlights of the 2018 schedule include the beautiful 'Le Soléal. The elegant 'yacht' operated by Compagnie du Ponantand returns next May to begin a luxury holiday that takes passengers on a tour of the Celtic Sea.

Noble Caledonia maintains its long term relationship with the port, with Hebridean Sky once again starting and ending holidays in Portsmouth. Known as one of the world's finest small ships, it will be cruising south to Seville.

The full list of cruise holidays available from Portsmouth International Port in 2018 can be found here, along with cruise ships bringing passengers to explore the Great Waterfront City on 'port of call' stops.