

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines launches tempting new offers for singles and free door-to-door transfers on selected 2015 cruises

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To make cruising with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines even more attractive in 2015, the cruise line has launched two great offers for cruise guests – ‘no or reduced single supplement’ and ‘free door-to-door transfers’ – applicable on selected cruises from its exciting new 2015/16 cruise programme. These fantastic deals are only available on bookings made up to 30th June 2014.

It can often be difficult for solo travellers to find holidays without incurring sizeable single supplements, so Fred. Olsen is offering no – or 50% off – single supplements* on selected ‘outside twin-bedded’ cabins to destinations including the Canary Islands, Mediterranean, Northern Europe, Iceland and Arctic, Norwegian Fjords, USA and Caribbean.

In addition, on selected longer cruises, Fred. Olsen is also offering guests ‘free door-to-door’ transfers*, for departure ports within 250 miles of a guest’s home. This offer makes the cruising experience with Fred. Olsen even easier; a guest’s holiday will begin as soon as they step out of their front door, and all that they have to do is pack and be ready!

The warmer, more sociable atmosphere on board Fred. Olsen’s ships is perfect for people who are travelling by themselves. Once on board, solo travellers will find exclusive gatherings for them to get to know each other, as well as opportunities to be seated together at dinner and to be partnered with companions when going ashore.

For those solo cruisers who prefer to occupy a single cabin, Fred. Olsen has a number of cabin options available on each of its four ships, covering all grades, from ‘Single Inside’ and ‘Single Outside’ cabins, to ‘Single Balcony Suites’. Overall, the Fred. Olsen fleet has 190 single cabins; *Braemar* offers 40 such cabins, *Black Watch* and *Boudicca* each have 43, and *Balmoral* has 64.

The Fred. Olsen cruises included in the new offers include:

- *Balmoral*’s nine-night ‘Superbikes & Scenic Hikes’ cruise, L1505, ex Southampton on 31st May 2015. ‘No single supplement’ applicable on selected cabins. Prices start from £1,099 per person.

Cruise guests will arrive first in picturesque **St. Peter Port**, on the island of Guernsey, before stopping in **Tobermory**, a colourful, quaint Scottish town on the Isle of Mull.

Balmoral will then arrive in **Kirkwall**, capital of the Orkney Islands, where guests will be able to see the eclectic heritage of Christian, Nordic and Celtic influences.

Douglas, on the Isle of Man is the next stop. Fondly referred to as the ‘Rock’ by residents, the Isle of Man is approximately the same size as Ibiza and Singapore, although with a lot fewer people. As well as being the home of motorcycle road-racing, it has many other interesting attractions, including the 1890s Manx Electric Railway, the Great Laxey Wheel – the largest working water wheel in the world – the Nautical Museum and Peel Castle.

Balmoral will then dock in the vibrant city of **Dublin**, in the Republic of Ireland, for her final port of call, before arriving back in **Southampton**.

- *Black Watch*’s 32-night ‘Caribbean from Scotland’ cruise, W1521, ex Greenock on 10th November 2015. ‘No single supplement’ or ‘free door-to-door transfer’ applicable. Prices start from £2,799 per person.

For the first time ever, Fred. Olsen is offering Scottish guests the chance to take a convenient, no-fly cruise to the Caribbean from 'right on their doorstep'.

The first port of call is **Leixoes** in Portugal, for trips to **Oporto** – voted 'Best European Destination 2014' by European Consumers Choice – before stopping in **Santa Cruz**, Tenerife.

Black Watch will then sail to its first visit in the Caribbean – **Bridgetown** in Barbados, where guests can relax on the sandy bays, sit under a palm tree canopy or visit the historical Chamberlain Bridge and Cheapside Street Markets. Next port of call is **St. George's** in Grenada, known as the 'Spice Island', before *Black Watch* arrives in **Bequia**, the second largest island in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

After visiting **Castries** on the island of St. Lucia – a classic Caribbean resort with white sands, crystal clear waters and a tropical rainforest backdrop – *Black Watch* cruises onwards to St. Kitts, calling at the island's capital, **Basseterre**. Offering a varied collection of shops, bars and restaurants, as well as an array of Georgian architecture, there is plenty for guests to see.

Gustavia in St. Barthelemy is next, before a full day in **Philipsburg** in St. Maarten. Staying here for an overnight stay, guests will have the opportunity to soak up all that this stunning island has to offer.

Guests will then be able to enjoy the delights of **Road Town** in Tortola, in the beautiful British Virgin Islands, before a day in **St. John's** in Antigua. *Black Watch* will then stay overnight in **Ponta Delgada**, in the alluring Azores, before returning to **Greenock** in Glasgow.

- Boudicca's 16-night 'Mysterious Morocco & Seductive Spain' cruise, D1524, ex Newcastle on 1st November 2015. 'No single supplement' or 'free door-to-door transfer' applicable. Prices start from £1,399 per person.

Boudicca's first visit is to **Leixoes** in Portugal – for trips to **Oporto** – brimming with traditional Portuguese charm. The cruise then moves onwards to exotic **Casablanca** in Morocco, before stopping in **Tangier**, also in the North African country of Morocco.

Next port of call is **Melilla** in Spanish Morocco, where guests can embrace a more Mediterranean culture. *Boudicca* will then sail to **Algiers** in Algeria, where guests can visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Tipaza.

Guests will then arrive in **Cadiz** in Spain. The city's Cathedral, recognised by its distinctive orange dome, which stands proudly at the centre of this breathtaking coastline, is stunning to admire. Last port of call is **La Coruna** in Spain, a relaxing and peaceful destination for guests to enjoy, before *Boudicca* returns to **Newcastle**.

Fred. Olsen was delighted to be voted 'Best Affordable Cruise Line' and runner-up 'Best Cruise Line' in the 'Cruise International Awards 2013', and 'Best Value for Money' in the Cruise Critic 'Editors' Picks UK Awards 2013'.

Fred. Olsen is proud to be the only UK travel company to receive a coveted 'Gold Award' from leading consumer review website Feefo, having achieved a 95% service rating of 'Excellent' or 'Good' in over 5,600 genuine, independent guest reviews in 2013.

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