



Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' new flagship *Bolette* sets sail from Dover on scenic Maiden Voyage

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New flagship *Bolette* had the white cliffs of Dover as her backdrop when she set sail on a scenic Maiden Voyage with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines on Monday afternoon (16th August).

Bolette will offer scenic sailing of the Isles of Scilly's 140 islets, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty famed for its rock formations and long, sandy beaches, and the dramatic coastlines of the Channel Islands on her maiden three-night cruise.

This milestone sailing follows an extensive refurbishment programme that has seen public areas revamped, cabins updated, new bathrooms installed and new carpets laid throughout.

The project introduced popular Fred. Olsen venues the Morning Light Pub, The Bookmark Café, and The Oriental Tea Room, alongside many new additions to Fred. Olsen, including an all-weather pool, two-tiered theatre and The Auditorium.

There will be opportunities for guests to tantalise their taste buds in new specialty dining venues. For a fresh, modern take on Indian food there is Vasco, named after the famous explorer Vasco Da Gama, who was the first European to reach India by sea. Meanwhile, Colours & Tastes offers modern Asian Fusion dishes.

Plus, with fewer than 1,400 guests on board even at full capacity, *Bolette* will continue to offer the same small ship experience for which Fred. Olsen and their crew are renowned.

Peter Deer, Managing Director for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

"Today is a very important day for us, as we introduce our new flagship, *Bolette*, to the world.

"The team on board has worked incredibly hard to add our own Fred. Olsen touches to the ship, with every element designed with the elegance and attention to detail that we are so well known for.

"After many weeks of successful cruising, I am so proud to enhance our offering with a second new ship in the fleet today. I know that guests will love her just as much as we do, and our wonderful crew can't wait to welcome guests, both new and returning, on board."

Captain Mikael Degerlund, who will be sailing *Bolette* for her Maiden Voyage, said:

"Launching a new ship always brings a buzz of excitement, but launching a new flagship is even more special. There has been a real energy on board as the final preparations have been made over the past few weeks. When we welcome our first guests on board we will do so with great pride.



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"It is a huge honour to Captain *Bolette* for her Maiden Voyage, and I look forward to many happy sailings aboard our new flagship in the future."

Sonia Limbrick, Head of Cruise at the Port of Dover said:

"We have shared some special moments with Fred. Olsen, and are so happy to be celebrating with them again here on another milestone day for *Bolette's* Maiden Voyage.

"We are delighted that Fred. Olsen have chosen us as the homeport for their beautiful new flagship vessel, and we look forward to our excellent relationship with them reaching new heights as *Bolette* begins her exciting new adventures from Dover."

Bolette, named after the great-great-grandmother of company Chairman, Fred. Olsen Jnr, is the second in the fleet to set sail, following on from sister ship *Borealis* in early July. Both ships were purchased by Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines in the summer of 2020.

For group bookings and enquiries, please contact Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' dedicated Group Sales Department on 01473 746169 (Monday to Friday, 9am until 5pm), or e-mail ellie.fulcher@fredolsen.co.uk. For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at www.fredolsencruises.com

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