

P&O Cruises celebrates full return to service

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When Arcadia sails to the Canary Islands on Sunday March 27, it will mark P&O Cruises full return to service following its pause in operations.

P&O Cruises president Paul Ludlow said: "We're back sailing and this is certainly cause for celebration. Sunday is an important milestone as we will have all six ships back in operation and doing what we do best.

"We are delighted to be welcoming Arcadia back to the fleet. This ship is hugely popular with our loyal cruisers and I know the captain and team on board cannot wait to sail the fantastic itineraries we have planned for this year.

"Britannia and Azura have had a very successful season in the Caribbean from Barbados and will spend the summer in the Mediterranean. Iona has spent her maiden winter months in the Canary Islands and northern Europe and will soon head up to the spectacular Norwegian fjords for the summer of scenic cruising and thrilling adventures.

"It is evident that our guests are reassured by the steps we have taken to protect their health and wellbeing and that they are delighted to be back on board re-igniting their passion for travel.

"We all spent so long missing the simple pleasures of great restaurants, beaches and city sights that having them all now makes the holiday experience even better."

Arvia will join P&O Cruises in December as the seventh ship in the fleet. The maiden voyage will be to The Canary Islands followed by a winter season of fly/cruise holidays in the Caribbean from Barbados. Arvia, which, similar to its sister ship Iona, will be powered by liquefied natural gas, will have many sustainable and environmentally-friendly innovations and technology on board.

Example cruises:

Norway and Iceland, 14 nights, from £1,349

14-night cruise on Aurora (R207) from £1,349 per person. Departing June 21, 2022 the price includes full board meals and entertainment. Departing from and returning to Southampton, ports of call are Skjolden, Ålesund, Akureyri, Grundarfjörður, Reykjavik (two full days) and Cork.

Link - https://www.pocruises.com/find-a-cruise/R207/R207

Canada, 24 nights, from £2,699

24-night cruise on Aurora (R214) from £2,699 per person. Departing September 18, 2022 the price includes full board meals and entertainment. Departing from and returning to Southampton, ports of call are St Johns, Gaspe, Quebec (two full days), Saguenay, Charlottetown, Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Halifax and Sydney NS. Link - https://www.pocruises.com/find-a-cruise/R214/R214

British Isles, 14 nights, from £1,499

14-night cruise on Arcadia (J213) from £1,499 per person. Departing July 19, 2022 the price includes full board meals and entertainment. Departing from and returning to Southampton, ports of call are Belfast, Killybegs, Kirkwall, Lerwick, Torshavn, Stornoway, Greenock and Holyhead.

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About P&O Cruises

P&O Cruises is Britain's favourite cruise line, welcoming guests to experience holidays with a blend of discovery, choice, relaxation and exceptional service catered towards British tastes. P&O Cruises' fleet of premium ships combine genuine service, a sense of occasion and attention to detail.

In May 2021, P&O Cruises launched Iona, its first Excel class ship. The new LNG-powered ship, with 5,200-guest capacity, is the largest ship built to serve the UK market. Iona features enhancements to already successful brand signature venues from the existing fleet, as well as features newly developed for Iona.

P&O Cruises' second LNG-powered Excel class ship and sister ship to Iona is named Arvia, meaning from the seashore, and will join the fleet in December 2022. Arvia is the latest evolution in the P&O Cruises experience, embodying the newest trends in travel, dining and entertainment, and will be the epitome of a sunshine resort sailing year-round to the warmest climates.

The 185,000 tons ship, 345m in length, with 16 guest decks will feature Altitude Skywalk a unique high ropes experience, a swim-up bar and stunning infinity pool, a new restaurant Green & Co featuring Mizuhana serving a plant and fish-led menu, Ocean Studios cinema, 1,300sqm of shopping and the Oasis Spa and Health Club.

With over 200 destinations worldwide, P&O Cruises Itineraries are carefully curated to inspire discovery and are varied to suit newcomers and experienced guests alike. With a wide choice of holidays from two days to three months there is something for everyone.

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