



180 years of heritage celebrated in P&O Cruises 2017 World Cruise Collection

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P&O Cruises has launched its 2017 World Cruise Collection featuring two full world circumnavigations offering a choice of east or west, a 180th anniversary celebration cruise on Aurora, exotic fly cruises and Australasian journeys, a 50-night cruise round trip Southampton to the Caribbean, USA and Amazon, Northern Lights cruises on Oriana with numerous overnight and evening calls.

P&O Cruises' marketing director, Christopher Edgington, said: "P&O Cruises has a reputation for offering original and appealing world cruise itineraries which we spend a lot of time planning, based on extensive research and trends. Our round the world cruises are not a once-in-a-lifetime dream but a truly affordable and realistic holiday for "empty nesters" looking for long haul adventure and "this is the life" memories."

World circumnavigations on Aurora and Arcadia

In the year that P&O Cruises celebrates 180 years of heritage, Aurora's world circumnavigation will be particularly poignant. Echoing the trade routes of the British Empire, Aurora will sail a 104-night eastern circumnavigation from Southampton calling at 35 destinations in 21 countries and sailing nearly 30,000 nautical miles. Departing January 9 2017, this cruise will feature 23 new ports of call (compared with Aurora's 2016 world cruise), four overnight stays in Dubai, Singapore, Sydney and San Francisco and seven evening calls. The cruise will also feature calls into some of the world's most iconic destinations including sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco, sailing into Sydney Harbour and "City of Sails", Auckland and transiting both the Panama and Suez canals.

Arcadia's 114-night Polynesian and Asian Adventure is a full world western circumnavigation from Southampton calling at 37 destinations in 21 countries and sailing over 36,000 nautical miles. Departing January 2 2017, the cruise will feature 22 new ports of call (compared with Arcadia's 2016 world cruise), five overnight stays in San Francisco, Auckland, Sydney, Hong Kong and Singapore and nine evening calls. As with Aurora's world cruise, Arcadia will also feature calls into some of the world's most iconic destinations including sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco, sailing into Sydney Harbour and "City of Sails", Auckland and transiting both the Panama and Suez canals.

Prices for the world cruises start from £10,299 per person Select Price (based on Aurora's world circumnavigation) plus onboard spending money from £350 per person up to £1,000 per person depending on cabin grade.

Oriana's Caribbean and Amazon Adventure

This 50-night cruise on Oriana round trip from Southampton will call at 17 destinations in 13 countries in the Caribbean, the USA and South America and will sail over 14,000 nautical miles including 1,500 nautical miles on the Amazon over six days. Departing January 3 2017, Oriana will feature 10 new ports of call, compared with her 50-night cruise in 2016. Highlights of the cruise include calls at Bermuda, New Orleans and Manaus as well as cruising the mighty Amazon.

Prices from £3,999 per person Select Price plus onboard spending money from £150 per person to £475 per person depending on cabin grade.

Northern Lights cruises

In 2017, Oriana will offer two 12-night Northern Lights cruises round trip from Southampton calling at Andalsnes, Tromsø, Alta (overnight) and Stavanger as well as cruising in Romsdalsfjord. Highlights include the overnight in Alta which is known as "The Town of the Northern Lights" and a late evening in Tromsø where adventurous guests can head out on a traditional husky-drawn sled.

Prices from £899 per person Select Price plus onboard spending money from £45 per person to £150 per person depending on cabin grade.

P&O Cruises 2017 World Cruise Collection goes on sale for top tier Peninsular Club members Tuesday 8 September 2015, general sale starts from 8am on Wednesday 9 September 2015. To book, visit www.pocruises.com, call 0843 374 0111 or visit your local travel agent.

About P&O Cruises

P&O Cruises has a fleet of eight ships offering holidays tailored to British tastes combining genuine service, a sense of occasion and attention to detail, ensuring passengers have the holiday of a lifetime, every time. Azura was launched in April 2010 – officially named by Godmother Darcey Bussell CBE. Small ship Adonia was added to the fleet in May 2011, named by Dame Shirley Bassey, DBE. Britannia, a new 141,000 ton ship, was named by HM The Queen on March 10, 2015.

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