

Glorious Boudicca cruises back to the Great Waterfront City

Fred Olsen's cruise ship Boudicca made a welcome return to Portsmouth International Port after a journey that took her right around the country.

Named after the famous tribal Queen, Boudicca was in the final stages of an eight day cruise around the same British coastline that the legendary royal once tried to rid of Romans in AD60.

MV Boudicca, first came calling at Portsmouth International Port in October 2009. Since then she has been a popular visitor to the Great Waterfront City, bringing up to 880 guests on each call.

The classic cruise liner gave guests a full day to explore the UK's only island city and the wider area. Within minutes of disembarking passengers were wandering the decks of HMS Victory, and exploring the Historic Dockyard. Or opting for organised tours of Old Portsmouth and the Emirates Spinnaker Tower, Historic Winchester, the New Forest, Stonehenge, or the Watercress Line Steam Railway.

This particular explorer cruise focussed on British Wildlife, with stops at significant sites of scientific interest. Passengers will have had an opportunity to spot whales in Scotland, as well as golden eagles. Bird watchers arriving on Boudicca at Portsmouth International Port had a chance to visit the wildfowl rich Farlington Marshes and Chichester Harbour, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Since Boudicca last visited Portsmouth International Port the owners Fred. Olsen have upgraded accommodation onboard. Her new Terrace Balcony Rooms offer plenty of opportunities to enjoy unforgettable sights and experiences – the perfect place to view Napoleonic Forts, the Emirates Spinnaker Tower and HMS Warrior in the Historic Dockyard as the ship slips into Port on the South Coast of England.

Rupert Taylor, Harbour Master at Portsmouth International Port, said, “Boudicca has always been a firm favourite here at the Port, with her beautiful lines bringing an extra touch of elegance to Portsmouth Harbour. I’m delighted that Fred. Olsen has brought this magnificent cruise liner back to Portsmouth International Port, the perfect last stop on her round Britain voyage. Guests are guaranteed a memorable day, with so many world class attractions right on our doorstep.”