

Port of Dover and Viking celebrate inaugural call of Viking Saturn

Dover Cruise celebrated its first inaugural call of the busy 2024 season with a plaque exchange on board Viking Saturn.

The award-winning small, all-veranda ship, which launched just last year, joins her sister vessels to become the 4th Viking Ocean ship sailing from Dover in 2024. She will join Neptune, Sky and Venus for a total of 21 port of call visits this year.

The call also marked the Port's second debut call from Viking in less than a year following Neptune's visit in May 2023, which coincided with the cruise line's announcement of a bumper three-year schedule from Dover with 60 calls up to 2025.

Peter Wright, Head of Cruise at the Port of Dover said: "It's a pleasure to welcome Viking Saturn here to Dover, and to showcase our excellent partnership with Viking on this milestone day for the Port. Dover is becoming an increasingly popular choice for UK port of call visits – it's fantastic to see so many cruise passengers enjoying the very best of Kent, after being greeted by the stunning views of the White Cliffs and Dover Castle on arrival. We can't wait to welcome thousands of Viking's guests this year, as they cruise the British Isles and Scandinavia."

Wendy Atkin-Smith, Managing Director of Viking UK added: "With its interesting history and superb location, Dover is a very popular port of call for our guests from all around the world who enjoy exploring every corner of Kent. Our guests can choose from a wide selection of shore excursions including taking a stroll around the beautiful city of Canterbury and exploring its sights, immersing themselves in the natural beauty at Sissinghurst Castle and Gardens or travelling to the beautiful countryside for an informative tour of the 22 acres of lush vineyards at Chapel Down winery."

"Our 2026 ocean voyages are now open for booking including our British Isles and Scandinavian itineraries – which both call into the Port of Dover. We're looking forward to continuing to call in to Dover on our small ocean ships over the next few years."

After her inaugural call, Viking Saturn will return on 3rd and 31st May, and at the end of July. The full Port of Dover cruise schedule can be found [here](#).