

Port of Tyne will increase capacity at Northumbrian Quay, creating additional space which will double the quay width

Port of Tyne continues to invest in cruise facilities

The Port of Tyne in North East England is set to welcome 58 cruise calls from 15 cruise lines in 2020. Returning this year is AIDA, CMV, Costa Cruises, Fred. Olsen, Marella, Oceania, Princess, Regent Seven Seas, Saga, Seabourn, TUI, Phoenix Reisen and Voyages to Antiquity.

Five inaugural calls will visit the Port including Marella Explorer 2, Costa Fortuna, Wind Surf, AIDAbella, and Island Princess.

Other highlights during the year include a visit from Wind Surf. The world's largest sailing ship is expected to call at the Port of Tyne in August as part of the Sail Amsterdam event, cruising into the city every five years, Wind Surf will form part of the flotilla of tall ships during a special celebration.

Extensive investment in streamlining cruise infrastructure continued during the 2019 cruise season, with the Port of Tyne investing in improving its baggage handling facilities and increasing cruise parking. In 2020 further improvements are planned which will see the Port increase capacity at Northumbrian Quay, its main cruise facility, creating an additional 500k m2 of space which will more than double the quay width making it more accessible for coach transfers enhancing both the passenger experience and pedestrian safety.

In total 39 turnaround cruises will embark from Port of Tyne in 2020 taking outward bound guests to Scandinavia, the Norwegian Fjords, the Baltics, and the German waterways including St Petersburg, Iceland, the Faroes, the Netherlands, the Canary Islands and around the British Isles.

Cruising directly from the Port of Tyne Fred. Olsen Cruise lines are offering 15 cruise calls, CMV are offering 13 calls and Marella are offering 11 calls.

A total of 19 transit calls can expect a warm welcome at Port of Tyne, only eight miles from Newcastle City centre, named as the number one place to visit in 2018 by The Rough Guide. North East England is steeped in history. The region is home to several UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Hadrian's Roman Wall and the City of Durham, as well as Alnwick Castle, known as the 'Windsor of the North', but most recognised for its role as Hogwarts in the *Harry Potter* films and most recently featured in the popular period drama *Downton Abbey*.

Catch up with the Port of Tyne at SeaTrade Cruise Global on stand 1031 where the team will be exhibiting on the Cruise Britain Pavilion.