

## Unforgettable year coming up for Port of Dover

Kicking off 2024 as Cruise Critic's Best UK Departure Port, Dover is ready for an exciting year ahead. It will see six inaugural calls, increased and regular visits from many cruise lines, and days with three ships in at once. The re-developed Dover Waterfront is also home to a new Marina and surrounding recreational areas of the Marina Curve and Clocktower Square, which will host a vibrant entertainment programme throughout spring and summer.

Over 20 different cruises lines offer once-in-a-lifetime trips via Dover, which showcase the amazing scenery of Norway's fjords, the cultural gems of the Baltic, and the inspirational heritage of the Garden of England and British Isles. It is the UK port of choice for hundreds of thousands of passengers every year for turnaround and port of call visits, and the UK homeport for world leading cruise lines.

Peter Wright, Head of Cruise at the Port of Dover said: "There is no doubt that 2024 will be an unforgettable year for us. We eagerly await the return of all our cruise lines and can't wait to welcome those that are visiting us for the first time. The stunning view of the White Cliffs and Dover Castle is a highlight of any cruise, and our excellent customer service and unrivalled location ensures a seamless and unforgettable holiday for all."

Dover provides the quickest route to London, taking just over an hour on the high-speed train line. With easy access to the motorway and the quickest sea crossing to Europe, it offers excellent transport links across Kent, into the Capital and beyond.

Clare Ward, Director of Product and Customer Service at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said: "We are delighted to be returning to Dover once again, with five cruises setting sail to beautiful destinations including Norway, Iceland, Portugal and the Azores this summer."

"The beautiful White Cliffs of Dover provide a stunning backdrop for our guests as they begin their cruises on board our fleet of smaller-sized ships and featuring hand-crafted itineraries designed to take them to the very best places at the very best times."