

## Port of Poole unveils 2021 cruise schedule

The Port of Poole has announced that four cruise lines will visit the Dorset destination a total of seven times this year.

All the lines' ships will make their maiden calls to the port, with the arrivals taking place between June and September.

The cruise lines and their ships will be:

- Tradewind Voyages, via the 272-guest Golden Horizon, the world's largest square-rigged sailing vessel, which is a replica of an early 20th century ship. Visits will take place on June 27, August 2 and 12 as part of its UK season.
- Phoenix Reisen, a German-based operator, via the 520-guest Deutschland. A visit will take place on August 3 during a Germany to Iceland sailing.
- Vantage Cruise Line, via new expedition cruise ship the 170-guest Ocean Explorer, which was completed this year. Poole will be the first port of call on both August 8 and 28 as part of two British Isles sailings.
- Polar Cruises, via the 164-guest Seaventure, during a Germany to Spain sailing on September 26.

In preparation for the season, Poole has recently introduced a raft of new health and safety measures at its port terminal including an enhanced layout, a new temperature screening system and fogging machines.

Captain Brian Murphy, Marine & Port Director and Harbour Master, said: "We're delighted to announce the cruise lines that will call at Poole later this year, and are looking forward to giving their visitors a safe and successful welcome. We are officially open for business and have real aspirations for Poole, including becoming an increasingly prolific and popular hub for domestic and international cruise lines. We're confident 2021 marks the start of this ambition."