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A look at the build of Iona, the largest ship ever built for the UK

Iona recently joined the P&O Cruises fleet, and was welcomed at an official handover ceremony at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg, Germany. Watch how all the pieces come together over two years in this latest time-lapse video, to form the most innovative and greenest ship yet.

Link for time-lapse video - <https://youtu.be/So2Z-LDB5t8>

At 185,000 tonnes, 345m in length and with 17 guest decks Iona will set new ground for guest experiences, with a glass-roofed SkyDome, a cool gin distillery, exciting new dining, unseen entertainment concepts and unique wellbeing treats.

Iona's maiden season will be to Northern Europe, Spain, Portugal and the Canary Islands from our home port of Southampton. Whilst our operations are currently paused until early 2021 Iona will not be sailing for the moment.

Iona's as yet unnamed sister ship will be delivered in December 2022.

For more information or to book, call P&O Cruises on 03453 555 111, visit www.pocruises.com or visit a travel agent.

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About P&O Cruises

P&O Cruises is Britain's favourite cruise line, welcoming guests to experience the good life and enjoy a blend of discovery, relaxation and exceptional service catered towards British tastes. P&O Cruises fleet of premium ships combine genuine service, a sense of occasion and attention to detail, ensuring guests have the holiday of a lifetime, every time.

In 2021, P&O Cruises will launch *Iona*. The new LNG-powered ship, with 5,200-guest capacity, will be the largest ship built to serve the UK market. *Iona* will feature enhancements to already successful brand signature venues from the existing fleet, as well as features newly developed for *Iona*. These include a breathtaking three deck atrium in the heart of the ship as well as SkyDome – an exclusively designed glass dome by award-winning British engineers Eckersley O'Callaghan. This will be a world first at sea and offer a unique space for both relaxing in all weathers and providing entertainment, featuring aerial performers and a wealth of live acts.

P&O Cruises visits over 200 destinations worldwide and offers itineraries generally ranging from two to 17 days and also an annual world cruise. P&O Cruises sails to Australia & New Zealand, Baltic, the British Isles, Canada, the Spain, Portugal & the Canary Islands, the Caribbean, Central America, Dubai & the Arabian Gulf, the Far East & Asia, the Indian

Ocean, the Mediterranean, Scandinavia, South America, the South Pacific, the United States and Western Europe.

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