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### **P&O Cruises announces captain for new ship Arvia**

P&O Cruises has announced that Captain Robert Camby will lead the team responsible for on board operations for its newest LNG-powered ship Arvia, which will enter service in December 2022. Captain Camby will bring out Arvia from the Meyer Werft shipyard in Germany to the home port of Southampton where the ship will sail its inaugural winter cruises before re-positioning to Barbados for its first series of Caribbean fly/cruises.

London-born Captain Camby was introduced to the sea from an early age, having a father who had served in the Royal Navy. His first introduction to cruising was through his maternal grandfather who took the family on SS Canberra when Robert was 14 and which sparked his dream of a career at sea.

In 1995 Robert was selected into the P&O Princess Cruises Cadet program and started his studies as a deck cadet at South Shields Nautical College. His first ship was SS Canberra where it all began. He worked his way up through the ranks on various ships before gaining his masters ticket in December 2003. In November 2005 Camby was appointed as navigator on Cunard's flagship Queen Mary 2, where he remained working up to the rank of deputy captain in June 2008.

In December 2011 he was promoted to captain taking his first command of Oriana in January 2012. Since then, he has commanded Azura, Arcadia, Aurora, Oceana, Ventura, Britannia, Queen Victoria, Queen Mary 2 and most recently Iona.

When not at sea he enjoys following Formula 1 motor racing, supporting Chelsea football as well as being a fan of England and Wasps Rugby. He is also a lover of classic cars, especially the Austin Healey.

He lives in Warwickshire with his wife Danni and their two boys Austin and Jenson.

Captain Camby said: "After 26 years with the company I feel so privileged to command P&O Cruises Arvia and to be working alongside the most talented and experienced team. Arvia will underpin all the innovative and environmental credentials of Iona and will create even more aspirational and desirable guest experiences and itineraries specifically for British guests."

Supporting Captain Camby on Arvia will be Captain Paul Brown; Andy Foote and Archie Kennedy as deputy captains; Robert Long as chief engineer and Helen Kimber and Daljit Sharma as hotel general managers. Other members of the senior management team will be announced shortly.

Arvia, similar to sister ship Iona, will be the next in P&O Cruises Excel-class generation of the first British cruise ships to be powered by LNG (liquefied natural gas), paving the way for the future of cruising. Arvia is currently being built at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg and will be launched in December 2022.

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## **About P&O Cruises**

P&O Cruises is Britain's favourite cruise line, welcoming guests to experience holidays with a blend of discovery, choice, 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.

In May 2021, P&O Cruises launched Iona, its first Excel class ship. The new LNG-powered ship, with 5,200-guest capacity, is the largest ship built to serve the UK market. Iona features enhancements to already successful brand signature venues from the existing fleet, as well as features newly developed for Iona.

P&O Cruises' second LNG-powered Excel class ship and sister ship to Iona is named Arvia, meaning from the seashore, and will join the fleet in December 2022. Arvia is the latest evolution in the P&O Cruises experience, embodying the newest trends in travel, dining and entertainment, and will be the epitome of a sunshine resort sailing year-round to the warmest climates.

The 185,000 tons ship, 345m in length, with 16 guest decks will feature Altitude Skywalk a unique high ropes experience, a swim-up bar and stunning infinity pool, a new restaurant Green & Co featuring Mizuhana serving a plant and fish-led menu, Ocean Studios cinema, 1,300sqm of shopping and the Oasis Spa and Health Club.

With over 200 destinations worldwide, P&O Cruises Itineraries are carefully curated to inspire discovery, and are varied to suit newcomers and experienced guests alike. With a wide choice of holidays from two days to three months there is something for everyone.

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