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Celebrity chef Shivi Ramoutar joins P&O Cruises to create authentic Caribbean dining

Chef and author Shivi Ramoutar is joining P&O Cruises culinary line up as a Local Food Hero as part of the launch of new ship Arvia which joins the fleet in December 2022.

Shivi, who is renowned for her contemporary Caribbean cooking, will bring her vibrant dishes to Arvia for its maiden season from home port Barbados. She will celebrate her passion for the region's cuisine with an exclusive collection of dishes at Taste 360 and The Beach House.

As a Local Food Hero Shivi will join José Pizarro and Kjartan Skelde in bringing destinations to life through authentic recipes in restaurants on Arvia.

P&O Cruises president Paul Ludlow said: "Shivi's passion, bold flavour, colourful ingredients and joyful style will bring traditional Caribbean food to our guests.

"As Shivi joins Marco Pierre White and Olly Smith as well as José and Kjartan I am so proud that we have an extraordinary line up of chefs lending their skills and talents to our dining choice."

Shivi grew up in Trinidad and sealed her reputation for exciting Caribbean cooking through two cook books. She is now resident chef on ITV's Martin & Roman's Weekend Best as well as many other television appearances.

She said "Caribbean food is proper fusion food, influenced by all the people who have travelled through the region. I hope to make the dining experience on Arvia as much about limin' (the Caribbean art of relaxing with friends) as it is about the food. The dishes will be my interpretation of the Caribbean flavours which have influenced my life."

Arvia will offer 14 night Caribbean fly/cruise itineraries from January 2023 to March 2023 and from October 2023 to March 2024.

Example Arvia cruise:

Caribbean, 14 nights, £2,099pp

P&O Cruises is offering a 14-night cruise on Arvia (K302A) for £2,099 per person for an inside cabin. Departing Jan 21, 2023, the price includes flights, kids' clubs, full board meals and entertainment. Departing from and returning to Bridgetown, Barbados, including flights from the UK, ports of call are Barbados, Curacao, La Romana, St Kitts, Antigua, St Maarten, Martinique and St Lucia.

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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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