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Arvia's Grand Atrium - widescreen ocean views with immersive entertainment and dining

P&O Cruises has unveiled details of new ship Arvia's impressive centrepiece – a stunning Grand Atrium with widescreen ocean views which will become the focus of entertainment for the ship.

The Grand Atrium is at the heart of Arvia and will provide a spectacular backdrop to aerial performers who will descend through the triple-height space and a striking installation of metal champagne-coloured ribbons which frame the great staircase. The Grand Atrium will also host a full programme of live events and entertainment, with local buskers, pop-up talks, magicians and performers.

Spanning three decks, each level of the Grand Atrium will offer guests a place to dine, socialise or relax, balancing larger sociable areas with more intimate spaces.

Describing the vision, the project architect and designer, Jennifer deVere-Hopkins said: "With its triple-height windows, we wanted to infuse the Grand Atrium with the same sense of energy even outside of the live performances. Its innovative design will capture the movement, freedom and spectacle of the ocean and always connect guests to the sea."

P&O Cruises president Paul Ludlow said: "With its elegant design, warm tones and beautiful custom-made elements, the Grand Atrium on board Arvia will provide guests with the perfect backdrop to their holiday photos. The design has made the most of the magical effect of light at different times of the day, so whether guests want to enjoy a morning coffee or evening drink, the Grand Atrium will provide the most spectacular backdrop."

The Grand Atrium will be home to Amber Lounge, the home of crafted cocktails. Guests can watch mixologists create their perfect drink while enjoying dramatic aerial performances played out directly in front of them.

For dining, The Keel & Cow is the home of great gastro-pub fare, with traditional favourites including dry-aged steaks and the best burger at sea, The Prime Minister.

The Glass House can be found on Deck 7. This dining venue offers guests a prime position to look out on to horizon views and aerial artists while enjoying dishes paired with wines selected by Food Hero Olly Smith.

Arvia will join the P&O Cruises fleet in December 2022, with a maiden voyage to the Canary Islands, followed by a winter season in the Caribbean. Arvia will be the largest ship to sail from home port of Barbados, offering guests a choice of holidays, ranging from seven to 22 nights, with an overnight stay in Barbados and an extended call to Antigua on many holidays. Arvia will join sister ship, Iona as one of the world's most environmentally-friendly ships, fully powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Arvia will have a choice of 12 restaurants plus eight other places to eat. Fleet favourites such as Epicurean, Sindhu and The Glass House and Iona icons including The Keel & Cow and The Olive Grove will star alongside dining concepts created exclusively for Arvia including plant-based and sushi dishes in Green & Co featuring Mizuhana; 6th Street Diner and Roast Carvery.

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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 2021 P&O Cruises launched Iona, its first Excel class ship. The 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. These include a three deck atrium in the heart of the ship as well as SkyDome – a glass dome exclusively designed by Martin Francis. This is a world first at sea and offers a unique space for both relaxing in all weathers and providing entertainment, featuring aerial performers and a wealth of live acts.

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 an innovative and future-focused ship and will offer outstanding, varied and contemporary holidays. Arvia has been designed to travel to the sun all year-round and to maximise views of the ocean and the seashore from everywhere on board.

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. P&O Cruises sails to Australia & New Zealand, Baltic, the British Isles, Canada, the Spain, Portugal & the Canary Islands, the Caribbean, Central America, 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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