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### **P&O Cruises reveals exciting new shore experiences only on Arvia**

P&O Cruises newest ship Arvia, arriving in December 2022 will offer a range of brand-new shore experiences in the Caribbean which are not available on any other ship in the fleet.

New shore experiences include:

#### **Big wheel electric scooters – St Lucia**

- Guests will have the opportunity to explore St Lucia's rugged and picturesque northern coastline in an open-air journey on an eco-friendly electric scooter.
- The custom-built iRide scooters have powerful, fully electric motors that are charged by solar power.
- Sights include Rodney Bay Marina, the famous fishing village of Gros Islet and Pigeon Island National Landmark. While in Cap Estate, guests will be able to see stunning views from the Cas-en-Bas Viewpoint before visiting the centuries-old pirate haven of Rodney Bay.

#### **All-inclusive Bayahibe beach resort – Dominican Republic**

- For those looking for a more leisurely day, guests can soak up the laid-back atmosphere of the 5-star Be Live Collection Canoa resort in the picturesque fishing village of Bayahibe.
- In the well-manicured tropical setting, guests will have full access to the facilities which include a swimming pool, volleyball nets and the white, powdery sand of the private 'Blue Flag' beach.
- A beach towel, sun bed and lunch are all included, and there is an open bar available for cocktails and drink.

#### **Create your own Batik – St Kitts**

- Guests can enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience of creating their own batik in the famous, ancestral home of Caribelle Batik.
- Caribelle Batik has a world-famous reputation for producing fine batik products made with quality one-of-a-kind fabrics. They use ancient, Indonesian dyeing methods to create their distinctive and unique designs.
- Guests will have the chance to watch expert artists at work while hearing full narration of the ancient art form and its history before they get the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and make their own unique souvenir.

#### **Caribbean cuisine & rum tasting – St Maarten**

- Guests will have the opportunity to sample Caribbean cooking at its best and taste speciality rums at the award-winning Topper's Rum Distillery in St Maarten.
- In Emilio's Kitchen, guests can watch Chef prepare Caribbean-style cuisine, including breadfruit balls and fried local fish with Sauce Souk, with all dishes fully explained.
- Dishes will then be served in a rustic 17th-century wine cellar, while guests enjoy a delicious T'punch cocktail.
- At the award-winning Topper's Rum Distillery guests will be welcomed with a homemade rum punch, before having the opportunity to taste over 20 samples of rum on the distillery tour and twelve small-batch speciality rums from the rum tap.

#### Bajan craft beer & rum tasting – Barbados

- The spirit of Barbados can be found at the Foursquare Rum Distillery which is located on a former sugar plantation which dates back to 1720.
- While there, guests will learn about the unique combination of artisanal processes and state-of-the-art techniques used to create the rich styles of rum, before enjoying a tasting session.
- A short drive will then guide guests to DreadHop Brewing, a local beer brewery dedicated to creating distinctive hand-crafted ales. Guests can find out about the large selection of ingredients used from around the world to produce a variety of beer styles, before sampling the fantastic brews with snacks.

Guests will also be able to enjoy a variety of existing, popular shore experiences, including exploring the region's food and drink-related destinations, enjoying family activities like kayaking or snorkeling, or taking the opportunity to relax on a lounge at local beaches with stunning views.

Arvia will set sail for its maiden season of seven and 14-night fly/cruises from the UK to the Caribbean on January 6, 2023. During the season, Arvia will explore eight of the region's idyllic islands including Antigua (Antigua and Barbuda), Bridgetown (Barbados, including an overnight stay), Curaçao (Curaçao), La Romana (Dominican Republic - a maiden port of call for P&O Cruises), Fort de France (Martinique), Basseterre (St Kitts), Castries (St Lucia) and St Maarten (Saint Maarten).

#### More on Arvia:

- 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.
- Arvia is designed to bring guests even closer to the sea, sky and shore, reflecting its name meaning 'from the seashore', and will feature P&O Cruises first-ever retractable roof **SkyDome**.
- New dining options will reflect the ports on Arvia's itineraries, including Caribbean dishes designed by Local Food Hero, **Shivi Ramoutar** and a Mediterranean-inspired menu from **José Pizarro**. Arvia will also offer entirely new dining experiences, including **Green & Co feat. Mizuhana** which will have a plant-led menu reflecting the latest trends in vegan, vegetarian and flexitarian dining. **6<sup>th</sup> Street Diner** will give guests an all-American dining option, complete with great music and ice-cold cocktails.
- World-class entertainment will provide guests with a multitude of options day or night, with exclusive new stage show, **Greatest Days – The Official Take That Musical** brought to life by an amazing cast from the Headliners Theatre Company. **WaveLength** will also be a new addition to Arvia as a new interactive gameshow, virtually starring presenter and game show host Ben Shephard.
- The new **Altitude activity zone** will feature activities for guests of all ages, from minigolf, an aqua zone at **Splash Valley** and P&O Cruises first ever high-ropes experience. **Mission Control**, a unique escape game combined with multimedia 3D simulation will create a thrilling underwater challenge for all the family.

## Included in the cost of a P&O Cruises holiday

P&O Cruises offers unbeatable value with so much included, including accommodation, full board meals, pools and entertainment (theatre shows, headline performers, live bands, comedy and first run films), as well as supervised round-the-clock complimentary children's clubs. Shore experiences and drinks can also be pre-purchased in pounds avoiding any currency exchange fluctuations.

## Example itineraries

### **Caribbean, 7 nights from £999pp**

7 night cruise on Arvia (K303B) for £999 per person for an inside cabin. Departing February 4, 2023, the price includes kids' clubs, full board meals and entertainment. Departing from Barbados ports of call are Tortola (Virgin Islands, British), La Romana (Dominican Republic), Saint Maarten and Antigua.

### **Mediterranean, 14 nights from £989pp**

14-night cruise on Arvia (K307) for £989 per person for an inside cabin. Departing April 2, 2023, the price includes kids' clubs, full board meals and entertainment. Departing from and returning to Southampton ports of call are La Coruna, Mallorca, La Spezia, Marseilles, Barcelona and Cadiz.

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For more information or to book call P&O Cruises on 0344 338 8003, visit [www.pocruises.com](http://www.pocruises.com) or contact a travel agent.

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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. The fleet of seven ships each have their own appeal from family friendly or exclusively for adults.

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.

Iona joined the P&O Cruises fleet in May 2021 as the next generation of ship. Iona, the first British cruise ship to be powered by liquefied natural gas, sets a new standard for cruise travel featuring enhancements to already successful brand signature venues from across P&O Cruises existing fleet, as well as many new "firsts" such as the first gin distillery at sea and The 710 Club, with music director Gary Barlow.

Sister ship to Iona, Arvia will join the P&O Cruises fleet in December 2022 as its second LNG-powered, Excel-class ship offering a Caribbean maiden season of fly-cruise holidays from homeport Barbados.

Arvia, meaning "from the seashore," is an innovative and future-focused ship and the latest evolution in the P&O Cruises experience, embodying the newest trends in travel, dining and entertainment to offer varied and contemporary holidays. The ship boasts a unique SkyDome with a retractable glass roof and 16 guest decks, and will feature the first Altitude Skywalk high ropes experience, the tropical-themed Altitude Minigolf, the Altitude Splash Valley aquazone, an outdoor Sports Arena, swim-up bar and infinity pool. It will also offer guests several new dining options such as Green & Co feat. Mizuhana, Ocean Studios cinema, extensive shopping, and the Oasis Spa and Health Club.

The company is part of Carnival Corporation & PLC (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE:CUK).

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