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**P&O Cruises unveils summer 2026 collection with new sailings to Rome and opportunities to witness the solar eclipse**

P&O Cruises reveals the new series of summer 2026 holidays, including once-in-a-lifetime event sailings and new itineraries, alongside introductory offers. Holidays booked by June 4, 2024 and departing between March 20, 2026 and October 31, 2026 will include:

- 10% early bird discount\* - guests can save 10% on applicable Select Price summer 2026 holidays
- 10% deposit offer\*\* - available on applicable Select Price or Early Saver holidays

**New and returning ports of call**

- Arvia – 14-night holidays onboard Arvia will offer two unique Western Mediterranean itineraries, each with six different ports of call. For the first time, Arvia will sail to Rome (Civitavecchia) for five sailings, offering guests the option to tour the sights of the Eternal City. Prices start from £1,149 per person. (K608)
- Britannia – the P&O Cruises flagship makes maiden calls into nine different ports in Summer '26, including Corfu (Greece), Aarhus (Denmark) and three Icelandic ports. Prices from £1,399 per person (B620)
- Aurora - guest favourites, the 21-night Central Mediterranean and 24-night Eastern Mediterranean cruises, feature refreshed itineraries, with the return of La Goulette, (Tunisia) and Athens (Piraeus), offering the opportunity to delve into Ancient History. Prices start from £2,549 per person (R616)
- Aurora - guests of P&O Cruises can sail back to Istanbul for the first time since 2015, with an overnight call on Aurora's cruise departing Southampton on August 19, 2026. Prices start from £2,249 per person (R614)

**Special Event cruises**

- Ventura – a unique 14-night Atlantic Coast cruise presents the potential to witness a total solar eclipse, as the ship will call into the Spanish city of El Ferrol, which sits within the path of totality. Prices start from £1,499 per person (N619)
- Arcadia - guests also have the chance to experience the once-in-a-lifetime natural phenomenon on the Iceland & British Isles cruise from Southampton on August 5, 2026, which calls into Isafjördur, Northwest Iceland (weather permitting). Prices start from £1,840 per person (J610)
- Arcadia – the same cruise on Arcadia includes an overnight stay in Greenock as the sailing aligns with the Edinburgh Tattoo, an iconic spectacle celebrating British military and Scottish heritage.

- Aurora - heading north on October 20, 2026, a late stay in Tromsø (Norway) and an overnight in Bodø (Norway) offers potential opportunity to chase the Northern Lights. Prices start from £1,249 per person (R618)

#### New cruises for the discoverers

- Britannia - for the first time, the 21-night Central Mediterranean holiday departing Southampton on June 5, 2026, offers a Croatia-intensive itinerary with calls into Dubrovnik, Split and Zadar, as well as four Mediterranean islands: Sardinia, Corfu, Malta and Mallorca. Prices start from £1,999 per person (B614)
- Britannia – another first for the flagship with a brand new 14-night immersive Iceland cruise, with two full days in Reykjavik, plus calls to Akureyri and Isafjordur. Prices start from £1,499 per person (B616)

#### More 7-night holiday options

- For those looking for a shorter sunny getaway, Arvia and Iona will each feature four new seven-night Southern Mediterranean sailings, calling into Bilbao, La Coruna, Vigo and Cherbourg, including five sailings in the school holidays. Prices start from £649 per person (G611)
- There will be more than 20 seven-night Mediterranean holidays departing Southampton throughout the season across most of the fleet.
- Iona – seven-night Norwegian Fjords itineraries will be running throughout the season, including eight sailings in the school holidays for opportunities for families to adventure together. Prices start from £629 per person (G610)

#### More overnights and late calls

- Britannia - offers evening departures in seven different ports of call throughout the summer season, including Ibiza (Spain), Cagliari (Sardinia), Copenhagen (Denmark)
- Multiple itineraries on Iona, Britannia and Ventura offer late departures from Tenerife, taking advantage of the late evening sun
- Azura – overnight stays in Valletta (Malta) feature on more than 10 of Azura's holidays, with seven and 14-night itinerary options. Prices start from £779 per person (A616)
- Arcadia – the epic 30-night Canada and New England cruise from Southampton on September 2, 2026, offers overnight stops in the charming province of Quebec (Canada), as well as the cities of Boston and New York. Prices start from £3,899 per person (J612)

#### Fly-cruise options to suit every guest

- Azura - continuing to operate fly-cruise options in 2026, a mixture of Western, Central and Eastern Mediterranean itineraries will depart from Malta every Thursday, with options for both seven- and 14-night holidays.

Pre-registration opens from 8.30am on Tuesday April 16, 2024, so guests can have pick of the new itineraries with a 10% early bird discount\* and secure their 2026 holiday with a 10% deposit\*\*.

For more information or to book a summer 2026 holiday, guests should call P&O Cruises on 03453 555 111, visit [www.pocruises.com](http://www.pocruises.com) or visit a travel agent.

For images, visit [here](#).

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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. Each of the seven ships has its 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.

P&O Cruises works with the best of the best including Gary Barlow who is music director of The 710 Club on Arvia and Iona and has delivered a number of unique musical moments on board. Crafted to Gary's creative vision, The 710 Club showcases an eclectic range of performances and offers an opportunity for up-and-coming musicians to get their break. Gary also joins guests for exclusive performances P&O Cruises holidays. Multi award-winning performer Nicole Scherzinger is the creative force behind contemporary and breath-taking late night shows to be performed in SkyDome on board Iona and Arvia, and P&O Cruises Food Heroes include chefs Marco Pierre White, José Pizarro, Shivi Ramoutar and Kjartan Skjelde who has created Norwegian speciality dishes, as well as award-winning drinks expert Olly Smith.

Recent awards for P&O Cruises include:

1. The Times and Sunday Times Travel Awards 2023 – Best Ocean Cruise Operator
2. Wave Awards 2023 – Best Value for Money Cruise Line, Favourite Ocean Cruise Line and Best New Ship Launch
3. British Travel Awards 2023 – Best Cruise Line for Family Holidays and Best Cruise Line for No-Fly Cruise Holidays
4. Editors' Picks Cruise Critic Awards 2023 – Best New Ship (Arvia)

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

\*10% early bird discount applicable on Select Price holidays

\*\*10% deposit applicable on Select and Early Saver holidays departing between March 20 2026 and October 31 2026.

Bookings must be made by 4th June