



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco

A Valentine's Day love affair with a difference begins as *Balmoral* sets sail on a three month epic adventure that literally embraces the entire globe. Combine lazy sea days with the thrill of discovering new destinations, and the joy of revisiting old favourites, all done in superb Fred. Olsen style. Rediscover the lost art of travel, make new friends and bid goodbye to winter as you leave Dover behind.

Our first stop is gracious, historic Lisbon, capital of Britain's oldest ally. Days grow steadily warmer now, as we pass through the Straits of Gibraltar, enjoying stately Valetta before admiring the timeless pyramids with an overnight call at Port Said. From here, Cairo and the ageless pyramids are an easy option.

Nothing prepares the visitor for the first sight of the mighty pyramids, a trio of great, graceful giants that sprawl across Giza. They constitute almost five thousand years of near perfectly symmetrical history, with their impassive facades tinted rose red by the rising sun. Not far away the vast, enigmatic Sphinx gazes with sightless eyes across the mighty, rolling desert. In Cairo itself, the Egyptian Museum boasts a raft of ancient relics that will take your

breath away, including the golden death mask of the young boy king, Tutankhamun.

An overnight stay in ageless Aqaba permits time to visit the astonishing façade of Petra, the fabled 'rose red' city. Transiting mighty Suez, we make landfall on the Indian sub continent at Mumbai, once the fabled 'jewel in the crown' and dreamy, serene Goa, with its surreal beaches.

Like so many dramatic drum rolls, the great 'lions' of the Far East unfold, one after another, in a fantastic pageant of light, colour and sound. Singapore, once the eastern bastion of the British Empire, fabled Ho Chi Minh city, still known as Saigon to one and all, and exciting, vibrant Hong Kong are all bustling modern cities wrapped in layers of ancient mystery. China, the new colossus of the region showcases raffish, evocative Shanghai, and modern Japan unfolds with oriental flair with the cherry blossom splendours of Kagoshima and Yokohama.

We enter a totally different world when visiting remote, largely inaccessible Petropvalovsk, at the extreme eastern edge of the old Soviet Union. Here, we cross the International Date Line before setting course for the ice strewn

BALMORAL BL034			
Departs 14 February 2009			
Date	Arr	Dep	Destination
Sat 14		PM	Dover
Sun 15 - Mon 16			Cruising
Tue 17	0900	1800	Lisbon, Portugal
Wed 18 - Fri 20			Cruising
Sat 21	0700	1800	Valletta, Malta
Sun 22 - Mon 23			Cruising
Tue 24	0700		Port Said, Egypt
Wed 25		2000	Port Said, Egypt
Thu 26			Cruising
Fri 27	1030		Aqaba, Jordan
Sat 28		1700	Aqaba, Jordan
March 2009			
Sun 01 - Wed 04			Cruising
Thu 05	0800	1400	Salalah, Oman
Fri 06 - Sat 07			Cruising
Sun 08	0900	1800	Mumbai, India
Mon 09	1000	2300	Goa, India
Tue 10			Cruising
Wed 11	0700	1400	Trivandrum, India*
Thu 12 - Sat 14			Cruising
Sun 15	0830	1400	Georgetown, Penang
Mon 16	1200		Singapore, Singapore
Tue 17		2200	Singapore, Singapore
Wed 18			Cruising
Thu 19	1100	2300	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Fri 20 - Sat 21			Cruising
Sun 22	0900	2300	Hong Kong, China
Mon 23 - Tue 24			Cruising
Wed 25	0900		Shanghai, China
Thu 26		1400	Shanghai, China
Fri 27			Cruising
Sat 28	1030		Tianjin (Beijing), China
Sun 29		2300	Tianjin (Beijing), China
Mon 30			Cruising
Tue 31	0900		Incheon (Seoul), S. Korea
April 2009			
Wed 01		2300	Incheon (Seoul), S. Korea
Thu 02 - Fri 03			Cruising
Sat 04	0700	1700	Kagoshima, Japan
Sun 05			Cruising

Date	Arr	Dep	Destination
Mon 06	0800		Yokohama, Japan
Tue 07		2300	Yokohama, Japan
Wed 08 - Sat 11			Cruising
Sun 12	0800	1500	Petropavlovsk, Russia*
Mon 13			International Date Line
Mon 13 - Wed 15			Cruise Aleutian Is., Alaska
Thu 16	1730		Seward, Alaska
Fri 17		1800	Seward, Alaska
Sat 18			Cruise College Fjord, Alaska
Sun 19			Cruise Hubbard Glacier, Alaska
Mon 20	0900	2300	Skagway, Alaska
Tue 21			Cruising
Wed 22	0700	1400	Ketchikan, Alaska
Thu 23			Cruise Inside Passages, Canada
Fri 24	0600		Vancouver, Canada
Sat 25		2000	Vancouver, Canada
Sun 26	0600	2300	Seattle, USA
Mon 27 - Tue 28			Cruising
Wed 29	0800	2300	San Francisco, USA
Thu 30			Cruising
May 2009			
Fri 01	0800	2300	Los Angeles, USA
Sat 02	0800	1700	San Diego, USA
Sun 03 - Tue 05			Cruising
Wed 06	0900		Acapulco, Mexico
Thu 07		1800	Acapulco, Mexico
Fri 08			Cruising
Sat 09	0700	2000	Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala
Sun 10 - Mon 11			Cruising
Tue 12			Transit Panama Canal
Wed 13			Cruising
Thu 14	0800	1300	Santa Marta, Colombia
Fri 15	1200	2300	Willemstad, Curacao
Sat 16			Cruising
Sun 17	0800	1800	Castries, St. Lucia
Mon 18	0800	2300	St. Johns, Antigua
Tue 19 - Sun 24			Cruising
Mon 25	0705	1500	Ponta Delgada, Azores
Tue 26 - Thu 28			Cruising
Fri 29	AM		Dover

*Anchor port

fjords and glaciers of fabled Alaska, getting there before the main visitor season begins, and visit the great cities strung out like jewels along America's west coast.

Sailing under the awe inspiring Golden Gate is the appetiser for patrician San Francisco, with its cable cars and seven hills, before we sail to the beaches and Hollywood lifestyle of glitzy LA and the Spanish heritage and flair of cool, classy San Diego. Here, the world famous zoo is an absolute must.

The tempo picks up in sunny, sprawling Acapulco, with its fabulous bay and world famous cliff divers before we transit vast, impressive Panama to emerge into the sunny, springtime Caribbean.

Balmoral weaves effortlessly between a tapestry of time honoured favourite islands in the sun such as Dutch accented Curacao and Antigua, famed for its links back to Horatio Nelson, before a final, leisurely progress across the Atlantic brings us to gorgeous, remote Ponta Delgada, and a final handful of final sea days ushers us neatly back into Dover, just in time for spring at home to bloom at the end of a priceless adventure.

Up to £500 on-board credit

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*Subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

BL034	Cruise prices per person £	SUITES WITH BALCONIES	OUTSIDE TWIN/DOUBLE	INSIDE TWIN/DOUBLE	SINGLE CABINS																	
CRUISEAWAY DISCOUNT †	SAVE 45%	PS	MS	SS	BJ	BA	A	BC	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	JB	J	K	L	M	N
Full fare	63,505	54,615	48,515	41,150	35,055	31,495	30,480	29,210	28,450	25,400	24,385	23,370	22,100	20,320	19,050	55,885	49,535	43,185	40,640	36,830	38,103	
Cruiseaway fare	38,103	32,769	29,109	24,690	21,033	18,897	18,288	17,526	17,070	15,240	14,631	14,022	13,260	12,192	11,430	33,531	29,721	25,911	24,384	22,098	19,509	

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