Go cruising from Leith on the Marco Polo

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Marco Polo back in Leith with early booking savings

Cruise and Maritime Voyages (CMV) <u>www.cruiseandmaritime.com</u> 0844 414 6185 will be operating the classic 800 passenger cruise ship *Marco Polo* out of Leith from May to July 2013. It will mean that those living in Scotland can choose a cruise holiday departure that doesn't involve a long journey to the port.

Marco Polo accommodates mainly British guests and operates as an adult-only ship. She offers a traditional and intimate country house style cruise experience. The on board currency is sterling, English is spoken throughout the ship and there's highly rated live entertainment. Accommodation is on a full board basis plus afternoon tea and late night snacks. Also included in the fare are a daytime activities programme, guest speakers, stylish 'big show' evening entertainment and porterage of luggage from port to cabin.

Mike Hall, Head of Marketing at CMV said "It's been clear how much people appreciate the idea of starting their cruising holiday from a 'local' port, so we are delighted to offer again a choice of popular summer itineraries from Leith, ranging from a weekend mini cruise to a 13 night North Cape voyage. In addition we are offering 'Saver' prices with benefits of up to 25% off brochure price, available for those booking between now and 18 March 2013."

Cruises available from Leith in 2013

26 May 2013:

Scottish islands and Faroes

A five night cruise over the Spring Bank Holiday. It offers the remote and dramatic scenery of the Faroes, Lewis in the Outer Hebrides and Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands. Fares from **£509pp**

31 May 2013:

Baltic Capitals & St Petersburg

In 12 nights this cruise reveals the unique gems that are the Baltic cities, culminating in the spectacular opulence of St. Petersburg in Russia. Copenhagen offers grace and charm; Tallinn has its fairytale-like mediaeval streets and skylines. In Helsinki, ancient and modern architecture sits comfortably side by side and Sweden's elegant capital Stockholm spreads itself across no fewer than 14 islands. A call at Warnemünde on the outward journey offers the option of a visit to Berlin and on the return to Leith *Marco Polo* sails through the impressive Keil Canal.

Fares from **£1269pp**.

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12 June 2013

<u>Majestic Fjordlands</u>

A 7 night cruise to the majesty and splendour of Norway's fjords. You can but stand and stare as *Marco Polo* glides past the granite cliffs, the waterfalls and the pretty villages and rural farmsteads. The itinerary includes journey into the Sogne, Norways's longest fjord and to Flåm from where you can ride on the famous mountain railway. Other ports include Olden, a charming village on the Nordfjord and picturesque Geiranger lying at the head of probably the most beautiful of the fjords. On route back, Marco Polo calls at Norway's ancient second city, Bergen and at Kirkwall in the Orkneys. Fares from **£749pp**

19 June 2013

Iceland and the Faroe Islands

This 11 night cruise crosses into the Arctic Circle and circumnavigates Iceland so you can explore the geothermal pools, hot springs, ice caps and active volcanoes of the island's dramatic landscapes. From Leith *Marco Polo* first calls at Kirkwall, then Heimaey on the remote Westmann Islands before four Iceland ports of Reykjavik, Isafjördur, Akureyri and Seydisfjördur. The ship returns by the Faroe and Shetland islands. Fares from **£1109pp**.

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30 June 2013

North Cape & Spitzbergen

As well journeying along Norway's Fjordland coast, this 13 night voyage takes you to the North Cape and deep into the Arctic Circle with its breathtaking vistas and wonderful wildlife. At Norway's most northernmost tip, Honningsvaag, there is the chance to experience 24 hours of daylight in this 'Land of the Midnight Sun'; on the remote island of Spirzbergen you may watch reindeer roaming free. The cruise also includes the Faroe and Orkney islands.

Fares from **£1129pp**.

13 July 2013

Weekend Mini Cruise

A sumptuous dinner, a night of fabulous entertainment including a West End style show, late night cabaret and disco, a cabin for the night and breakfast. From Leith Marco Polo sails down the east coast of Britain to London Tilbury, from where there is coach transfer back to Leith. Fares from **£69pp**.

Watch more information about these **Leith** departures at <u>www.cruiseandmaritime.tv</u>