Cruising from Leith

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Cruise and Maritime voyages are increasing the number of cruise ships which depart from and return to Edinburgh next year, on their liner, Marco Polo, in its 50th anniversary year.

The company asked passengers what they wanted and are reacting to the demand for cruises leaving from a port as near to home as possible. This is an opportunity to bag a bargain for next summer as the company has some two for the price of one fares on departures from Dundee, and fares allowing the second passenger to travel for half price on the sailings from Port of Leith.

Here is the schedule for next year:

<u>Marco Polo from Edinburgh - Leith</u>

Depart 24 June on an 11 nights cruise to Iceland and Northern Isles visiting the Shetlands, Faroes, Westmann Islands, and Orkneys plus four Icelandic ports including overnight in the capital Reykjavik. Expect magnificent scenery and remarkable natural surroundings.

Prices are from £1219 for the first person and half price for the sharing second person (ie £609).

Depart 5 July on a 6 nights cruise to the Scottish Isles and Faroes. The cruise provides an ideal summer break calling in to the Faroes, Shetlands, Outer Hebrides and Orkneys, CMV's comprehensive choice of optional shore excursions ensures your time will be well spent.

Prices are from £669 for the first person and half price for the sharing second person (ie £339).

Depart 11 July on a 12 nights cruise to Baltic Cities & St.Petersburg. This itinerary takes you to Copenhagen, Helsinki, overnight in St. Petersburg, medieval Tallin in Estonia, Stockholm, and Fedrikstad for visiting Oslo. CMV's choice of optional excursions allows you to tick off your bucket list of places and things you want to see. In Russia everyone with a British passport on a CMV excursion gets a group visa entry so you can avoid the cost of a visa and the application fee.

Prices are from £1339 for the first person and half price for the sharing second person (ie £669).

For full details of these and other itineraries go to www.cruiseandmaritime.com

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a standard twin inner cabin on a full board basis with afternoon teas, daytime activities and evening entertainment. Bookings must be made by 12 December 2014, are subject to availability and may be withdrawn without notice. Gratuities of £5pp per night will be debited to the onboard account.

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