



P&O Cruises confirms airline partners for winter 2024/25 Caribbean season

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P&O Cruises has confirmed its airline partners for the winter 2024/25 season of fly/cruises to the Caribbean will be TUI Airways, Norse Atlantic Airways and Virgin Atlantic.

Between November '24 and March '25 Norse Atlantic will operate a weekly Friday flight from Manchester to Barbados. It will operate Saturday flights from London Gatwick and Manchester to Antigua/Barbados (alternating weeks.)

TUI Airways will operate Friday and Saturday flights to Barbados from London Gatwick, Birmingham and Manchester.

TUI Airways will also offer regional flights from Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Bristol, Bournemouth, Glasgow and Newcastle on selected departure dates.

Both TUI Airways and Norse Atlantic have modern Boeing 787 Dreamliners with economy and premium economy cabins.

Virgin Atlantic will operate an Airbus A350 whole plane charter in a three class configuration from London Heathrow every 14 days for Arvia's guests joining in Barbados on a Friday.

P&O Cruises president Paul Ludlow said: "We recognise that flights are a key part of the holiday experience and so I am delighted that we are continuing our longstanding partnership with TUI Airways and that we are introducing a bespoke in-flight proposition with Norse Atlantic as well as fortnightly flights with Virgin Atlantic. This will ensure our guests have a consistent in-flight experience aligned across all three airlines matching the high quality standard they would expect from P&O Cruises.

"The Caribbean is, and always has been, a dream destination and our newly refitted flagship Britannia and newest Excel Class ship Arvia will once again be based in Barbados offering itineraries to spectacularly beautiful islands in the region."

All guests flying on any of the three airlines will be offered the following:

- A choice of economy or premium economy, with Upper Class on Virgin Atlantic only. Upgrades (subject to a supplement) to be requested at time of booking.
- Luggage allowance of 23kg in economy, 28kg in premium economy or 2x23kg in Virgin Atlantic Upper class, in addition to 10kg of hand baggage and a small carry-on bag
- In-flight entertainment across all cabin classes. Amenity kits in premium economy and Upper Class
- In-flight complimentary drinks service pre-meal and with the main meal and complimentary bottle of water. Additional complimentary drinks service according to cabin class.
- Main meal across all cabins as well as a lighter second meal according to time of day – developed in association with P&O Cruises
- Luggage valet service - all luggage checked in at the airport for our charter flights will be delivered directly to the cabin door on the ship in the Caribbean with guests taken directly from the flight to the ship with no need to go through immigration at the airport. On the return journey luggage is collected from the cabin door on the ship and collected upon arrival at the UK airport.

Prices start from £1,399 per person, based on a [14-night Caribbean fly-cruise sailing onboard Arvia](#), departing Bridgetown (Barbados) on November 22, 2024 (K425). The price includes return flights from London Heathrow, full-board meals and entertainment.

For more information or to book call P&O Cruises on 03453 555 111, visit www.pocruises.com or visit 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. 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)