

Dundee welcomes the magnificent Magellan on her maiden season

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PRESS RELEASE

Port of Dundee welcomes the magnificent *Magellan* on her maiden voyage with Cruise & Maritime Voyages

The 1250 passenger cruise liner *Magellan* sailed into the Port of Dundee this weekend (29 March) for her inaugural visit on her maiden season under new owner, Cruise & Maritime Voyages.

The 46,000 tonne liner was recently renamed at a ceremony in her home port of Tilbury by her Godmother, Gloria Hunniford, and will be calling at Dundee three times this season as the market demand for people being able to cruise closer to home increases.

Welcomed by the Lord Provost of Dundee and Forth Ports' Director of Scottish Operations, Stuart Wallace, the ship was presented with a plaque from the city to mark the ship's first call to the port. Forth Ports also presented the ship with a specially commissioned commemorative print of the city of Dundee (see photo) and a commemorative plaque.

Commenting on *Magellan*'s arrival, **Rob Mason, Head of Cruise for Forth Ports Cruise** said: "*We were thrilled to welcome Magellan to Dundee at the weekend for her first call at the port. Dundee is increasing in popularity for cruise holidays with sightseers benefiting from the waterfront investment in the city and also the close proximity to other places of interest. Magellan will call two more times this season and we look forward to welcoming her again in the future.*"

Mike Hall, Head of Marketing at CMV, owners of *Magellan* said: "*Support for our cruise departures from Dundee and the area has been remarkable with more than 2,000 people choosing to cruise closer to home. We are pleased that it means good business for us and of course for the Dundee area with local transport companies, hotels, shops, suppliers and others benefitting. On Sunday (29th March) passengers already on *Magellan* enjoyed a day of sightseeing in Dundee, with many other passengers joining the ship for a 7 night Norwegian Fjords cruise*"

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Magellan berthed at King George V Wharf at the port and will also call into Dundee on Easter Sunday (5 April) and 12th April for the 7 night Norwegian Fjords cruise.

Forth Ports has invested significantly in its cruise business which welcomes liners into both the River Tay and the River Forth at its ports in Dundee, Leith and Rosyth and also anchorage points in South Queensferry and Newhaven bringing over 80,000 passengers over the course of the 2015 season. Forth Ports also operates the London Cruise Terminal in Tilbury, which is *Magellan*'s home port, with its unrivalled connections to the UK's capital city.

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About Forth Ports:

- Forth Ports owns and operates eight commercial ports in the UK – Tilbury on the Thames, Dundee on the Firth of Tay and six on the Firth of Forth – Leith, Grangemouth, Rosyth, Methil, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy.
- Within and around the Firths of Forth and Tay, Forth Ports manages and operates an area of 280 square miles of navigable waters, including two specialised marine terminals for oil and gas export and provides other marine services, such as towage and conservancy.
- As the only port operator in the United Kingdom that can offer direct access to two capital cities. The business is investing significantly in the cruise operations with a multimillion pound renovation project underway at the historic London cruise terminal to upgrade the facilities and increase the capacity to accommodate larger vessels.
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