



**Friday 23 January, 2026**

### **P&O Cruises sister ships Arvia and Iona visit Caribbean in rare joint call**

This is the moment that P&O Cruises two newest – and biggest – ships Arvia and Iona arrived together in the Caribbean in a spectacular moment for the island of St Maarten.

The landmark call saw the two Excel class ships, each boasting a capacity of 5,200 guests, dock side-by-side in the port of Philipsburg at 7am (local time) today (23 January).

Arvia's Captain Robert Camby and Iona's Captain Andrew Wolverson greeted each other on the quayside, with guests and crew waving to each other from decks and balconies to mark the special occasion.

St Maarten, renowned for its white-sand beaches, vibrant culture and thriving culinary scene, is a highlight on Caribbean itineraries for both ships.

Arvia is midway through a 14-night roundtrip Eastern Caribbean Islands Fly Cruise from Barbados, whilst Iona is currently sailing a 35-night roundtrip Caribbean Winter Warmth cruise from Southampton.

Both ships are scheduled to depart at 6pm (local time), with Arvia bound for St Johns in Antigua tomorrow (24 January) and Iona sailing to Tortola in the British Virgin Islands.

Arvia will remain in the Caribbean as part of her 2026 winter fly-cruise season, sailing on two different 14-night itineraries, visiting iconic islands such as Martinique, St Lucia, Tortola and more. P&O Cruises is proud to sail to more than 20 islands in the Caribbean.

Guests considering a Caribbean escape of their own can now take advantage of P&O Cruises new all-inclusive packages (including drinks, Wi-Fi and speciality dining credit). For example, guests can elevate their holiday with the Classic Package\*, for £49 per person per day, a saving of up to 32% compared with buying the individual elements on board.

Carnival UK & P&O Cruises president Paul Ludlow said: "Seeing Arvia and Iona together in St Maarten is a fantastic moment for us all at P&O Cruises. The Caribbean is a hugely popular destination for our guests, and this joint call reflects both the scale of our ambition and the exceptional experiences we're able to offer on board two of the most innovative ships ever built for the British market."

For more information, call P&O Cruises on 0344 338 8003, visit [www.pocruises.com](http://www.pocruises.com) or visit a travel agent.

A selection of images of Arvia and Iona in St Maarten can be downloaded, [here](#).

### **P&O Cruises Wave offers**

Guests booking applicable holidays can now take advantage of these limited time offers:

- Up to £400 on board spending money if booked by 3 March 2026 (based on a 14-night balcony cabin), available on applicable Select Pricer holidays, which can be spent on shore experiences, speciality dining, spa treatments and more



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- Low deposits of £50 per person on all cruises\* (if booked by 2 February, 2026). The offer is available across all cabin grades, as well as Select Price and Early Saver fare types that are outside of the balance-due period.
- Additional guests sail from £49 per person, if booked by 3 March 2026 (on selected cruises).

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**Notes to Editors:**

\*Full details of all promotions can be found here: <https://www.pocruises.com/deals/promotion-terms-and-conditions>

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**About P&O Cruises**

P&O Cruises is Britain's favourite cruise line, welcoming guests onboard its seven ships to experience holidays with a blend of discovery, choice, relaxation and exceptional service catered towards British tastes. With a proud history spanning more than 187 years, each ship has its own appeal from family friendly or exclusively for adults with every sailing delivering each guest a *holiday like never before*.

With over 180 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 prides itself on working with top culinary talent; Food Heroes include chefs Marco Pierre White and José Pizarro as well as award-winning drinks expert Olly Smith.

Recent awards for P&O Cruises include:

1. Wave Awards 2025 – Best Advertising & Marketing Campaign
2. British Travel Awards 2025 – Best Cruise Line for Family Holidays
3. The Travel Industry Awards 2025 by TTG – Industry Marketing Campaign of the Year
4. Sailwaze Awards 2025 – Best in Entertainment
5. Best in Cruise Awards by Cruise Critic Awards 2025 – No-Fly Cruise Line (Ocean Category)

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