

Strictly stars to sparkle on P&O Cruises this summer

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Sequins and salsa will take centre stage as the nation's favourite dancing competition sets sail on board P&O Cruises Strictly Come Dancing themed holidays. Craig Revel Horwood will once again be in charge, passing judgment on the dancers who will all be hoping to hear his famous catchphrase: "Three words: Fab-u-lous!".

2016 winner Ore Oduba will join Ventura in April for cruise N711 where he will be reunited with his Strictly pro partner Jo Clifton.

In addition to Joanne Clifton, this year's Strictly favourites who will be dancing on the decks include Giovanni Pernice and Oti Mabuse, Karen and Kevin Clifton, Gorka Marquez, Neil and Katya Jones, AJ Pritchard and Chloe Hewitt, Janette Manrara and Aljaz Skorjanec and Oksana Platero.

P&O Cruises senior vice president Paul Ludlow said: "As the only holiday company to have this partnership with one of the country's best loved shows, we are thrilled to welcome Craig Revel Horwood and the Strictly dancers back onboard. We are also delighted to have last year's winner Ore join us on board. These Strictly themed cruises have huge appeal – those who can dance, those who want to learn to dance or those who just like to sit back and admire the glitz and glamour in person."

This year, P&O Cruises has four dedicated Strictly Come Dancing themed cruises, in partnership with BBC Worldwide Ltd. Featuring all the pizzazz of the TV show, each cruise will host four of Strictly's professional dancers, captivating guests with incredible, show-stopping routines.

Strictly Come Dancing themed cruises for 2017 include:

- A 14-night Western Mediterranean cruise on Azura (<u>A708</u>) departing April 2, 2017. Strictly stars: Giovanni Pernice and Oti Mabuse, Kevin and Karen Clifton, Gorka Marquez and Strictly judge Craig Revel Horwood. Prices start from £999 per person.
- A 14 night Western Mediterranean cruise on Ventura (N711) departing April 30, 2017. Strictly stars: Giovanni Pernice and Joanne Clifton, Neil and Katya Jones, AJ Pritchard and Chloe Hewitt, Strictly judge Craig Revel Horwood and 2016 winner Ore Oduba. Prices start from £999 per person.
- A 14-night Baltic cruise on Britannia (B716) departing June 4, 2017. Strictly stars: Janette Manrara and Aljaz Skorjanec, Giovanni Pernice and Oti Mabuse, Oksana Platero and Strictly judge Craig Revel Horwood. Prices start from £1,229 per person.
- A 14-night Central Mediterranean cruise on Britannia (<u>B718</u>) departing June 25, 2017. **Strictly stars:** Janette Manrara and Aljaz Skorjanec, Karen and Kevin Clifton, Natalie Lowe and Strictly judge Craig Revel Horwood. Prices start from £1,249 per person.

In addition to spectacular Strictly Come Dancing showcase performances, the team will also offer up close and personal interviews on board and photo and meet and greet opportunities.

P&O Cruises will also be joined by a team from DanceSport International, suppliers of dresses and costumes to the show. A stunning selection of these costumes will be on display around the ship, and available to buy, with organised fashion events to showcase them at their very best.

The highlight of the two-week cruises is the guest dance competition, which culminates in a grand finale performance in the ship's main theatre, with a judging panel including Craig Revel Horwood and a Strictly professional dancer.

To book, contact P&O Cruises on 0843 374 0111, visit <u>www.pocruises.com</u> or visit your local travel agent.

About P&O Cruises

P&O Cruises has a fleet of eight ships offering holidays tailored to British tastes combining genuine service, a sense of occasion and attention to detail, ensuring passengers have the holiday of a lifetime, every time. Britannia, a design-led 141,000 ton ship, was named by HM The Queen on March 10, 2015. A new 180,000 ton LNG-powered ship is on order for delivery in 2020.

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