



## **P&O Cruises Shows Character Revealing Dora the Explorer as Godmother of Latest Ship**

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One of the world's most loved adventurers, Dora the Explorer, is exploring new territory as the first Nickelodeon character to be crowned Godmother of a cruise ship, P&O's Pacific Explorer.

Pacific Explorer is set to have the 'slime of her life' when Dora christens the ship at a naming ceremony at Sydney's Overseas Passenger Terminal on Sunday July 2.

The popular character will be joined by her closest Nickelodeon friends including SpongeBob SquarePants, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Skye from PAW Patrol at a Welcome Party to celebrate the fifth ship in P&O's fleet.

Fans can win tickets to the celebration with Dora the Explorer and friends and be the first to experience Pacific Explorer's exciting new features.

Pacific Explorer is fitted a range of new activities including the longest and wildest waterslides at sea, an interactive water park, P&OEdge Adventure Park - with activities such as zip lining and rock climbing, an outdoor Big Screen, and barefoot lawn bowls.

"In keeping with the ship's family appeal, it felt only fitting to invite a much loved household name like Nickelodeon's Dora the Explorer to be Godmother. She's a family favourite, enjoys adventure and trying new activities, and is a perfect fit to help showcase all that our ship has to offer", said P&O Cruises President Sture Myrmell.

Myrmell said Pacific Explorer was the next stage in the evolution of P&O's very popular modern Australian holiday offering and has something onboard for everyone.

"We've taken the winning features of our existing ships and added a whole new layer of excitement with some big wow moments like the waterslides and the bowling green and the elegant new small bar The Bonded Store, featuring a cocktail list created in partnership with Sydney-based award-winning Archie Rose Distilling Co, as well as whisky and gin-making classes".

Continuing P&O Cruises' ongoing food evolution, Pacific Explorer's features new dining choices from fast-casual dining at Luke's, a new poolside grill by Australian chef and restaurateur Luke Mangan to a traditional Neapolitan pizzeria called 400 Gradi, by award-winning Melbourne chef Johnny Di Francesco.

The 77,000 tonne vessel arrived in Sydney on Monday where she will be home-ported year round. The ship departs on its inaugural 10-night cruise to the Pacific Islands on Friday June 22.

General Manager of Nickelodeon Australia Ben Cox is thrilled to help host the festivities at P&O's Nautical Nonsense with Nickelodeon Welcome Party.

"We're excited for Dora to take on her new role as Godmother of Pacific Explorer. Nickelodeon is synonymous with family entertainment and we can't wait to bring our characters onboard this fantastic ship to host the best family party yet," said Cox.

To be one of the first to experience Pacific Explorer and meet Dora the Explorer and her Nickelodeon friends on Sunday July 2 visit [www.nick.com.au/win](http://www.nick.com.au/win).\*

Pacific Explorer's cruises include an 8-night, A Taste of New Caledonia cruise departing Sydney on July 20, 2017. Fares start from \$835\*\* per person quad share on the 3 x Free Sale.

**For more information visit [pocruises.com.au](http://pocruises.com.au), call 13 24 94 or see a licensed travel agent.**

\*competition ends Sunday June 25, 2017

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