



## Musical stars to light up the Limelight Club on P&O Cruises Britannia

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The stars will be shining in Britannia's Limelight Club as P&O Cruises announces the latest big names to headline this popular entertainment and dinner venue. New to the Limelight Club line-up are:

- **Anne Reid, MBE:** Anne Reid is one of Britain's most-loved and respected actresses, star of the very popular Last Tango in Halifax, Ladies of Letters, Dinner ladies and The Mother. What is less well known is her life as a cabaret performer. Anne and her musical director, Jason Carr, will present an evening of songs and stories and music and memories such as filming with Daniel Craig, performing Shakespeare at Buckingham Palace and making Last Tango in Halifax.

Anne will appear on a seven-night Norwegian Fjords cruise departing June 18 2017. Prices from £663 per person.

- **Judy & Liza:** 50 years after Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli last performed together at the London Palladium, the life of the two legendary songstress returns to the stage thanks to this acclaimed new production featuring Emma Dears and Lucy Williamson, both of whom have spent many years in London's West End. "Judy & Liza" features live performances of many favourite Judy and Liza hits including Cabaret, Maybe This Time, The Trolley Song and The Man That Got Away.

"Judy & Liza" will be on Britannia's 13-night Canary Islands, Portugal & Spain cruise departing September 30. Prices from £1,149 per person.

- **Jahméne Douglas:** Jahméne is a British soul singer and was the runner-up to James Arthur on the 9<sup>th</sup> series of The X Factor in 2012. In December 2012, he signed a record deal with Sony Music and in July 2013 released his debut studio album, Love Never Fails, which peaked at number one on the UK Album charts and included appearances from Nicole Scherzinger and Stevie Wonder. Jahméne was named Best Male Newcomer at the Urban Music Awards and was also nominated for Best Newcomer at the MOBO Awards.

Jahméne will perform on Britannia's 14-night Spain, France & Italy cruise departing October 13. Prices from £949 per person.

- **Christina Bianco:** Two-time Drama Desk Award nominated actress, singer and impressionist Christina Bianco has become a YouTube sensation with her diva impression videos. A woman of a thousand versatile voices, Christina has gained 23 million views worldwide, leading to performances on major television programmes such as The Ellen Degeneres Show and The Today Show. Christina has also sold out extended runs headlining at The Hippodrome, the Royal Albert Hall's prestigious Elgar Room and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Christina will be performing on Britannia's 14-night Caribbean cruise round trip from St Lucia departing November 18. Prices from £1,219 per person.

- **Michael Starke:** Michael is best known for his role as Sinbad in Brookside but has made many other TV and film appearances including 'Stig of the Dump', 'Casualty' and 'Holby City' as well as co-starring with Samuel L Jackson in 'The 51<sup>st</sup> State'. Michael has also returned with great acclaim to musical theatre with starring roles in Richard O'Brien's Rocky Horror Show and Willie Russell's 'Our Day Out' and as Monsignor O'Hara in Sister Act and the all singing and dancing 'Edna Turnblad' in the record breaking UK touring production of 'Hairspray'.

Michael will be appearing on four Britannia voyages: a 14-night Spain, France & Italy cruise departing August 12, with prices from £1,349 per person; a 14-night Spain, France & Italy cruise departing September 16, with prices from £1,149 per person; a 14-night Madeira & Caribbean cruise departing October 27, with prices from £999 per person; and a 14-night Caribbean cruise departing November 24, with prices from £1,379 per person.

- **Claire Sweeney:** Claire has starred in many major shows over the years including Chicago, Guys and Dolls (opposite Patrick Swayze), Educating Rita, Legally Blonde, Fosse, Tell Me On A Sunday and Hairspray. She has also worked as the forces sweetheart, entertaining British troops abroad. She was the first entertainer into Afghanistan and Oman and was delighted to perform at A Party To Remember live on BBC TV to celebrate VE day. A highlight of her career was to sing at the festival of commemoration from Horse Guards Parade to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II, in the presence of HM The Queen.

Claire will be performing on five Britannia cruises: a seven-night Norwegian Fjords cruise departing May 21, with prices from £599 per person; a 14-night Scandinavia & Russia cruise departing June 4, with prices from £1,199 per person; a 14-night Spain & Italy cruise departing June 25, with prices from £1,099 per person; a seven-night Norwegian Fjords cruise departing July 9, with prices from £649 per person; and a 14-night France, Monaco & Italy cruise departing July 22, with prices from £1,299 per person.

- **Chesney Hawkes:** Chesney Hawkes is an English pop singer, songwriter, and occasional actor, best known for his 1991 single, "The One and Only", which topped the UK singles chart and reached the top ten in the United States. Chesney has also made over 1,200 headline appearances in the UK as well as throughout Europe with TV and radio work.

Chesney will perform on three Britannia cruises: a seven-night Norwegian Fjords cruise departing August 5, with prices from £729 per person; a 14-night Spain, France & Italy cruise departing August 12, with prices from £1,349 per person; and a 14-night Spain, France & Italy cruise departing September 16, with prices from £1,149 per person.

- **Boyzlife:** Brian McFadden and Keith Duffy, a part of the multi-platinum, record breaking bands, Westlife and Boyzone, have joined forces to create Boyzlife. This exciting new show will be packed full of untold stories, further Westlife & Boyzone hits not yet performed by Brian and Keith together, as well as many favourites from the previous tour.... plus a few surprises!

Boyzlife will be performing on Britannia's 14-night Spain, France & Italy cruise departing August 12. Prices from £1,349 per person.

- **Richard Hadfield:** As a member of Collabro, Richard and his band mates auditioned for Britain's Got Talent and went on to triumph in the 2014 final, receiving 26% of the public vote. They were immediately signed by Simon Cowell's SYCO record label and stormed to the top of the UK charts, selling 320,000 copies of their debut album Stars and being one of only two new UK acts to sell over 100,000 albums that year. Richard and his band mates also sang at the Royal Albert Hall, Dominion Theatre, the London Palladium, headlined at London Pride in Trafalgar Square, toured in Hong Kong and Japan and shared the stage with One Direction, Little Mix, Bette Midler, Alfie Bow, Neyo, Ed Sheeran and Katherine Jenkins to name a few.

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Britannia's Limelight Club is a combined entertainment and dinner venue in the great tradition of a supper club. As guests enjoy a superb three-course meal - featuring contemporary European dishes

such as native sea bass fillet on Devonshire crab salad; rump of spring lamb with cannelloni bean and black garlic puree; and monkfish and bacon scampi with parmesan potato beignets - they will be treated to a variety of quality entertainments and guest performers whose raconteur skills match that of their singing and includes live music, featuring a wide range of genres, from jazz to pop, blues and soul. Once the entertainment finishes, the venue turns into a late-night club and dance venue.

For more information or to book call P&O Cruises on 0843 374 0111, visit [www.pocruises.co.uk](http://www.pocruises.co.uk) or visit your local travel agent.

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