

Say cheers to World Gin Day with Britannia's Great British Gin Menu

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Thousands of gin lovers will be celebrating World Gin Day tomorrow (Saturday June 13), and toasting this quintessentially British drink on board Britain's biggest cruise ship, Britannia.

Britannia's Great British Gin Menu serves up 20 of the country's finest artisan gins within the stylish surroundings of its iconic observation lounge, The Crow's Nest, which offers panoramic views of the ocean and ports.

The gins on offer include small, artisan brands such as The Botanist Islay Dry Gin (Argyll), Tarquin's Dry Gin (Cornwall), Darnley's View (Edinburgh), Silent Pool Gin (Surrey), Mason's Yorkshire Gin and Ely Dark Chocolate Gin (Cambridgeshire) as well as big names such as Bombay Sapphire, Tanqueray and Hendrick's.

Complementing these gins is a selection of tonic waters including Fevertree, Fentiman's and Bottlegreen which satisfy the most discerning of palates.

The friendly and knowledgeable bar staff in The Crow's Nest have been trained in all things gin related and offer "the perfect serve" for each brand. For example, Silent Pool Gin is served with Fevertree Elderflower tonic and lime; The Botanist Islay Dry Gin can be served as a gin martini with a lick of vermouth and an olive; while Mason's Yorkshire Gin is served with Fentiman's tonic with orange peel.

P&O Cruises marketing director Christopher Edgington said: "Since Britannia launched three months ago, The Crow's Nest has become one of the most popular spots on the ship for guests to socialise or simply relax and soak up the views while enjoying a perfectly crafted gin and tonic. Our Great British Gin Menu has become quite a talking point."

*A seven-night cruise on Britannia starts from £849 per person sailing to France, Spain & Guernsey. Departing September 5, 2015, the Select Price includes an inside cabin, full board meals, round the clock kids' clubs and entertainment on board. To book, visit <u>www.pocruises.com</u>, call 0843 374 0111 or visit your local travel agent.

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Britannia

Britannia is the biggest ship built for the British cruise market and offers a sophisticated, contemporary holiday experience across health and beauty, shopping and entertainment with a strong focus on dining.

Special features include The Cookery Club, a 24 person state-of-the-art cookery school developed in association with James Martin; a three-tier feature atrium with Eric Lanlard patisserie, a charcuterie and gelateria as well as spectacular Star Burst sculpture; Sindhu restaurant by Atul

Kochhar and Olly Smith's The Glass House ; gala menus created by Marco Pierre White; plus The Limelight Club, a combined entertainment and dining venue in the great tradition of the supper club.

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. Azura was launched in April 2010 – officially named by Godmother Darcey Bussell CBE. Small ship Adonia was added to the fleet in May 2011, named by Dame Shirley Bassey, DBE. Britannia, a new 141,000 ton ship, was named by HM The Queen on March 10, 2015.

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