



P&O Cruises Announces the Biggest Comedy Festival at Sea

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P&O Cruises is giving Aussies a good reason to laugh out loud with the launch of 'The Big Laugh' - the biggest comedy festival at sea - onboard Pacific Explorer in June 2018.

Fourteen big-name comics including Jimeoin, Matt Okine, the Scared Weird Little Guys and Dave Callan will deliver 36 shows and a combined 2,000 minutes of jokes at the jam-packed four night festival departing Sydney on June 20, 2018.

The announcement comes as P&O Cruises launch its biggest ever season of comedy comprising 72 dedicated comedy cruises in 2018 and 2019.

Well-known names Dave Hughes, Harley Breen and Claire Hooper will kick off the laughs with a three-night comedy cruise on Pacific Explorer departing Sydney on December 14, 2017.

A selection of additional famous comics will headline the 34 dedicated comedy cruises on offer in 2018 – a mix of two, three and four-night SeaBreaks departing Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Cairns, and Auckland.

In 2019 the laughs will continue with the largest number of dedicated comedy cruises in P&O history and 38 itineraries running from January to October.

P&O Cruises President Sture Myrmell said the introduction of the biggest comedy festival at sea aimed to build on the already extremely popular comedy entertainment offering.

"Aussies and Kiwis are renowned for their great sense of humour and our guests love comedy. It's been a hugely successful part of our itineraries, with 650 shows now performed across our fleet each year. That's nearly two comedy shows a day – a figure to rival comedy stores around the country.

"We're always looking at ways we can push the boundaries on what our guests can continue to expect from our onboard entertainment. 'The Big Laugh' will serve up many different types of comedy genres every day and night, from big marquee performances right through to intimate gigs in our many stylish bars and lounges. There really will be something for everyone," said Mr Myrmell.

P&O's new season of comedy follows almost a decade of comedy cruises which began in 2009 with big names Tom Gleeson, Fiona McGary, Mick Meredith and Joel Ozborn.

Today P&O Cruises offers a wide range of comedy performances from Comedy Workshops, Comedy Gala Shows, the Comedy Gong Show where guest performers get judged by the audience, and Cocktails and Comedy, an intimate show to be enjoyed as the sun goes down.

"Since 2009 we've delivered 99 dedicated comedy cruises with over 600 comedians, delivering more than 30,000 jokes and entertaining over 170,000 guests. By the end of 2019, we'll have carried out close to 200 comedy cruises making P&O the biggest provider of comedy down-under," said Mr Myrmell.

'The Big Laugh' on Pacific Explorer departs Sydney on June 20, 2018. Fares start from \$529 per person quad share.

For more information, visit pocruises.com.au, call 13 24 94 or see a licensed travel agent.

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