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Last Chance to make a Spring getaway! Join BBC Gardening Expert, Steve Brookes, on a Fred. Olsen Vistas Cruise to the Canaries

The BBC gardening presenter, **Steve Brookes**, will be joining a Fred. Olsen cruise to the Canary Islands in 2013. *Boudicca's* 'Gardens & Beaches of the Canaries' cruise, D1307, is for 12 nights, departing from Liverpool on 21st April 2013, the first departure in the cruise line's new season from this popular port. There is still time to join this appealing cruise, and swap the wintry weather for sunnier climes and some much needed spring colour.

The cruise, a treat for garden lovers, visits the islands of Lanzarote, Tenerife, La Palma and Madeira – the latter known as the 'Garden Isle' - before

returning to Liverpool. The Canary Islands are a horticultural paradise, with a wealth of rare plants and flowers, some of which are unique to these islands. The Botanical Gardens in Santa Cruz, Tenerife, are among many garden highlights to be visited on this cruise.

Steve Brookes will be the perfect *Vistas* host. A fun and charismatic gardening presenter, his enthusiastic approach, combined with his extensive horticultural knowledge, allow him to inform and entertain novice and experienced gardeners alike. Steve currently presents a weekly gardening show on BBC Radio Coventry & Warwickshire, which won him the prestigious 'Garden Writers Guild' award for the best radio gardening programme. He can also be seen around the country at the major gardening events presenting his hints & tips stage show. Steve has also been a presenter of Central TV's popular 'Gardening Time' programme and has won a Royal Television Society Award for his Channel 4 series 'Growing Plants'.

Steve's entertaining talks will enhance the experience of guests, while the ship is at sea, and increase their knowledge and understanding of the plant life they will be able to enjoy while visiting these glorious islands.

Prices for the cruise start from £1,149 per person, based on two sharing an inside, twin cabin, Grade 'I.' There is no extra charge for guests to take part in *Vistas* activity.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Line operates in the UK with four intimately sized ships for a more personal cruising experience.

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