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Fred. Olsen Launches 2009/10 Music At Sea Brochure

Fred. Olsen has launched the new season of its popular autumn and winter Music at Sea cruises, headed this year by singing legend Lulu, who will be joined on board Boudicca by jazz saxophonist, Leo Green and his band The Leo Green Experience, performing hits from Motown Records, this year celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Back by popular demand are The Drifters – the longest running band in popular music history. Other big names include Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen and sixties pop group, The Merseybeats.

Musical styles in the programme include Latin, Jazz, Opera and Soul – and there is comedy from Jimmy Tarbuck with long-term collaborator Kenny Lynch, as well as Jim Bowen, to complete the formidable entertainment line-up.

Sample cruises:-

Boudicca BD0927 'Autumn in Iberian Sun' – 10 nights from Portsmouth departing 8th November 2009

This cruise stars Lulu, supported by the Leo Green Experience, along with performances by top swing band Dominic Halpin & the Honey B's, and is filling fast with some cabin grades already fully booked. The entertainment will clearly be a highlight of this cruise, but the ports of call are also very attractive, with the itinerary taking in Bilbao, la Coruna, Leixoes (for Oporto), Gibraltar and Lisbon. Prices currently start from £976 per person, based on two sharing an outside twin cabin. Balmoral BL0921 'Canaries Collection' – 13 nights from Dover departing 29th November 2009

This cruise stars music legends The Drifters performing many of their timeless classics, such as “Saturday Night at the Movies” “Under the Boardwalk” and many more. The cruise calls at Agadir (Morocco), Arrecife (Lanzarote), Santa Cruz (Tenerife), Santa Cruz (La Palma), Funchal (Madeira) and Leixoes (Oporto) returning to Dover and prices start from £951 per person.

Braemar BM0921 ‘Autumnal Sunshine’ Western Med 14 nights from 4th October 2009 departing from Dover This autumn Med cruise stars Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen, who is celebrating 50 years in show business this year, and is one of the top British jazz artists of all time and a big favourite with Fred. Olsen customers. The cruise visits Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Mahon (Menorca), Gibraltar and Lisbon returning to Dover and is priced from £1,058 per person. Boudicca BD0929 ‘Christmas Time in the Canaries’ – 12 nights from 6th December 2009 departing from Portsmouth.

This winter sunshine pre-Christmas cruise is enhanced by The Merseybeats, one of the leading sixties bands from Liverpool. The cruise calls at the islands of Madeira, la Gomera, Tenerife, Gran Canaria and, finally, Portuguese capital Lisbon, before returning to Portsmouth and prices start from £898 per person.

Prices are quoted per person, based on two sharing an inside twin cabin (unless stated otherwise) and include all meals and entertainment on board – including performances by the on board star entertainers - and port taxes. Marketing Manager Mike Bird said: “This is by far the best entertainment line up we have ever offered on our Music at Sea cruises and the value for money is unbeatable, when you consider that top class entertainment is included, along with all the other delights of a Fred. Olsen cruise. Also, because of the human scale of our ships you get to see and hear these great entertainers up close in a way impossible in a large concert hall, where stars like Lulu and The Drifters normally perform. The fact that our prices are all in sterling makes the cruise even better value for money.”

More information can be found at <http://www.fredolsencruises.co.uk/>. To book call Reservations on 01473 742424, or see your local travel agent. You can also book online.

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