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## It's Mersey-magic! 'Beatlemania' join a Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' mini-cruise to Dublin and Liverpool

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is well-known for its great choice of convenient regional UK departure ports – no fewer than nine in 2013 – and also for offering a wide selection of mini-cruises. One of these popular sailings – which are ideal for those who are 'new to cruise' and would like to have a taste of what life at sea is like – is *Boudicca's* D1315 'Liverpool & Dublin Discovery', a three-night mini-cruise departing from Greenock (Glasgow) on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013, which boasts live entertainment from leading Beatles tribute band, '**Beatlemania**'.

This 'Fab Four' are recognised as one of the UK's leading tribute bands, and have played to ecstatic audiences all over the world, with many TV and theatre appearances to their name. Formed in the 1990s, 'Beatlemania' have appeared alongside many original bands from the sixties, including 'The Merseybeats', 'The Hollies' and 'The Searchers', and their celebrity clients include David and Victoria Beckham and Sir Richard Branson. Their repertoire covers music from all stages of The Beatles' career, from the early 'mop top' days, right through to 'Sergeant Pepper' and 'The White Album', with 'Beatlemania'changing their outfits to match the music.

This *Boudicca* mini-break starts with a visit to lively Dublin (Ireland), for an overnight stay. This is one of the most popular ports, with wonderful sightseeing, great bars, cafés and restaurants, and the overnight stay gives guests plenty of time to sample the famous Irish 'craic'. As well as its landscaped parks and rich Georgian heritage, Dublin has personality; bursting with culture, landmarks such as the Old Parliament House, Trinity College, Dublin Castle and Christchurch Cathedral are a 'must-see'. Of course, no visit would be complete without a trip to the Guinness Brewery for a drop of the 'black stuff', or a quick 'snifter' at the Jameson Distillery! For lovers of the great outdoors, there is also the option to take a hike through the stunning scenery of the Wicklow Mountains.

The next and final stop is Liverpool, a new port for Fred. Olsen's 2013/14 cruise season, where the cruise line is making a welcome return. Named as the 2008 'European Capital of Culture', Liverpool is packed with museums and art galleries. Its historic waterfront – featuring the iconic 'Liver Building' – was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, proving that this warm and welcoming City is more than just the birthplace of The Beatles.

Prices for this special cruise start form £229 per person, based on two adults sharing an inside, twin cabin, Grade 'I'. This price includes all meals and entertainment on board – including enjoying performances by 'Beatlemania' – and port taxes. A complimentary one-way PortLink coach transfer is available at the beginning or end of this cruise to/from the Cruise Terminals. Seats must be pre-booked by telephoning PortLink directly on 01794 524 031.

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