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Music and Laughter Variety Shows With Fred. Olsen

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has launched its new season of Music and Laughter variety shows with a brochure promoting the programme. Great bands, comedians and solo artists are all featured, providing star-studded entertainment on board.

Covering cruises from autumn 2010 through to spring 2011, the programme is offered across all four ships in the fleet – Balmoral, Braemar, Black Watch and Boudicca – and the acts aboard offer a wide range of entertainment styles, from rock and pop, swing, jazz and soul to top-rate comedy.

Performers include the chart-topping Opera Babes; the Divas of Motown performing some of the best-loved Tamla Motown hits from the sixties; Colin Bryant and his Hot Rhythm Orchestra, rocking the ship with swing and jazz numbers; and the evergreen sixties band still delighting audiences everywhere - The Merseybeats. Tribute is paid to some of the great names from entertainment such as Elvis – the king of rock and roll, along with Abba. There are also popular acts from the world of comedy with Jim Bowen, Don Reid, and Jimmy Tamley.

Sample cruises:-

Black Watch Western Mediterranean, W1018.

This 14-night cruise departs from Southampton on 15th October 2010, and features the sensational Opera Babes. This opera-singing duo are big stars on both sides of the Atlantic, with their first album reaching number one in the UK Classical Charts and number four in the USA. They will be entertaining guests aboard this autumn cruise, that visits Gibraltar, Menorca, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Ibiza and Almeria, combining some great European cities with

picturesque landscapes and warm, balmy weather. Prices for this cruise start from £999 per person

Boudicca Eastern Mediterranean D1024

This 23-night cruise departs from Newcastle on 19th October 2010. Two great acts will be keeping guests entertained during the cruise – The Grumbleweeds and The Merseybeats. The Merseybeats are the original sixties Liverpool band, still going strong from their early days in the famous Cavern Club, where they played alongside The Beatles. A very different kind of entertainment is provided by the Grumbleweeds, whose unique blend of music, comedy and impersonations have gained them a huge following.

The cruise visits a host of historic ports, including Portugal's elegant capital, Lisbon, Malta's capital Valletta, Piraeus (for Athens), La Goulette (for Tunis), as well as ever-popular Gibraltar, and returns to Liverpool (with coach transfers between ports included in the price.)

Prices for this long and fascinating cruise start from £1,659 per person.

Black Watch Caribbean W1020

A relaxed way to visit the Caribbean with no flying, this 28-night cruise departs from Southampton on 12th November 2010 and sails, via Tenerife, across the Atlantic to reach Barbados, its first Caribbean port of call. A cornucopia of delightful islands follows – Grenada, St Lucia, St Kitts, Tortola, Antigua and St Maarten, before the return Atlantic crossing via The Azores to Southampton.

Delighting audiences during this cruise are The Divas of Motown. This talented trio relive the great days of Tamla Motown, recreating the sounds of The Supremes, Martha and the Vandellas, Gladys Knight and many other Motown greats. Also entertaining guests aboard will be The Upbeat Beatles, one of the finest Beatles tribute bands around. An additional attraction is speaker Steve Simone, a soul-singer and songwriter, who will be speaking on the History of Motown.

Prices for this cruise start from £2,299 per person.

All prices quoted are per person, based on two sharing an inside twin cabin and include all meals and entertainment on board, as well as port taxes.

Find out more at www.fredolsencruises.co.uk. Book online, call Reservations on 01473 742424, or see your ABTA travel agent.

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

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