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Stephen Mulhern to bring hit magic show to Iona in exclusive Limelight Club residency this summer

P&O Cruises has today announced that one of Britain's best-loved TV entertainers, Stephen Mulhern, will take to the sea this summer with a Limelight Club residency on board Iona.

The popular magician will perform a new, up-close magic show – *Stephen Mulhern's Live & Unbelievable!* – across back-to-back seven-night Norwegian fjords cruises and a seven-night Spain & France sailing across July and August:

- [Norwegian fjords](#), seven nights, Southampton roundtrip, departing 25 July, 2026. Prices currently start from £779 per person based on two sharing an inside cabin.
- [Norwegian fjords](#), seven nights, Southampton roundtrip, departing 1 August, 2026. Prices currently start from £879 per person based on two sharing an inside cabin.
- [Spain & France](#), seven nights, Southampton roundtrip, departing 8 August, 2026. Prices currently start from £829 per person based on two sharing an inside cabin.

This summer's Limelight residency marks the debut of Stephen's exclusive new show on Iona – with the *Deal or No Deal* host performing on four nights of each cruise, giving guests a great opportunity to enjoy his high-energy mix of magic, comedy and audience interaction.

Guests can expect mind-blowing illusions, jaw-dropping sleight of hand, and Stephen's trademark charm. With a touch of mischief, and plenty of audience participation, every performance promises surprise around every corner.

As well as his stage shows, Stephen will also host an interactive, family-friendly workshop on one sea day of each cruise, offering guests the chance to learn tricks and techniques using his *Unbelievable* show magic trick kits.

Designed for all ages, the sessions will give families a rare opportunity to get hands-on with the magic and learn directly from one of the UK's most recognisable performers.

Carnival UK & P&O Cruises president Paul Ludlow said: "Stephen is a phenomenal entertainer and a firm favourite with our guests, so we're delighted to welcome him for an exclusive Limelight Club residency on Iona this summer. From evening performances to interactive family workshops, this residency perfectly reflects what P&O Cruises does best – bringing unforgettable experiences on board that appeal to guests of all ages, while offering something genuinely special you can't find anywhere else."

Stephen Mulhern added: "I'm so excited to be bringing this new show to Iona for the very first time. I've had such a brilliant relationship with P&O Cruises over the years, and the Limelight Club is an incredible setting to really connect with audiences. Being able to perform across multiple nights – and run workshops where families can actually learn the tricks – is going to be huge fun. I can't wait to get on board and make some magic happen!"

The Limelight Club on Iona offers an intimate, cabaret-style venue with a premium dining experience, making it one of the most sought-after entertainment spaces at sea.

Holidays with P&O Cruises provide value for money with the price including accommodation, full board meals, pools and entertainment including theatre shows and live bands, as well as complimentary children's clubs.



Sail from Southampton offer

P&O Cruises has made sailings from Southampton even more appealing with up to £800 on board spending money on selected cruises departing between June 2026 and November 2027.

The extra on board spend is available for new P&O Cruises Select Price bookings made between 24 March 2026 and 1 June 2026 on selected cabin grades on applicable Spain & France, Norwegian Fjords and Spain, Portugal & Canary Islands departures from Southampton between 1 June 2026 and 29 November 2027.

Additionally, P&O Cruises new all-inclusive packages (including drinks, Wi-Fi and speciality dining credit) are an always-on offer. For example, guests can elevate their holiday with the Classic Package, for £49 per person per day, a saving of up to 32% compared with buying the individual elements on board.

For more information, call P&O Cruises on 0344 338 8003, visit www.pocruises.com or visit a travel agent.

A selection of images can be downloaded, [here](#).

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About P&O Cruises

P&O Cruises is Britain's favourite cruise line, welcoming guests onboard its seven ships to experience holidays with a blend of discovery, choice, relaxation and exceptional service catered towards British tastes. With a proud history spanning more than 187 years, each ship has its own appeal from family friendly or exclusively for adults with every sailing delivering each guest a *holiday like never before*.

With over 180 destinations worldwide, P&O Cruises itineraries are carefully curated to inspire discovery and are varied to suit newcomers and experienced guests alike. P&O Cruises prides itself on working with top culinary talent; Food Heroes include chefs Marco Pierre White and José Pizarro as well as award-winning drinks expert Olly Smith.

Recent awards for P&O Cruises include:

1. Wave Awards 2025 – Best Advertising & Marketing Campaign
2. British Travel Awards 2025 – Best Cruise Line for Family Holidays
3. The Travel Industry Awards 2025 by TIG – Industry Marketing Campaign of the Year
4. Sailwaze Excellence Awards 2025 – Best in Entertainment



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5. Best in Cruise Awards by Cruise Critic Awards 2025 – No-Fly Cruise Line (Ocean Category)

The company is part of Carnival Corporation & PLC (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE:CUK).

About Stephen Mulhern

Television Presenter, children's author and magician Stephen Mulhern is one of the most popular and in-demand personalities in British entertainment.

Stephen has presented some of the UK's most iconic titles including *Dancing On Ice*, *Deal Or No Deal*, *Britain's Got More Talent* for 13 series, *In For a Penny*, *Catchphrase*, *You Bet* and Stephen was the host of the incredibly popular Ant vs. Dec segment on *Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway*. In 2025, Stephen left his comfort zone to embark on a character-building trip to South Korea on his show *Accidental Tourist*, which returns in 2026 with three new episodes. Stephen also dips his toe into hosting radio, having covered the Breakfast Show on Virgin Radio.

An experienced all-round entertainer who has toured the UK with his variety and magic shows, Stephen is a BAFTA award-winning magician, and co-creator and producer of the P&O Cruises exclusive magic and illusion show *Astonishing*. In 2022, Stephen proved himself as a successful children's author with the release of his debut book *Max Magic*, which hit No.1 in various Amazon Kids Bestseller charts. 2024 was also an exciting year for the franchise, with the third book in the series, *Max Magic: The Incredible Holiday Hideout* being published. In 2025, Stephen published *Unbelievable!*, a magic book which aims to inspire the next generation of young magicians.

Stephen's versatile background has made him the ideal choice for a variety of corporate events and his proven natural flair for hosting, paired with some truly astonishing magic skills put him in high demand. From disappearing acts, levitation, video magic and interactive games, Stephen can do it all and when it comes to hosting. He offers a unique blend of comedy and spectacle and has worked on internal events for Mercedes, Co-Op, Kia, Aviva and Iceland.