



## **P&O Cruises Serves Up the Action on its 2017 Australian Open Cruise**

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P&O Cruises has announced an ace line-up of legendary tennis talent and tennis-themed onboard activities on its popular Australian Open cruise in January.

Australian Grand Slam champion Ken Rosewall will share his tips on the international tennis event and offer photo opportunities as Pacific Pearl cruises from Sydney to Melbourne, while Wimbledon and Olympic Doubles champion Todd Woodbridge of the famed 'Woodies' duo will host an exclusive breakfast in Melbourne as part of a tournament of onboard events lined up for the cruise.

The five-night roundtrip cruise from Sydney includes two days' admission to all the action at Melbourne Park as well as a volley of tennis-themed activities onboard including trivia, table tennis championships and Wii tennis tournaments. The Australian Open will also be screened live on the ship's giant screen for guests to watch in poolside style during their cruise, while the Men's and Women's Australian Open trophies will also be onboard.

Departing on January 19, fares for the cruise are priced from \$849\* per person quad share including general admission and direct transfers to the National Tennis Centre for the two days.

P&O Cruises President Sture Myrmell said it was exciting to have such a 'top seed' line-up for the next Australian Open cruise, setting the scene for an action-packed Main Events cruise series in 2017.

"The Australian Open cruise is always a hit with tennis fans and cruise fans alike; it's an easy, value-for-money option for guests to get courtside and in front of the action of the tournament.

"Plus, with P&O's new program of onboard events offering guests first-hand access to some of our favourite Aussie tennis champions, there's lots of fun to be had along the way," Mr Myrmell said.

The Australian Open cruise will be the first in P&O's Main Events calendar next year, with other offerings including Australia Day and Melbourne Cup, as well as a new cruise to the Dark Mofo festival in Hobart.

\*Subject to availability, conditions apply. Fare includes a soft drink package per guest, and a bottle of wine plus \$50 onboard credit per cabin.

**For more information visit [pocruises.com.au](http://pocruises.com.au), call 13 24 94 or see a licensed travel agent.**

### **About P&O Cruises**

Sailing local waters for more than 80 years, P&O is Australia's only homegrown cruise line and the largest cruise operator in the region, offering a fleet of five ships cruising year round from eight home ports in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. With a contemporary look and feel which captures the spirit of modern Australia, P&O's ships carry more than 460,000 guests a year on great value holidays. Itineraries range from short getaways and cruises exploring the Australian coast to longer holidays to the South Pacific and exotic destinations such as Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Asia. In June 2017 P&O Cruises will welcome its latest ship, Pacific Explorer, while in 2019 P&O will become the first cruise line to build a ship specifically for the local market, launching a brand new 135,500-tonne ship - the biggest cruise ship ever to be based fulltime in Australia.