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Journey of Commemoration and Celebration

Cruise Tour to Feature D-Day Anniversary, Dunkirk and Queen's Trooping the Colour

A special new cruise tour offered by Cruise Express offers Australians the chance to commemorate two of history's biggest-ever military battles – D Day and Dunkirk – and witness the Queen's annual Trooping the Colour parade in London.

The 13-night fly/cruise/tour package also includes an exclusive tour inside Sandringham House in England – one of the Queen's private residences – and visits to Kensington Palace and medieval Oxburgh Hall where Mary Queen of Scots spent time under house arrest.

The tour starts with an eight-night cruise from Portsmouth, England, on June 5, 2012, aboard the classic-styled, 700-passenger liner, Discovery, with the first port of call the French port of Cherbourg in Normandy for the 68th anniversary of the historic D-Day landings there on June 6, 1944, when 5300 ships carrying 156,000 Allied troops landed on local beaches.

The ancient castles and cobbled streets of St Peter Port on Guernsey in the Channel Islands appear next on the voyage as well as Rouen on the Seine River in France where passengers can visit Monet's garden in nearby Giverny. The 20,000-ton Discovery then sails for Dunkirk – the scene of history's biggest-ever military evacuation when 330,000 Allied soldiers were dramatically rescued from besieged France in 1940. The German island of Heligoland – a major naval base during World War 2 - is visited along with Amsterdam in Holland where passengers can explore the home of Jewish girl, Anne Frank, who hid from the Nazis in hidden rooms during World War 2.

The cruise ends in Harwich, England, on June 13, 2012, when passengers will then join Cruise Express' special four-night 'Royal Connections' coach tour which will include cities, buildings and places that feature prominently in British royal history including Cambridge and an after-hours private tour of the Queen's Sandringham House, set on a vast 8000-hectare estate.

The hosted coach tour also includes a private tour of Oxburgh Hall in Norfolk, a moated manor built in 1482, and historic Hatfield House. In London, passengers will visit many of the city's royal attractions including the Palace of Westminster – the original London palace dating from the 11th century, the Tower of London, Lambeth Palace and Kensington Palace.

On June 16, 2012, passengers can line the streets to watch the Queen's annual Trooping the Colour birthday parade, a spectacular pageant featuring 1400 guards, 400 musicians, 200 horses and the Queen's carriage.

The 13-night package includes return flights from Australia, one night's accommodation pre-cruise in London, all meals onboard Discovery, four nights accommodation, daily breakfast and two dinners during the Royal Connections coach tour, comprehensive sightseeing and group transfers and is available from \$5239 per person, twin-share. An upgrade to business class with Thai Airways is available for an extra \$4699.

Bookings are available from Cruise Express on 1300 766 537 or visit www.cruiseexpress.com.au

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