

Magic on the Mersey

A SPECIAL cruise ship is making a welcome return to Liverpool this week and part of the waterfront is being turned into a magical wonderland in its honour.

On Friday 14 July, Disney Magic sails in at around 8am for its third visit to the city. To mark the popular cruise line's stay, a free, family-friendly celebration will take place on Princes Parade from 3.30pm.

A Magic Garden will transform Princes Parade into an area where visitors can relax and enjoy surroundings on a large-scale as the area includes giant deckchairs, huge flowers and oversized suitcases and photo frames.

An outdoor cinema will show two Disney films – The Lion King and Finding Nemo, street theatre will entertain people at the Pier Head and there will also be a small number of food and drink concessions.

Everyone who comes along is encouraged to embrace fancy dress – age is no barrier and it doesn't have to be Disney themed.

A farewell sing-along will take place at Princes Parade fifteen minutes before the ship departs at 7pm and a confetti moment will mark her departure.

Liverpool's Assistant Mayor and cabinet member for culture, tourism and events, Councillor Wendy Simon, said: "We were overwhelmed with the reaction to Disney Magic's visit last year. Thousands of people headed to the waterfront to see the amazing ship for themselves and be part of the city's celebrations

welcoming her to Liverpool.

“The feedback we received from passengers, crew and visitors was incredible so we wanted to ensure that we stage another event this year which is perfect for all the family.

“We hope as many people as possible take the opportunity to head to Princes Parade, enjoy all the Disney fun on offer and show everyone on board just why Liverpool has an outstanding reputation for staging outdoor events.”

Disney Magic’s Captain Andy McRonald, said: “It’s an honour to receive such a grand welcome from the Port of Liverpool and its surrounding community.

“We’re looking forward to returning to Liverpool and know our guests will enjoy exploring all the city has to offer.”

Please note, no seating will be provided in the outdoor cinema area so people are asked to bring chairs or blankets. It is also advised those planning to attend get there early as it is expected to be busy on Princes Parade.

Facts about Disney Magic:
• The ship boasts 11 expansive decks
• She is 984 feet in length and 106 feet wide
• She weighs 84,000 tonnes
• She can comfortably hold 2,700 passengers and 950 cast and crew members
• She has ten different eating areas/restaurants
• There are five pools/water play areas on board
• The ship has five adult-only after hours nightclubs and lounges

Disney Magic is calling here as part of her scheduled round Britain cruise, calling to other ports such as: Dublin, Kirkwall, Hebrides, Liverpool, Invergordon, Newcastle, Dover and Greenock