



Cunard and P&O Cruises senior business manager announces retirement after 39 years

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After nearly four decades in the business, Cunard and P&O Cruises senior business manager Trevor Dupont will be taking early retirement at the end of February 2017.

Dupont started with P&O in 1977. He managed the reservations department and spearheaded the transition and growth to the Southampton office from London. He also played a key sales role as the company was demerged from the P&O group in 2000 which was followed by the merger with Carnival Corporation in 2003 to form Carnival Corporation & plc.

Dupont went on to lead the sales operation for the Ocean Village brand and create a new multi brand sales department selling P&O Cruises, Princess Cruises, Cunard and Ocean Village.

Carnival UK chairman, David Dingle, who joined the company a year after Trevor said:

"Trevor has been a great colleague, and more importantly a close friend, throughout our careers together. He is eternally cheerful, enormous fun to be with and an outstanding people person. Like his father before him, he is a P&O lifer, an incredibly loyal company man. Throughout his long career he has been a great friend of the travel agent community and has been our continuity with the trade over four decades. All of us, both within and beyond Carnival, who have had the pleasure of working with Trevor owe him enormous gratitude, and we wish him a wonderful retirement."

Carnival UK VP sales, Alex White commented: "We will be incredibly sorry to see Trevor leave the company. He is a well known and much loved figure in the cruise industry and has been a great asset to Carnival UK for many years. Trevor's knowledge and experience of the travel trade has been invaluable, both cementing strong relationships with many of our travel agent partners and leading a successful team."

"I would personally like to thank Trevor for the outstanding contribution he has made to our business and I have no doubt there will be several celebrations and opportunities to reminisce."

Dupont said: "It has been an absolute privilege to work for such a successful cruise company. After nearly four decades here, I've seen a huge amount of change in the industry, as well as in our ways of working."

"When I first started at P&O Cruises at the age of 16 we had two ships and no computers or internet and I had a full head of hair! I'm extremely proud to have been a part of the brands' growth and development to the thriving companies they are today."

Dupont continued: "I will leave with some fantastic memories, in particular the people I have met and worked with. I thank them all and I am sure I will meet many of them on board as I sail through my retirement."

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