



Carnival Cruise Line Celebrates Half a Million Guests

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Carnival Cruise Line has marked up an impressive milestone, welcoming half a million passengers onto its Australia-based ships Carnival Spirit and Carnival Legend since its debut Down Under in 2012.

To celebrate the achievement, which took place during Carnival Spirit's current 11-night New Caledonia cruise, Carnival arranged a special welcome for first time cruisers, the Anderson family who tipped the cruise line over the magic 500,000 number.

Briohney and Matt Anderson, both personal trainers from the Sydney suburb of Davidson, had been looking forward to their first cruise with their sons Taylor (8) and Ollie (6) but never dreamed their trip would see them sailing into the history books as Carnival's 500,000th Australian guests.

"I've always wanted to do a cruise and I had heard great things about Carnival – it was the only choice for me really!" Briohney said. "The slides on Carnival Spirit caught my eye, so we didn't look at anything else."

Briohney said while the family was surprised, the fuss made by the Carnival crew to celebrate the half a million milestone, including a "lovely cake" and balloons, had made them feel special.

The cruise, planned to mark another celebration – Briohney's 40th birthday – also marks the family's first family holiday in five years.

Carnival Cruise Line Vice President Australasia Jennifer Vandekreeke said reaching the landmark less than four years after the cruise line's local debut was testament to the line's growing popularity among Australian cruisers.

"Carnival's free-spirited, family friendly fun is a fantastic match with Australians' outgoing and relaxed nature so our local ships consistently receive some of the top passenger ratings in the fleet.

We're thrilled that thanks to the support of our repeat guests and new cruisers like the Andersons, we're now on our way to welcoming a million guests onboard," Ms Vandekreeke said.

For more information and bookings call 13 31 94 or visit www.carnival.com.au

About Carnival Cruise Line

Carnival Cruise Line is the largest cruise line in the world with more than four and a half million guests travelling every year. The cruise line has two ships deployed in Australia, Carnival Spirit – the largest and newest cruise ship to be based in Sydney year round – and sister ship Carnival Legend, sailing from Sydney each summer. With 45 activities to enjoy each day, both ships offer fun-loving families and couples memorable and great value holidays.

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