



## Carnival Mardi Gras To Debut Premium 'Carnival Excel' Suites With Select Amenities & New Resort-Style Loft 19 Enclave Access

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### Innovative Ship to Include More than 180 Suites as Part of Expansive Choice of Accommodations

MIAMI, April 9, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Carnival Cruise Line today unveiled more details on the numerous accommodation choices guests will have on its highly-anticipated new ship, *Mardi Gras*, which will feature more than 180 suites across 11 styles, including the new premium category Carnival Excel suites with select amenities and access to a new resort-style, open-air enclave called Loft 19. Link to a video of the suites can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/KdQWBKZJNBg>



"As we continue to announce details on *Mardi Gras*, guests will see that this ship is going to have more choices to stay and more choices to play," said Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line. "All of our accommodations have been designed to exceed our guests' expectations, and the suite offerings will kick that up a notch or two for those who want an extra special Choose Fun vacation."

#### New Premium Level Carnival Excel Suites

The new premium suite level on *Mardi Gras* includes 32 suites in four categories:

- **Carnival Excel Presidential Suite** – Two Presidential Suites – the largest in the fleet – located on Deck 17 that feature spacious living, dining and sleeping areas along with the fleet's most expansive balconies with vast sea views, large sunbed and lounging areas, as well as a private outdoor hot tub and shower. These suites also include access to the spa's thermal suite and the Havana pool area.
- **Carnival Excel Aft Suite** – Twelve suites overlooking Summer Landing and boasting separate living rooms and bedrooms with large wraparound balconies offering impressive ocean views, as well as a private outdoor hot tub and areas for al fresco dining and relaxing.
- **Carnival Excel Corner Suite** – Twelve suites on the port and starboard sides of the ship featuring separate sleeping and lounging areas, a wet bar and wraparound balconies with lounging and dining areas.
- **Carnival Excel Suite** – Six suites on Decks 10, 11 and 12 with sleeping, dining and relaxing areas. The spacious balconies include loungers and a dining area.

#### Exclusive New Suite-Level Amenities

All suites onboard *Mardi Gras* will include an amenities package that includes priority boarding and debarkation, priority main dining room seating, plush bathrobes and bottled water upon arrival.

Guests in the 32 Carnival Excel suites will enjoy standard suite amenities plus the following:

- Unlimited access to Loft 19
- Dedicated concierge phone line
- Guaranteed specialty dining times (with the exception of Bonsai Teppanyaki and the Chef's Table)

- Complimentary Bottomless Bubbles soda package, room service and laundry
- Sparkling wine and fresh fruit basket upon arrival
- Upgraded bathroom amenities

#### All New 'Loft 19'

Located on the ship's highest deck, Loft 19 is a brand new concept for Carnival Cruise Line – a secluded retreat modeled after the world's finest resorts with full bar service, a private pool surrounded by sun loungers and spacious cabanas, available for rent. Cabanas are fully stocked with beverages, plush robes and chilled towels, fresh fruit, lunch delivery and dedicated concierge service. Carnival Excel suite guests will receive priority when reserving Loft 19 cabanas.

#### Additional Suite Options

In addition to the Carnival Excel class suites, *Mardi Gras* will also feature:

- **Ocean Suites** – separate sleeping and lounging areas with ergonomically-friendly design.
- **Tropics-inspired Havana Suites** – private patios with a swing chair and direct access to The Lanai.
- **Extra-roomy Family Harbor Suites** – nautical décor, large-scale windows and toddler benches.
- **Cloud 9 Spa Suites** – with special spa privileges such as two fitness classes, access to the ship's Thermal Suite and a scrub kit.

#### Innovative and Spacious Stateroom Design

The new suite options are in addition to the wide ranging *Mardi Gras* accommodations previously announced, which are distinguished by turquoise hues and enhanced by design touches like floor-to-ceiling glass sliding doors; new sofas that "flip" into beds; more 110V power outlets and USB connections than on any other ship; flexible bedside reading lamps; a larger, more customizable wardrobe with extensive storage options; and spacious bathrooms with glass shower doors, a first for the line, along with an in-shower shaving bar.

#### Itinerary Information and Reservations

Currently under construction at the Meyer Turku shipyard in Turku, Finland, *Mardi Gras* is slated to enter service in Europe Aug. 31, 2020, before repositioning to New York for a series of voyages then shift to Port Canaveral for year-round seven-day Caribbean cruises beginning in Oct. 2020.

Journalists also can visit Carnival's media site, [carnival-news.com](http://carnival-news.com) or follow the line's PR department on Twitter at [twitter.com/CarnivalPR](https://twitter.com/CarnivalPR).

#### About Carnival Cruise Line

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