



## CARNIVAL CELEBRATION ARRIVES IN SOUTHAMPTON

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### *Arrival Marks the First New Carnival Ship in the UK in 20 Years*

MIAMI, Nov. 6, 2022 – Today marked a special occasion as Carnival Cruise Line's most anticipated new Excel-class ship, Carnival Celebration, arrived to the Ocean Cruise Terminal in Southampton, UK, for a first-look event and marked Carnival's first time bringing a new ship to the UK in 20 years.

To warmly welcome the ship, Carnival hosted local officials, travel partners, and members of the media for a day of fun with guided tours and lunch. Southampton port officials and Celebration's senior officers participated in a traditional plaque and key ceremony, as well.

To commemorate the special day, Carnival President Christine Duffy hosted a "Let's Celebrate" event in the cruise terminal that included a ceremonial ribbon-cutting welcoming the first guests on board.

Earlier this week, the line took delivery of Carnival Celebration at the Meyer Turku shipyard in Finland, before Captain Vincenzo Alcaras, Hotel Director Pierre Camilleri, Chief Engineer Fabian Gervaise and the ship's 1,800 team members helped bring her to the UK destination.

"I can't tell you how exciting this day has been, finally giving our UK travel partners the opportunity to see our new Excel-class ship," said Christine.

"Carnival Celebration is the ultimate 50th Birthday gift and is a key part of a very unique and exciting period of growth for us. It's been a wonderful 50 years, and we kicked off the next 50 with a bang today! Next up – Miami!"

Later today, Carnival Celebration will depart on her 14-day transatlantic sailing to Miami where the line will soon host her official naming ceremony with Godmother Cassidy Gifford, daughter of longtime Carnival friend Kathie Lee Gifford, who was the Godmother of the original M/S Celebration.

Carnival Celebration features six unique zones, including the new Miami-themed 820 Biscayne, travel-inspired The Gateway, and stunning Celebration Central, as well as the BOLT roller coaster. Carnival Celebration is the second ship in the Carnival fleet to be powered by a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) propulsion system.

Including Carnival Celebration, Carnival is adding five beautiful new ships to its fleet over the next two years in an exciting period of growth unlike any other in Carnival's 50-year history. Today, a second ship in Australia will be added as Carnival Luminosa begins guest operations in Brisbane, and next year, the third Excel-class ship Carnival Jubilee will debut from Galveston. Carnival will also introduce a new concept, "Carnival Fun Italian Style," with Carnival Venezia joining next spring from New York City and Carnival Firenze in 2024 from Long Beach.

For additional information on Carnival Cruise Line and to book a cruise vacation, call 1-800-CARNIVAL, visit [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com), or contact your favorite travel advisor or online travel site.

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### **ABOUT CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE**

Carnival Cruise Line, part of Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE: CUK), is proud to be known as America's Cruise Line, for carrying more Americans and serving more U.S. homeports than any other. Since its founding in 1972, Carnival has continually revolutionized the cruise sector, making a cruise vacation an affordable and popular option for millions of guests. Carnival operates from 14 U.S. and two Australian homeports and employs more than 40,000 team members representing 120 nationalities. Carnival currently operates 24 ships and is in an exciting period of growth, with Carnival Celebration and Carnival Luminosa, which began guest operations in November, and three additional ships joining the fleet by 2024.

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