



## CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE PARTNERS WITH MARITIME AND PORT UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO TO LAUNCH NEW APPRENTICESHIP

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### *University Students Now Eligible for 180-Day Program Aboard Carnival Ships*

MIAMI, May 29, 2024 – Strengthening its ties with Mexico, [Carnival Cruise Line](#) today announced its first partnership with a maritime university in Mexico. The new partnership with the distinguished Maritime and Port University of Mexico formalizes a cadet program aboard its fleet.

The partnership will provide cadets at the [Maritime and Port University of Mexico](#), who are near the completion of their four-year program, the opportunity to complete a 180-day apprenticeship on a Carnival Cruise Line ship during the last year of their studies. The apprenticeship will consist of a hands-on training program that complements the cadets' studies.

"We are impressed with the caliber of the curriculum at the Maritime and Port University of Mexico and its culture fits perfectly with our core values at Carnival," said Domenico Rognoni, chief marine officer of Carnival Cruise Line. "Carnival has been sailing to Mexican ports for more than 50 years, so by providing cadets from the Maritime and Port University of Mexico with the opportunity to work on board our ships, we are providing career opportunities and furthering strengthening our longstanding relationship."

Founded in 1972, the Maritime and Port University of Mexico has a rich tradition in maritime and is currently responsible for all the country's navy and merchant marine officers. Today, the university has approximately 900 students across three campuses in Mazatlán, Tampico and Veracruz.

"The signing of this agreement between the Maritime and Port University of Mexico and Carnival Cruise Line shows our shared understanding that education and tourism are two fundamental aspects for our respective advancement," said Captain Alt. Manuel Gutierrez Gallardo, coordinator general of Mexican Ports and Merchant Marine.

Carnival has similar programs in partnership with universities and other organizations around the world as part of its commitment to support the professional development of students interested in the maritime industry.

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.

### **ABOUT CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE**

Carnival Cruise Line, part of Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE: CUK), is the first cruise line to sail over 100 million guests and 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 industry and popularized the cruise vacation as an affordable and fun travel option. Carnival operates from 14 U.S. and two Australian homeports as well as seasonally from Europe and employs more than 48,000 team members representing 120 nationalities. Carnival's fleet of 27 ships reflects an exciting, continued period of growth with two new additional Excel-class ships scheduled to be delivered in 2027 and 2028. Carnival's next new guest offering will be the all-new exclusive destination, Celebration Key, set to debut on Grand Bahama in summer 2025.

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*Pictured from left to right: Victor Pineda, Director General, Maritime and Port University of Mexico; Mihaela Costache, Manager, Marine Talent Attraction, CCL ; Daniele Maffei, Director, Marine Professional Development, CCL; Domenico Rognoni, Chief Marine Officer, CCL; Vicky Rey, VP, Government Affairs, Latin America, Carnival Corporation; Sr. Captain Manuel Gutierrez, Coordinator General, Port and Merchant Marines; and Vice-Admiral C.G. Dem., Pablo Alcantara, Commander 3rd Naval Region, Veracruz*