



CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE IS FIRST TO SAIL 10 MILLION GUESTS FROM GALVESTON

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Carnival Continues to Expand Capacity in Texas with Guest Totals Increasing by 20% This Year

GALVESTON, TEX., May 16, 2024 – Marking a Texas-sized milestone today, [Carnival Cruise Line](#) further solidified its position as the market leader in [Galveston, Tex.](#), becoming the first cruise operator to embark 10 million guests from the port. Marsha Taulton of Houston was recognized on [Carnival Breeze](#) as the 10 millionth Carnival guest cruising from Galveston.

Taulton and her husband, Paul, were welcomed aboard by Capt. Isidoro Renda and Galveston Wharves Port Director and CEO Rodger Rees, and the ship's team led an impromptu celebration of the landmark embarkation.

"This is an achievement that speaks to the success of our longstanding partnership with the port and the greater Galveston community," said Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line. "We are grateful to our guests who have sailed with us from Galveston over the past two decades, continually driving the popularity of this homeport forward. The future is certainly bright, as we're delighted to welcome more guests aboard than ever before from this great city – next stop, 20 million!"

The 10 millionth guest milestone follows an expansion of Carnival service at the port that began with the introduction of the cruise line's new flagship, [Carnival Jubilee](#), which was the first new cruise ship to be christened in Galveston. The expansion continues in October when Carnival Miracle begins sailing from Galveston and completes a four-ship deployment strategy. At the end of this year, Carnival's guest capacity in Galveston is expected to increase by 20 percent compared to last year, carrying more than 800,000 guests.

Carnival launched the first year-round cruise program from Galveston in 2000 and continues to be the leading cruise operator sailing year-round from the port. Carnival ships offer a variety of itineraries from Galveston, with dozens of options available into the spring of 2026, visiting popular destinations across the [Caribbean](#) and [The Bahamas](#).

For additional information on [Carnival Cruise Line](#) and to book a cruise vacation, call [1-800-CARNIVAL](#), visit [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 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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