



CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE JAZZED ABOUT WELCOMING 7 MILLIONTH GUEST TO EMBARK IN NEW ORLEANS

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Special Milestone Coincides with 12-Year-Old Guest Achieving Diamond Status

MIAMI, Oct. 1, 2024 – [Carnival Cruise Line](#) is jazzed about marking another significant milestone from the popular homeport of [New Orleans](#) as the first cruise operator to embark more than seven million guests from the port since beginning year-round cruising in 1994. When the Litteral family stepped onto Carnival Valor on Monday, they made the milestone official.

Thomas and Julie Litteral, and their children Zachary and Zoey, are avid Carnival cruisers from the state of Georgia. The family was already set to celebrate a special Carnival milestone on [Carnival Valor](#)'s current sailing, with 12-year-old Zachary achieving Diamond VIFP status and joining his parents at Carnival's top loyalty level. The Litterals were welcomed on board by Captain Antonio Modaffari, and the ship's team led an impromptu celebration of the seven millionth embarkation.

"Sharing this landmark embarkation in New Orleans with loyal guests, a family that clearly loves the fun they find when they sail with us, makes this moment truly special," said Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line. "Seven million guests cruising with us from Port NOLA signifies our unwavering commitment as the market leader in this vibrant city. Just after celebrating 30 years of year-round service here this spring, we're proud to continue building on our important partnership with the New Orleans community."

With two ships sailing from New Orleans year-round, Carnival Valor and Carnival Liberty, the cruise line sails 400,000 guests from [Port NOLA](#) annually. The cruise line marked 30 years of sailing from the port last May. The ships offer a wide variety of four- to -seven-day round-trip cruises from New Orleans that visit popular destinations in the Bahamas, Mexico and the Caribbean. Next year, Carnival Liberty will sail several voyages visiting [Celebration Key](#), Carnival's all-new, exclusive destination on the island of Grand Bahama.

For additional information on [Carnival Cruise Line](#) and to book a cruise vacation on Carnival, call 1-800-CARNIVAL, visit <http://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 period of growth that continues with the addition of seven ships through 2033: two ships joining in February 2025 when P&O Cruises Australia integrates into Carnival; a fourth and fifth Excel class ship scheduled for 2027 and 2028 respectively; followed by three additional new ships from an innovative new class currently under development. Carnival's next new guest offering will be the all-new exclusive destination, Celebration Key, set to debut on Grand Bahama next summer.

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