



CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE DOUBLES THE FUN IN AUSTRALIA WITH FOUR-SHIP DEPLOYMENT FOR 2026/27

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Carnival Adventure and Carnival Encounter Join Carnival Splendor and Carnival Luminosa to Expand Australia Cruise Options

MIAMI, Oct. 2, 2024 – With an eye on its Australian expansion, as it adds two ships from sister line P&O Cruises Australia in March 2025, [Carnival Cruise Line](#) is opening its 2026/27 Australia itineraries. With the addition of Carnival Adventure and Carnival Encounter to the fleet next spring, guests will enjoy more choices from Australia than ever, with four Carnival ships delivering fun and memorable cruise vacations.

The expanded program includes sailings from [Sydney](#) on Carnival Adventure and Carnival Splendor and from [Brisbane](#) on Carnival Encounter and Carnival Luminosa (seasonally) with itineraries that feature popular destinations such as Moreton Island, the South Pacific, and the Great Barrier Reef, as well as New Zealand, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea.

“As we expand our fleet to four ships in Australia and enrich our overall deployment plan, our 2026/27 itineraries significantly increase the options available for the Carnival experience from Sydney and Brisbane,” said Fred Stein, vice president of itinerary planning. “Guests interested in a cruise from Australia are bound to find the perfect itinerary, whether they’re looking to explore a new region or revisit key vacation destinations – all showcasing the diverse beauty of the South Pacific.”

Cruise from Sydney on Carnival Splendor and Carnival Adventure

From Sydney, [Carnival Splendor](#) offers a diverse range of cruise itineraries from two to 12 days, catering to every travel preference. Four-day cruises include Moreton Island and five- and six-day cruises to Tasmania allow guests to explore Hobart and Port Arthur, with the latter offering an overnight stay in Hobart. Nine- and 10-day South Pacific cruises visit Mystery Island, Port Vila and other spectacular island destinations. The ship will also offer several additional longer sailings, including 10-day New Zealand itineraries with multiple departures, offering opportunities to explore vibrant ports such as Wellington, Lyttelton (Christchurch), and Dunedin, along with scenic cruising in Fiordland National Park.

Carnival Adventure from Sydney features two- to 12-day itineraries. From weekend getaways and short cruises that visit popular Moreton Island to longer sailings that feature the Great Barrier Reef, the ship will sail a wide variety of options throughout the 2026/27 cruise season. A 12-day sailing to Fiji is also set for April 2027 that will take guests to exotic destinations like Lautoka and Dravuni Island. Both ships will also offer cruises to Melbourne for the [Melbourne Cup](#), Australia’s most popular horse race.

Cruise from Brisbane on Carnival Encounter and Carnival Luminosa

[Carnival Luminosa](#) will offer a variety of three- to 14-day itineraries departing from Brisbane during its seasonal deployment. A six-day Great Barrier Reef cruise allows guests to explore Airlie Beach and Cairns, with an onboard experience at Willis Island that gives guests glimpses of amazing wildlife as the ship sails near the island. Week-long South Pacific cruises visit destinations such as Mystery Island, Port Vila and others and an eight-day option includes multiple stops in Vanuatu and New Caledonia. Also available is a 14-day Carnival Journeys cruise that highlights the locations where Mutiny on the Bounty took place in 1789 featuring unique ports like Norfolk Island and Nuku’alofa, Tonga.

New sailings for Carnival Encounter from Brisbane feature a variety of destinations in the South Pacific and Great Barrier Reef regions. Guests can enjoy multiple short three-day getaway trips and four-day cruises with stops at Airlie Beach. Longer voyages, ranging from six to 10 days, include ports such as Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and other beautiful South Pacific islands. A 12- and 14-day option each visit the picturesque islands of Fiji.

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. Carnival Adventure and Carnival Encounter are available for booking through pocruires.com.au until the end of March.

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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 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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