



## **CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE COMMEMORATES 20 YEARS OF FUN FROM BALTIMORE BY HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS**

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### ***Francis Scott Key Bridge Heroes Recognized by Carnival President, Local and State Leaders Aboard Carnival Pride***

MIAMI, Oct. 28, 2024 – Commemorating 20 years of sailing from [Baltimore, Carnival Cruise Line](#) honored first responders who assisted with the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse during a celebratory event on board [Carnival Pride](#) on Sunday. Carnival President Christine Duffy welcomed aboard dignitaries and public officials that included Maryland Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller, Maryland Transportation Secretary Paul Wiedefeld, Baltimore Deputy Mayor J.D. Merrill and Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration Jonathan Daniels and representatives from the U.S. Naval Academy. Video from the event is available [here](#).

Duffy thanked local leaders for their longstanding partnership and noted the recent return to cruising from the port after the Key Bridge collapse. She recognized several Maryland Transportation Authority Police first responders who were in attendance for their heroic response to the tragedy.

“As America’s cruise line, Carnival launched the first year-round cruise program from Baltimore with Carnival Pride so it’s fitting that we are here today aboard Carnival Pride showing the immense pride we have in providing great cruise vacations from this great American city,” said Duffy. “We are proud to sail 100,000 people from Baltimore annually, generate millions in economic impact for the city and state with each departure and honor the courageous individuals who assisting in saving lives during the tragic bridge collapse.”

Carnival also marked the 20-year milestone by donating \$25,000 to the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation to support its Energy Security and Infrastructure Resilience program.

Carnival Pride was recently enhanced during a 2023 dry dock and offers a variety of itineraries from Baltimore including trips to the Caribbean, [The Bahamas](#), Bermuda, Greenland, Canada, and the Panama Canal. In 2025, the ship will also include visits to Carnival’s newest exclusive destination in The Bahamas, [Celebration Key](#).

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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