

# CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 5, 2023

**CVP (INSURANCE): \$119pp by 10/19/23 (optional)**

**Prepaid Gratuities: \$112.50 (optional)**

**DEPOSIT: ASAP**

**FINAL: August 7, 2023**  
*(if canceling, need to do by this date)*

**Please review this document in its entirety to ensure you know before you go!!!**

Now that you have booked your Carnival Cruise, take some time to go through this important information to prepare for an amazing vacation, so that you know before you go! You should have received your Booking Invoice. Please review it in its entirety, specifically to ensure the legal names, are accurate as they appear on your passports or State issued identification. We want you to fully enjoy your cruise vacation, so here is some critical information to assist you! If you have not received your Invoice or if edits are needed, **text/call CCC at 586-405-1098** or email [ChristianCruisingCousins@gmail.com](mailto:ChristianCruisingCousins@gmail.com) along with your *current* email address, and we will make corrections if needed, and email it to you promptly.

## **Things to Know Before you Go:**

<https://www.carnival.com/help>

**Create a Carnival Online Account:** Now that your cruise is booked, you should immediately go to [www.carnival.com/Onlinecheckin](http://www.carnival.com/Onlinecheckin) and create an account, entering your Carnival booking number, last name, date of birth, ship name and sail date. If you already have a Carnival account, simply log on with your email address or username and password (or click forgot password). Add your Booking Number to your account. Additional assistance is provided here: [https://help.carnival.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/4839](https://help.carnival.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/4839)

**Have Fun. Be Safe.**- Currently, Covid testing is no longer required for cruises 15 nights or less.

**COVID-19 Protocols:** [https://www.carnival.com/Legal/covid-19-legal-notice/covid-19-quest-protocols?icid=advisory\\_cruisehealth\\_040122](https://www.carnival.com/Legal/covid-19-legal-notice/covid-19-quest-protocols?icid=advisory_cruisehealth_040122)

**Self-Administered Tests:** [COVID-19 FAQs](#) then scroll down to *Is a self-test acceptable?*

**Gratuities/Tips (Optional):** Although tipping is not mandatory, you will see for yourself during your cruise, the many crew members working hard to ensure you have a fun, relaxing vacations. You may Prepay your Gratuities, or at the end of the cruise, Carnival will add them to your Sail and Sign Card, which is your Room Key connected to your charge card and allows you to charge items while onboard the ship. Some crew members are so wonderful, many give extra tips directly to them (Dining Servers & Room Steward) in addition to the Prepaid Gratuities. The Gratuities are shared (percentage) with all crew members seen and behind the scenes. **TIP: If you decide to prepay your Gratuities, do NOT do it with final payment. You can do it any time before sailing to allow you extra time to pay, OR you may pay on the ship. Gratuities further are explained here:**

**Self-Administered Tests:** <https://help.carnival.com/app/answers/category/c/475,481>, then click on [Service Gratuities \(Tips\)](#)

**WIFI:** [Find Answers | Carnival Cruise Lines](#) - [Internet Cafe / Wireless Internet Services \(Wi-Fi\) | Carnival Cruise Lines](#)


**Drink Packages/Shore Excursions & more:** [https://www.carnival.com/funshops?icid=CC\\_fun-shops\\_1864](https://www.carnival.com/funshops?icid=CC_fun-shops_1864)

**Airport Transportation:** You may take Uber, Lyft or Taxi, or Carnival's Shuttle Transportation:

 [https://www.carnival.com/airport-transfers.aspx?icid=icp\\_ccl\\_transports\\_0802\\_footer](https://www.carnival.com/airport-transfers.aspx?icid=icp_ccl_transports_0802_footer)

**FLIGHTS:** If you choose to fly, keep in mind that many airlines, including Delta, have cancelled flights, and guests have missed their cruises flying in on the same day, especially if you have connected flights. It is always recommended to fly in a day early and stay in a local hotel to ensure you don't miss your cruise. Airfare booked through Carnival is guaranteed. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, Carnival will work with the airlines on finding you a alternate flights and will ensure you make your cruise, even if they have to fly you to the next port - it's guaranteed. If you are interested in a quote for Carnival's air, please call/text me at 586-405-1098. Otherwise, you may book your own flight arrangements with your favorite airline, but ensure you select the earliest, nonstop flight if you are flying on the day of your cruise. Return flights should be book around 11:00 am or later.

**Travel Documentation:** If you don't have a Passport, you will need your State issued Photo Identification; Original or Certified Birth Certificate; or an Enhanced Driver's License

 **Passports:** Not needed for closed Loop cruises (*meaning ship departs from a USA Port and returns to a USA Port*):

- <https://www.carnival.com/awaywego/cruising-fun/how-to-plan/places-to-cruise-without-a-passport>

 **Enhanced Driver's License:** [Enhanced Driver's License for International Travel \(us-passport-service-guide.com\)](https://www.carnival.com/awaywego/cruising-fun/how-to-plan/places-to-cruise-without-a-passport)

An enhanced driver's license or EDL serves as both a driver's license and an identification card that proves citizenship for certain purposes, and can be used in lieu of a Passport, Birth Certificate (BC) when departing/returning from and to a USA Port, i.e., Miami, FL. An EDL may be used for land or sea travel (but is not sufficient for international air travel) as the identification required to cross international borders between the US with Canada, Mexico, and some Caribbean islands. Although an Original or Raised Sealed BC is not required with an EDL, we recommend you bring a photocopy with you.

- [https://help.carnival.com.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/58/~travel-documentation---passports%3F-legal-guardian%3F](https://help.carnival.com.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/58/~travel-documentation---passports%3F-legal-guardian%3F)
- The application for an Enhanced Driver's License depends on where you live. It is currently only available to residents of the following states:
  - Michigan
  - Minnesota
  - New York
  - Vermont
  - Washington

For travelers in other states seeking similar convenience, consider applying for a [U.S. Passport Card](#).

If you meet the residency requirements, applying for an EDL is nearly identical to applying for a standard driver's license in most participating states.

**Carnival Hub** - Click here to download the [Carnival HUB App](#) on your mobile device - YouTube instructions below:

 <https://youtu.be/1PpYxpYEb38>

 <https://youtu.be/JKXANqYw9gE>

**FACEBOOK GROUPS:** Immediately join a Facebook Group for the date of your cruise. Search Facebook for a group specific to your sailing. For example, Carnival Celebration November 5, 2023. You will find at least one Facebook Group for your cruise. You don't need to do participate but lots of tips are shared within the Group. Here's one of CCC's groups:

✚ [https://www.facebook.com/groups/blackcruisersunite/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/blackcruisersunite/?ref=share_group_link)

**What Documents to Bring:** <https://www.carnival.com/help>

**Theme Nights & Elegant Nights:** Dress up is fun but not required so check out dos/don'ts:

✚ [https://help.carnival.com.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/69/related/1](https://help.carnival.com.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/69/related/1)

**Onboard Activities:** Don't miss Sail Away Party on Day 1, Mega Deck Party & 80s Deck Party - Lido Deck (HUB)

✚ <https://www.carnival.com/onboard.aspx>

**ENTERTAINMENT:** *Game Shows on the Mardi Gras, Celebration, Jubilee:* Do not miss the Love & Marriage; Family Fuel; Deal or No Deal. Carnival bought the *copyrights* so they are the same as the Studio Live Audiences.

**DINING:** On your first day on the Ship, using your Carnival HUB App, check out the Menu for the Main Dining Room (MDR) each night. There are four types of dining options: 1. MDR; 2. Lido Market Place; 3. Specialty Restaurants that are included and 4. Specialty Restaurants that charge. On nights you don't like the Menu, plan to go to one of the Specialty Restaurants. Try all Eateries that are included! PLAN! I've had clients go to the Specialty Restaurant (\$\$) on the night the MDR was serving Lobster and Filet Mignon - planning in advance allows you to maximize the most out of your vacation. Guys Burger; Big Chicken; and Blue Iguana are popular on Lido Deck.

## **MENUS:**

✚ **Main Dining Room (MDR):** <https://profcruiase.com/new-carnival-menus-updated-may-2022/>

✚ **All Dining restaurant options:** [All Dining Options](#) | [Restaurants Onboard](#) | [Carnival Cruise Line](#)

✚ **Special Dietary Needs:** Notify Maitre D' or his/her Assistant for meal planning - they are very helpful.

**SEA DAYS:** DON'T MISS BRUNCH ON SEA DAYS - outstanding menu, such as Steak (Filet) & Eggs (included) as well as the Cucina Del Capitano and ChiBang complimentary dinners and brunch

**Travel Insurance (Optional):** If you did not sign up for Carnival Vacation Protection (CVP Insurance) to protect your vacation, please review the information below. You have up until **15 days** prior to your vacation to add this insurance. Since you have some time to purchase travel insurance, CCC does not add the CVP to your vacation until you have had some time to research to determine if there is a better deal that meets your specific needs. Travel insurance is not required, but available for purchase. The cost to add CVP is in the upper right-hand corner of this document. However, please feel free to research other insurance companies and determine which offers the best plan to suit your specific needs. Some even cover all of your travels for a full year, so depending on how much you travel, research a plan that is best for you and your family:

- ✚ Carnival Vacation Protection (CVP Insurance) <https://www.carnival.com/about-carnival/vacation-protection.aspx>
- ✚ <https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/>
- ✚ <https://www.aardy.com/blog/aarp-travel-insurance/>
- ✚ <https://www.consumersadvocate.org/travel-insurance/a/best-travel-insurance?pd>
- ✚ <https://www.travelinsurance.com/>
- ✚ <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/travel-insurance/best-travel-insurance/> <https://www.travelguard.com/>
- ✚ <https://www.squaremouth.com/>
- ✚ <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/l/pandemic-travel-insurance/>
- ✚ <https://www.travelers.com/personal-insurance/travel-insurance>
- ✚ <https://travel.usnews.com/features/the-best-travel-insurance-companies>

**ONLINE CHECK IN:** The online check in process is mandatory. If you haven't done so already, add your booking to your Carnival.com account.

- ✚ First, get a folder to include your confirmation and add to it as you go along.
- ✚ You should check in for your cruise **14 days** prior to your cruise date. When you have completed your check-in, print your **BOARDING PASSES** and **LUGGAGE TAGS**.
- ✚ Add a plastic envelope or folder, or large plastic baggie with seal to maintain your Vaccination Card.
- ✚ Include a copy of your Driver's License, Passport, if applicable, COVID Negative Test Results, and Birth Certificate. Keep in a safe place.
- ✚ You can check your **luggage** at the Port (with a small tip) or carry your own luggage on. Checked luggage is sometimes delayed to your room, which means you may not have your clothes for dinner on time, but you can wear anything to dinner, especially the first night. You **MAY** carry a "carry-on" with all valuables and any medications, and one bottle of **wine** per person and one 12 pack of soda (12 oz) per person. There is no size requirement for carryon luggage, outside of that it does **HAVE** to be **CARRIED**. Carry a flight friendly backpack to hold your important documents, valuable items, electronics, medications, and 1 bottle of wine.
- ✚ Please do wear comfortable walking shoes for embarkation day. There is a **LOT** of walking on that day!
- ✚ You will be able to access your cabin around 1:30 pm on average.
- ✚ After you board and prior to departure from the pier, there will be a mandatory muster drill to go over emergency procedures on the ship. It takes less than a minute - do this immediately upon boarding. You **MUST** attend this as the ship cannot leave until everyone has gone through this brief, mandatory process.

**[Sail & Sign Onboard Account | Carnival Cruise Line](#)** - This is your onboard "charge card and room key." When you check in 14 days prior to your cruise, you will be asked which credit card you want to use to set up your charging privileges. You cannot use cash on the ship other than to pay off your Sail & Sign

Card if you do not want to leave the charges at the end of the cruise on your card. Your Sail and Sign card is also used in the slot machines and for any casino transactions. Check balances on Carnival's Hub.

Thank you for booking with Christian Cruising Cousins. We appreciate you allowing us to serve you! It costs you \$0 to use our free service. Feel free to contact us anytime. Thank you again, and...

## ENJOY YOUR VACATION!

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