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Carnival Brings the Fun Closer to Home with New Australian Cruises

Carnival Cruise Line has launched its largest range of cruises Down Under, offering Australians more fun closer to home with new four-night cruises to Queensland's action-packed Moreton Island and the Sunshine Coast as well as five-night escapes to Tasmania.

Details of the new cruises are included in Carnival's latest 2016-17 program which features a record 133 cruises, ranging from three-night short breaks at sea to 18-night cruises to Hawaii, as well as the cruise line's ever-popular 8-12 night South Pacific holidays.

Holidaymakers will be spoilt for choice, with Carnival delivering good times year-round on Carnival Spirit and double the fun each summer as Carnival Legend returns to Australian shores for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 extended summer seasons.

Fares start from \$649* per person twin share for a three-night short break, with the new four-night getaways to adventure paradise Moreton Island priced from \$799* per person twin share.

Five-night cruises to Tasmania, visiting beautiful Hobart and haunting Port Arthur, are priced from \$849* per person twin share while fares for eight-night cruises to the sunny South Pacific start from \$1149* per person twin share.

Launching the program, Carnival Cruise Line Vice President Australia Jennifer Vandekreeke said the cruise line was excited to offer more short family-friendly itineraries from Sydney, including seven roundtrip cruises to Moreton Island and two to Mooloolaba on the Sunshine Coast.

"Now we have two ships sailing from Australia and an ever growing number of repeat guests, we're keen to expand our itineraries and offer new ways for holidaymakers to enjoy the fun of a Carnival cruise," Ms Vandekreeke said.

"Whether they're paragliding on Moreton Island or exploring Australia Zoo near the Sunshine Coast, we think guests will love the chance to combine some favourite Australian destinations with a fun few days at sea."

On sale from May 6, the new program also includes more Tasmanian cruises, which have been a big hit with families and couples since Carnival Cruise Line first cruised to the Apple Isle two years ago.

"From the freshest produce to beautiful wildlife and the amazing Museum of Old and New Art, Tasmania offers something for everyone, making for a perfect short break from Sydney," Ms Vandekreeke said.

Other features of the program include six-night Melbourne Cup cruises in November 2016 and 2017, a new 10-night journey around New Zealand's South Island in January 2017 and four cruises between Sydney and Hawaii on Carnival Legend, taking in the stunning islands of the South Pacific and Tahiti on an 18-night journey.

Ms Vandekreeke said Carnival guests would be able to discover even more ways to have fun at sea in 2016 and 2017, with Carnival Spirit undergoing a \$47 million dry dock in August this year which will see the addition of three fabulous new restaurants and five new bars. Plus all the family will appreciate the ship's new Camp Ocean Youth Programs and Seuss at Sea, capturing the magic of Dr Seuss in a range of activities.

For more information visit www.GOCCL.com.au

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About Carnival Cruise Line

Carnival Cruise Line is the largest cruise line in the world with over four and a half million guests travelling every year. The cruise line has two ships based in Australia, Carnival Spirit – the largest and newest cruise ship to be based in Sydney year round – and sister ship Carnival Legend, sailing from Sydney each summer. With 45 activities to enjoy each day, both ships offer fun-loving families and couples memorable and great value holidays.

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