



Carnival Legend receives multi-million-dollar upgrade for Australian debut

Carnival Legend emerges from two weeks of receiving exciting Australian-first renovations and upgrades

Wednesday 5 March 2014, Sydney: Carnival Cruise Lines today announced that Carnival Legend is ready for the Aussie market, with the ship now bearing a range of exciting Southern-hemisphere cruising firsts. A team of more than 2,000 workers completed extensive renovations to the ship in Freeport, Bahamas during February.

Joining sister ship, Carnival Spirit in Australia on 22 September 2014, Carnival Legend will have many of the same Aussie favourites that have made a name for the cruise line in Australia, as well as boasting a number of features and facilities never-before-seen Down Under.

Upgrades include **Red Frog Pub**, a Caribbean-themed watering hole where guests can relax with the Pacific's best beers and rums, play a spirited game of foosball and enjoy live music while soaking up the tropical ambiance.

The brand new **Bonsai Sushi** offers delicious, Asian-inspired delicacies - sushi, sashimi, rolls and more, along with popular beers and cocktails from the region - all enjoyed amidst contemporary, stylish décor.

Kids (and big kids alike) will love **Cherry On Top**, a "candy and more store" with giant pick-and-mix lolly bins, fun gifts and novelties, custom apparel and more.

In addition, Carnival Legend will take on-board entertainment to a whole new level as we debut **Playlist Productions** in Australia. **Playlist Productions** is range of new shows, combining short, punchy live performances with special effects and will offer an entirely new experience for guests.

A huge hit for Carnival Cruise Lines in the US, **Hasbro, The Game Show** will launch in Australia on Carnival Legend. In this completely new concept for the Aussie market, guests will be fully immersed in life-size versions of their favourite childhood games, including *CONNECT 4* and *OPERATION*, with the chance to win prizes.

Carnival Cruise Lines Vice President Australia and New Zealand, Jennifer Vandekreeke, comments:

"Carnival Spirit has been so warmly received by Australians these past 18 months, so we are excited to be welcoming sister ship Carnival Legend as a new holiday option for Australia. We've listened to what Australians love most about Carnival Spirit, and took into account the latest trends in hospitality on shore here in Australia and in the US to design the best upgrades for Carnival Legend.

"The result is a ship filled with delicious dining destinations, thrilling waterslides, vast spaces to chill out with a cocktail in hand, and a myriad of entertainment options. It's a new and different experience in Australian waters."

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Notes to editor

Carnival Legend's dry dock upgrades include:

1. Unique items to the Australian market
 - a. **Entertainment** – More variety with shorter and punchier shows: Playlist Productions, Carnival's onboard entertainment crew, is introducing a range of new shows, combining captivating live performances with special effects, setting a new standard in seagoing productions. Developed by top talent in the entertainment industry, the shows feature multi-talented 'triple threat' performers with a diversity of musical styles.
Legend will also feature the all-new Hasbro Game Show, where guests can watch their favourite childhood games come to life in a fun, interactive game show with real prizes, as well as a new magic show.
 - b. **Red Frog Pub** – A first for the Aussie market, get into an island state of mind before you even set foot on one. RedFrog Pub is our laid-back, no worries, oh-so-lively, Caribbean inspired pub. Dominate at the foosball table, enjoy some sweet tunes from live musicians and sip our tasty beers and rums. So kick back and feel the island vibe come to life. You'll be a local here before you know it.
 - c. **Bonsai Sushi** – The next-generation onboard seafood-and-soy-sauce spot. Bonsai delivers a unique experience — dine amidst expertly-pruned bonsai trees while enjoying festive koi kite celebrations, sit-down service and a menu of delectable catches, as well as soups, sides, sakes and desserts.
 - d. **Cherry On Top** – A cruise is the perfect time to treat yourself to something sweet, and Cherry On Top happens to be the perfect place. You'll find this well-stocked candy-and-more-store not only great for enjoying some of your confectionary favourites, but the best place to pick up gifts for that special someone, even if — admit it — that someone sometimes happens to be you!
 - e. **Dr Seuss at Sea**
 - a. Offering the Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast with the Cat in the Hat and Friends: green eggs and ham, moose juice and goose juice, along with colourful fruit and pancake stacks, funky French toast and more, with traditional breakfast favourites also available. Popular Dr. Seuss characters such as the Cat in the Hat, Thing One and Thing Two, and Sam will be joining guests at their tables for fun interactions and one-of-a-kind photo opportunities.
 - b. A selection of classic Dr. Seuss books, toys and themed activities for children to enjoy. Special showings of beloved movies such as "The Cat in the Hat" and Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".
 - c. Children and families will have the chance to meet and interact with favourite Dr. Seuss characters and participate in special photo opportunities featuring colourful and zany Dr. Seuss-inspired artwork, as well as through events and activities such as the Seuss-a-palooza Character Parade where guests can join Dr. Seuss characters in a swirly conga line along the Promenade.
2. Successful upgrades to Carnival Spirit that were added to Carnival Legend in Dry Dock
 - a. Green Thunder – Carnival Spirit's star attraction, the world's steepest and fastest waterslide at sea. A belly-flipping, heart-jolting thrill ride, guaranteed to exhilarate.
 - b. SplashZone – This kid's haven features the Power Drencher, a massive tipping bucket that fills up with hundreds of litres of water, then tips and soaks all underneath it – watch out!
 - c. Aussie power points
 - d. Aussie pokies
 - e. USD 450 million transformation of the fitness centre

- f. New spa treatment rooms
 - g. New pool area
 - h. New coffee machines
3. Features already on Carnival Legend which are also popular on Carnival Spirit:
- a. Nouveau Restaurant
 - b. Serenity – A popular spot on Carnival Spirit, Serenity is a vast, child-free open-air retreat with 270 degree views of the great big blue, a pool, heated spa, hammocks, plush lounges and cocktail bar for delish daily special drinks. Entry is free of charge for all guests over the age of 18, and is the perfect spot for adults to escape, relax and unwind.
 - c. 16 bars and lounges
 - d. Shannan Ponton dining and fitness offerings
 - i. Exclusive group workouts developed by Shannan Ponton
 - ii. Bespoke menu offerings designed by Shannan Ponton

For more information and bookings, contact Carnival Cruise Lines on 13 31 94, or visit www.carnival.com.au

About Carnival Cruise Lines:

Carnival Cruise Lines is the largest cruise line in the world with over four and a half million guests travelling every year. Carnival Spirit is the largest and newest cruise ship to call Australia home and she will be joined by her sister ship, Carnival Legend in September 2014. With 45 daily activities from Zen to adrenalin to enjoy, Carnival Spirit offers fun-loving couples and families memorable holidays at great value.