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Carnival Cruise Line Bets Big on Melbourne Cup Carnival Cruise

Guests on Carnival Cruise Line's 2016 Melbourne Cup Carnival cruise can be confident they have backed a winner, with the cruise line announcing an itinerary packed full of fun and plenty of racing revelry to get punters ready for the big event.

Departing on October 30, the six-night cruise on Carnival Spirit features three days of racing festivities in Melbourne, including entry to the Emirates Melbourne Cup and – exclusive to cruisers on Carnival Spirit – admission to Crown Oaks Day.

During the cruise from Sydney, guests will be able to enjoy a variety of special themed events, seminars and activities, including a fashion presentation hosted by popular television presenter Erica Davis of Sydney Weekender, in partnership with Australian fashion designer Karen Gee.

Multi-talented Erica has been a regular face on the Seven Network for more than a decade, as well as working as a radio host and guest speaker at various events.

Karen launched her self-titled fashion label in 2013. Specialising in dressing women of all shapes and sizes, her collections have become a hit with women all over the world, including local television personalities such as Samantha Armytage, Melissa Doyle and Lisa Wilkinson.

The cruise will also see the return of well-known race caller John Tapp to the high seas following his successful appearance on last year's Melbourne Cup Carnival cruise. While onboard, John will share his knowledge – and stories – about Australia's premier horse race during an informal session, which will also include tips and expert advice ahead of race day. During his career, John called more than 50,000 races.

Carnival Cruise Line Vice President Australia Jennifer Vandekreeke said the cruise line had upped the stakes for this year's Cup cruise.

"We're excited to welcome Erica and Karen to our Melbourne Cup line-up with John. Both women have both achieved amazing success in their respective fields and we're sure they'll be a huge hit with our guests during our popular fashions at sea presentation".

Fares on the six-night roundtrip Melbourne Cup Carnival cruise, departing Sydney on October 30, 2016 start from \$1899* per person twin share and include general admission tickets into Flemington for the Emirates Melbourne Cup and Crown Oaks Day races, transfers on Cup day (November 1), plus onboard meals, entertainment and activities.

For an additional cost and subject to availability, guests can upgrade their ticket at one or both race days to the Lawn Stand, The Precinct, The Village, The Parade Lounge, Makybe Diva Marquee or The Rose Room with some VIP packages including food and drink. Upgrades start from \$55* for a seat-only ticket to the Reserved Lawn Stand on Crown Oaks Day and \$150* for the same package at the Emirates Melbourne Cup. Cruisers will also be able to enjoy savings of up to \$325 off the standard price for some upgrade experiences.

For more information and bookings call 13 31 94, see a travel agent or visit www.carnival.com.au

*Subject to availability, conditions apply

About Carnival Cruise Line

Carnival Cruise Line is the largest cruise line in the world with more than four and a half million guests travelling every year. The cruise line has two ships deployed 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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