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Carnival Guests the Winners on Melbourne Cup Cruise

Carnival Cruise Line is betting big during this year's Spring Racing Carnival with a winning trifecta combining Halloween, the Melbourne Cup and Oaks Day into an action-packed Carnival Spirit cruise.

Departing on October 30, the fun-filled itinerary features a "Halloween spooktacular" theme night before Cup fever takes over.

During the cruise, punters will be able to hear it straight from the horse's mouth with well-known race caller John Tapp sharing his knowledge about Australia's premier horse race during a Q&A session and a Cup-themed degustation dinner. John has been a mainstay of the Australian racing industry, delivering the results of more than 50,000 races, since calling his first horse race on Sydney's 2GB in 1965.

John said he was looking forward to cruising down to the Melbourne Cup. "Not only will it be a relaxing way to travel, it's also going to be a great opportunity to meet fellow racegoers and share some tips ahead of the big day," he said.

Popular racing personality Richie Callander will also return to Carnival Spirit this year to impart his top tips in the lead up to the big event.

Fashion advice and a fashion parade at sea will ensure guests are ready to put their most stylish foot forward on race day, while other racing themed activities will include sweepstakes and a series of special dining experiences, including a Mad Hatters' afternoon tea and post-Cup recovery brunch.

During an extended four-day call to Melbourne, cruisers will be able to participate in activities such as a Behind the Scenes tour of the Melbourne Cup at Flemington Racecourse, plus Carnival guests will have the opportunity to enjoy the magnificent Ladies Day - Crown Oaks Day with a general admission ticket including complimentary Lawn Stand seat for just \$55* (normally \$95) – an experience not offered by any other cruise line.

Carnival Cruise Line Australia Vice President Jennifer Vandekreeke said guests were in the running for an exciting cruise to Melbourne, with the fun starting early during onboard Halloween celebrations.

"We like to go all out for Halloween so our guests will be in for a frightfully fun lead up to the Melbourne Cup," Ms Vandekreeke said.

Among the spirited offerings will be a ghoulish costume parade, trick or treating and a range of terrifyingly tasty treats including witches brew and RIP chocolate pumpkin pate.

Fares on the eight-night roundtrip Melbourne Cup cruise, departing Sydney on October 30, start from \$1549* per person twin share and include entry into Flemington and transfers, plus onboard meals, entertainment and activities.

For an additional cost, guests can upgrade their ticket at 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.

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

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 from zen to adrenalin to enjoy each day, both ships offer fun-loving families and couples memorable and great value holidays.

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