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Style and Beauty Experts Give Carnival Guests the Inside Running for Melbourne Cup

Carnival Cruise Line has added two of Australia's leading beauty and style experts to an already strong field of onboard talent during this year's Melbourne Cup cruise on Carnival Spirit.

Stylist to the stars Penny Hunt and Beauticate website founder Sigourney Cantelo – both former Beauty Editors at Vogue – will ensure Carnival Spirit's 2600 guests will be ready to put their best foot forward at Flemington for Cup day and Oaks day following a series of onboard beauty and style workshops, including a fashion presentation and the latest looks from high street brands.

Having judged Fashions on the Field at Melbourne Cup, been the Fashion Editor for Men's Style magazine, Fashion and Beauty Editor at Mindfood Magazine and a style consultant for the Seven Network, Penny will be in good stead to oversee Carnival Spirit's fashion parade at sea. Hunt has styled many famed faces including Cate Blanchett and Asher Keddie as well as host of Australia's Next Top Model, Jennifer Hawkins, and Sonia Kruger for Dancing With The Stars. She has appeared as a fashion and beauty expert for Channel Nine's Morning Show and spent over six years glamming up TV's best for the annual Logie awards.

Sigourney's website Beauticate is devoted to the whos and how tos of style and make up featuring some of Australia's most beautiful women such as Jessica Gomes, Samantha Harris, Jessica Hart, Delta Goodrem and Dannii Minogue. Sigourney will be onboard sharing her award-winning flair for beauty education.

With a combined 30 years of beauty and style experience between them, Carnival Cruise Line Australia Vice President Jennifer Vandekreeke said the guest speakers would make sure punters were race ready.

"As our guests cruise south to Melbourne they will be in very stylish and beautiful hands with Penny and Sigourney sharing a lifetime of style tips and beauty wisdom to ensure everyone looks and feels their best on Cup day," Ms Vandekreeke said.

Ms Vandekreeke said the workshops would especially come in handy for the ladies with Carnival now also offering its guests a general admission ticket to Crown Oaks day during the ship's extended four-day call to Melbourne - an experience not offered by any other cruise line.

Departing Sydney on October 30, Carnival Spirit's eight-night Cup cruise features a "Halloween spooktacular" before racing fever takes over. Well-known race caller John Tapp will share his knowledge about Australia's premier horse race during a Q&A session and a Cup-themed degustation dinner while 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. 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. Cruisers will also be able to participate in a Behind the Scenes tour of the Cup at Flemington.

Fares on the eight-night roundtrip Melbourne Cup cruise start from \$1299* per person twin share and include entry into Flemington for the Cup and Oaks day races, transfers on Cup day, plus onboard meals, entertainment and activities.

For an additional cost and subject to availability, guests can upgrade their ticket at both race days to the Lawn Stand, The Precinct, The Village, 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 <u>www.carnival.com.au</u> <u>*subject to availability, conditions apply</u>



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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