

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **More Fun Ahead as Carnival Unveils Cruises from Melbourne and Singapore**

Carnival Cruise Line has released its latest program of cruises Down Under, featuring a new voyage through Asia on the fun-packed Carnival Spirit as well as more sailings from Melbourne on its popular Carnival Legend.

The program offers 35 itineraries between April and December 2018, ranging from three-night short breaks at sea to longer voyages exploring the islands between Hawaii and Sydney, with all cruises delivering Carnival's trademark fun and vibrant holiday experience.

A highlight of the program is a new journey through Asia on the 2600-guest Carnival Spirit following her dry dock in Singapore in May 2018.

Departing Singapore on June 6, 2018, Carnival Spirit's 19-night return voyage to Sydney will give holidaymakers the chance to experience exotic ports in countries including Thailand and Indonesia before visiting Darwin and Port Douglas and making Carnival's inaugural call to Gladstone, on the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef, en route to Sydney. Fares start from \$2449\* per person twin share.

Carnival Spirit's 2018 cruises from Australia will also include an array of 7-12 night escapes to the tropical islands of Vanuatu, Fiji and New Caledonia as well as a range of three-night short cruises and four-night sailings to Queensland's popular Moreton Island. Fares start from \$649\* per person twin share for a three-night weekend sampler cruise departing December 7, 2018.

Carnival Spirit will also be lining up for her fifth Melbourne Cup cruise, setting sail from Sydney on November 4, 2018, with fares priced from \$1069\* per person quad share.

Meanwhile Carnival Spirit's sister ship, Carnival Legend, will return to Australia in October 2018 for her fifth extended summer season of cruising Down Under, which will see her take her legendary Green Thunder slide and fun-filled water park south again for an encore season of cruising from Melbourne.

Already scheduled to sail from Melbourne for an inaugural series of seven cruises in early 2018, Carnival Legend will offer three more cruises from the Victorian capital in November 2018, including a 10-night cruise to New Zealand, a three-night short break and a four-night cruise to Sydney via Hobart. Fares for the 10-night transTasman cruise, departing Melbourne on November 13, 2018, and including visits to Dunedin, Akaroa and Wellington as well as scenic cruising through Fiordland National Park, start from \$1249\* per person twin share.

Carnival Cruise Line Vice President Australia & New Zealand Jennifer Vandekreeke said the cruise line was delighted to be serving up double the fun again for Australians in 2018, with two ships cruising local waters.

"Our new program is packed with options – whether you want to spend a weekend at sea or set sail for a longer journey exploring new countries, Carnival has you covered. And no matter where you cruise, you'll enjoy a holiday filled with plenty of fun and great memories," Ms Vandekreeke said.

Both Carnival Legend and Carnival Spirit feature multiple dining options, 16 bars and lounges, two theatres, three pools, Camp Ocean kids clubs, a fitness centre, the child-free Serenity retreat, plus a waterpark complete with Green Thunder – the steepest and fastest waterslide at sea.

**For more information call 13 31 94, see a travel agent or visit [www.carnival.com.au](http://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.