



NOW CRUISING FROM THE FUN-SHINE STATE CARNIVAL LUMINOSA DEPARTS ON ITS FIRST PASSENGER CRUISE FROM BRISBANE



BRISBANE, NOVEMBER 07, 2022 – Following her arrival in the Sunshine State last week, Brisbane’s own Carnival cruise ship, Carnival Luminosa, officially departed on her first-ever Australian passenger sailing on Sunday.

Celebrating the momentous occasion, visitors to the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal were treated to a “Here Comes The Fun” event, with live music, a magician, free ice cream, and a special visit from Dr. Seuss characters including The Cat in the Hat.

On board Luminosa, the festivities continued with a special presentation from Carnival Cruise Line Executive Vice President and CCO, Ken Tate; Carnival Cruise Line Australia VP, Kara Glamore; and Port of Brisbane CEO, Neil Stephens.

As part of the celebration and to welcome Carnival Luminosa into Australian waters, Neil Stephens presented Carnival with Luminosa’s Citizen-‘Ship’ certificate, the light-hearted moment marking Luminosa as the first ship to become an honorary Australian and acknowledging Carnival’s commitment to fun in Queensland.

“Luminosa is, without a doubt, a multicultural ship with Italian roots and a history of sailing around the globe. But with her abundance of natural light and unique fun offerings, she feels right at home in the Sunshine State. Bringing a Carnival ship to Queensland has been a long-term goal of ours, so this cruise is a very special occasion,” said Ken.

For her inaugural passenger cruise Carnival Luminosa set sail on a seven-night Great Barrier Reef sailing, visiting four Queensland ports including Airlie Beach, Cairns, Port Douglas, and Willis Island.

Among those guests were the Queensland locals and VIPs ([Very Important Fun People](#)), Bruce and Susan Ambrose, who had the important role of cutting the ceremonial ribbon with the Carnival team, officially kicking off the brand’s first Brisbane program.

Officially joining the Carnival Cruise Line fleet this year after transitioning from sister brand, Costa Cruises, Carnival Luminosa offers a range of unique features including a 3-metre tall, one-tonne bronze sculpture *Reclining Woman 2004*; specially commissioned for Luminosa from world-renowned Colombian artist Fernando Botero, a two-deck-high sliding sky dome over the ship's large pool deck, one of the fleet's largest spas spanning across two decks with one of the most expansive thermal areas and a three-storey theatre.

On Carnival Luminosa's departure, Carnival Cruise Line Australia VP Kara Glamore said: "To have Luminosa sailing out of Brisbane is not only a win for us but a big win for Queensland tourism. With 28 sailings from November 2022 to April 2023, Luminosa will support Carnival Australia's anticipated \$165 million contribution to the Queensland economy this year and make it easier than ever for Queenslanders to experience the fun of a Carnival cruise. Our dedication to Queensland is stronger than ever and we can't thank our guests enough all of their love and support whilst for waiting for our arrival."

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Facts about Carnival Luminosa:

- **Capacity:** Over 2,200 guests and 920 crew
- **Length:** 964 feet (294m)
- **Decks:** 12
- **Weight:** 92,720 gross tonnage
- **Beam:** 106 feet (32m)

About Carnival Cruise Line:

Carnival Cruise Line is the World's Most Popular Cruise Line®. Carnival currently has two ships deployed in Australia, Carnival Splendor and Carnival Luminosa. Sailing year-round from her Sydney homeport, Carnival Splendor joined the Carnival fleet in late 2019, returning to Sydney in September 2022 after a pause in operations. The latest addition to the Carnival Cruise Line fleet, Carnival Luminosa, arrived in Australia in late 2022 and is operating seasonally out of Brisbane from November 2022 to April 2023. Designed with fun in mind and featuring over 45 activities to enjoy each day, Carnival offers families and couples fun, memorable holidays at great value.

The health and safety of Carnival's guests is the utmost priority. As such, the actual cruise offerings may vary from the descriptions and images displayed while Carnival assesses the enhancements of its onboard health and safety protocols in light of COVID-19.

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