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What To Pack...

Being comfortable is a top priority during your cruise vacation -- casual wear is the standard daytime attire for most cruises. It's best to bring a variety of footwear choices including low-heeled shoes for walking on deck, sandals for beach excursions and a pair of dress shoes as well.

The Carnival Dream's dress is casual during the day. Shorts and tasteful T-shirts are acceptable even in the dining room. At dinner, dress codes will vary daily, among the following:

Casual: Slacks and sport shirt for men (no jeans); slacks and blouse, sundress or pantsuit for women.

Informal: Jacket with or without tie for men; dress or pantsuit for women.

Formal: Dark suit or tuxedo for men; evening gown or cocktail dress for women.

There will be 2 formal dinners aboard the Carnival Dream's '7-Day Western Caribbean' cruise. The appropriate attire for formal dinners include:

Formal Wear:

Men: Suit or Tuxedo

Women: Cocktail or Evening Dress

(NOTE: You will see everything from Sunday Church dresses to elegant formals - and tails to shirts and ties without a jacket)

Helpful Hint: If you are on a 7 or more day cruise men can wear the same thing for both formal nights, just change the tie. Women can get away with a long black skirt or dressy pants and two different tops (something that sparkles is nice). Try to plan both outfits to use the same shoes.

Dinner Clothes: Plan for an outfit for each night you are on the cruise. You can opt for just shorts at night if you choose to eat on the Lido deck rather than the dining room.

Men should have something with a collar, but it can be pretty casual such as Dockers and a casual shirt. They will have to have a jacket to get into the supper clubs.

Women wear everything from sundresses to slacks and tops. It isn't necessary to get too dressed up, just no beachwear, shorts and tee shirts.

Daytime Clothes: Plan for at least one outfit for each day. Again, try to mix and match. Also there is a coin-operated laundry on board so if needed, you can wash a load or two.

Other Clothing Items:

- A light jacket or sweater if you tend to get chilled at night
- Underclothes for each day
- Socks for formal night for the men and if you plan to wear sneakers or walking shoes on shore excursions
- Pajamas
- Shoes (i.e. walking shoes, sandals (or flip flops) and one pair of dress shoes for the dining room)

Carry-On Items:

- Carnival Cruise Documents
- Driver's license
- Passports/ Birth certificates
- 1 Change of Clothes
- Books
- Tablets/eBooks
- Cell phone
- Hand sanitizer
- Lysol spray or wipes
- Cash
- Credit card
- Champagne/ Wine
- Wine stopper
- Corkscrew
- Bottled Water
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Prescription drugs
 - **Remember** to pack all of your OTC (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, BC's, Zyrtec, etc.) and prescription medication in your carry-on bag!
- Toiletries:
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Mouthwash
 - Dental Floss
 - Shaving Cream
 - After Shave
 - Body Lotion

- Razor
- Hairspray/Oil Sheen
- Curling/Flat Iron
- Deodorant
- Bath powder
- Make-Up
- Hairbrush
- Comb
- Q-Tips
- Cotton Swabs
- Nail File
- Nail Polish
- Nail Polish Remover
- Ear Plugs
- Sunscreen
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Shower cap (or use the one from the hotel the night before the cruise ☺)

Miscellaneous Items

- Walkie-Talkies
- Insect repellent
- Lysol Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Power Strip (only 1 plug in the room)
- Watch
- Jewelry
- Large & Small Ziploc Bags
- Umbrellas/disposable ponchos
- Post-It Notes (great for messages to cabin steward/ or friends doors)
- Business or Preprinted cards with contact information for new friends
- Mask/snorkel/fins (for fit and sanitary reasons)
- Sunhat
- Phone & Tablet Chargers
- Small Night Light
- Binoculars
- Large plastic trash bags for dirty clothes
- Camera
- Battery Charger
- Extra Batteries
- Film or Memory Cards for Cameras
- Tote bags (2)
- Over the door bag to handle all the bathroom supplies
- Sodas/Bottled Water and small (six-pack) cooler. The Cabin Steward will add ice each day.

- Pack a small suitcase inside a larger one and pack inside that...Then you have more room for souvenirs on the way home!

What 'NOT' To Pack...

- Irons (Irons are not permitted on the cruise ship. However, small travel steamers are permitted.)
- Liquor
- Narcotics
- Weapons (knives, guns, etc.)

NOTE: Any items confiscated upon embarkation will be returned at the end of the cruise prior to disembarkation.

Pre-Cruise To-Do List

- Call credit card companies to notify of your trip (they often decline 'out of ordinary charges')
- Stop Newspaper
- Stop Mail
- Notify Neighbors
- Make Kennel Arrangements
- Haircuts
- Manicures/Pedicures
- Hair Appointments
- Call Cellular provider to add International Calling for one month
 - **NOTE:** If AT&T, call and add their 'Cellular At Sea' package for phone calls while at sea
- Banking Tasks:
 - Get \$50 in Ones
 - Roll of Quarters
 - Travelers Checks (ATM charges on board are high; \$5.00/transaction + the fee charged by your bank)
- Get Rx for patches if prone to sea/motion sickness from Doctor
- Make 2 copies of passports, Credit Cards and Driver's License. Leave one at home and store the other separately from the originals (on the ship)

Cruise Lingo

- **Day At Sea** - A Day at Sea is a full day spent sailing between two ports. Most cruises include one or more 'Days at Sea'.
- **Disembarkation** - ...
- **Embarkation** - ...
- **Muster Station** - ...

- Port of Call - ...
- Stateroom - ...
- Tender - ...

The FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Will I need a Passport?

- ✓ All cruises now require proof of citizenship. On some itineraries, a certified copy of your birth certificate and a driver's license or government-issued photo I.D. are sufficient, on others a passport is required. Visas may also be required on the more exotic itineraries. However, while a passport is recommended, a certified copy of your birth certificate is sufficient for the Carnival Dream's 'Western Caribbean' itinerary.

What are Shore Excursions?

- ✓ Shore Excursions are organized activities off the ship, in port, that are typically purchased from the cruise line. Visit the following link to review some of the available Shore Excursions available for the Carnival Dream's 'Western Caribbean' itinerary:
<http://www.carnival.com/Activities>

Which New Orleans cruise terminal are we departing?

- ✓ Erato Street Terminal

How much is parking, per day?

- ✓ Parking is **\$14.00 per day** (rates subject to change by Port Authority).

If driving, how do I get to the Erato Street Cruise Terminal in New Orleans, LA?

- ✓ Directions to New Orleans Cruise Terminal - **Erato Street Terminal**
 - Located on the Gulf Coast in Louisiana, New Orleans lies about five and a half hours east of Houston, TX. It is within a two-hour drive of Mobile, AL, and Baton Rouge, LA, and approximately three hours from Jackson, MS.
 - **Driving Directions and Parking Information to the:**

Port of New Orleans - Erato Street Terminal New Orleans, LA 70130

The Port of New Orleans is 16 miles from New Orleans International Airport.
Parking is **\$14.00 per day** (rates subject to change by Port Authority).

Traveling From I-10, east of New Orleans –

1. Take Business 90 toward the Westbank.
2. Exit at Tchoupitoulas/South Peters exit and continue to Tchoupitoulas Street.
3. Turn right on Tchoupitoulas Street and continue to Henderson Street.
4. Turn left on Henderson Street and go two blocks.
5. Go over the railroad tracks and turn left.
6. Go directly into the Erato Street Parking Entrance.

Traveling From I-10, west of New Orleans –

1. Take Pontchartrain Expressway toward the Westbank
2. Exit at Tchoupitoulas/South Peters exit and continue to Tchoupitoulas Street.
3. Turn right on Tchoupitoulas Street and continue to Henderson Street.
4. Turn left on Henderson Street and go two blocks.
5. Go over the railroad tracks and turn left.
6. Go directly into the Erato Street Parking Entrance.

When I purchase a cruise, what do I get for my money?

- ✓ Your cruise price includes your cabin, all meals, entertainment, parties and, of course, all transportation between all the ports on your itinerary. On most ships, alcoholic beverages and optional shore excursions are not included in the basic price.

What can I do on a cruise ship?

- ✓ Think of a cruise ship as a floating resort. Onboard activities begin at dawn and go into the wee hours of the night. The scenery is constantly changing, and every port is filled with new and exciting opportunities for exploration. The larger cruise ships (like the Carnival Dream) will have the most activities. You may wish to lounge on deck by the pool with a good book, sign up for exercise or cooking classes, swim, play bingo, bridge or gamble in the casino, take in a Broadway-style floor show or a magician's act, enter a talent show or a putting contest, take a dance class, get a massage or attend a lecture.

What are the dining options on the 'Carnival Dream'?

- ✓ There is an enormous selection of entrees (appetizers, salads, soups, sides and desserts, too) every time you sit down. And there's virtually no limit on what or how much you can order. Just because your cruise ship offers plenty of delicious food doesn't mean you'll come home out of shape. You can choose low-calorie, spa or fitness menu selections that are just as tempting as those on the regular menu. Burning calories was never so much fun! Best of all, the one thing you'll never see on a cruise ship menu is a price!

Carnival Cruise Lines has always been a leader at making their guests' dining experience something special. *Total Choice Dining* continues this tradition by offering flexible seating times, increased waitstaff per table, and *Fountain Fun Cards*, which you can purchase to receive unlimited soft drinks. Although you'll always have a reservation at the main dining hall, Carnival also offers a wide variety of alternative restaurants, from informal 24-hour pizzerias, to elegant reservations-only late night supper clubs.

Main Dining Room Policies: Carnival guests are assigned to one of two seatings in the main dining room for their evening meal, early or late. The early and late seating times can vary by ship or itinerary, but are usually at 6:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., respectively. Guests will be confirmed or wait-listed for dining time at time of booking. Carnival also has ***Your Time Dining***, which allows for open seating at dinner in the main dining room any time between 5:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Your Time Dining is available on the Carnival Dream.

Dress Code: With the exception of two formal nights, the dress code is casual. Appropriate casual attire for men is sport slacks, khakis, jeans, dress shorts (long) and collared sport shirts, while women are advised to wear casual dresses, casual skirts or pants and blouses, summer dresses, capri pants, dress shorts, or jeans. Gym shorts, basketball shorts, beach flip-flops, bathing suit attire, cut-off jeans, sleeveless shirts for men and baseball hats are not permitted on casual nights. On formal evenings, men should wear dress slacks and a dress shirt. A sport coat is suggested. Suits, ties and tuxedos are optional. Ladies should wear a cocktail dress, pantsuit or an elegant skirt and blouse. Evening gowns are optional. Shorts, t-shirts, beach flip-flops, bathing suit attire, jeans, sleeveless shirts for men, sportswear and baseball hats not permitted on formal nights.

Beverage Policy: All beverages except lemonade, tea, coffee and water are at an additional cost. Juice (Apple, Orange, Grapefruit) is included with breakfast. Soft drink cards, good for unlimited soft drinks, are available for purchase onboard.

Special Requests: Special meals including low-calorie, low-fat, low-carbohydrate, low-sugar, vegetarian, low sodium, low/no cholesterol, gluten free and Indian vegetarian can be requested. Kosher meals are available on all ships and itineraries for lunch and dinner only. Kosher meals are available in limited quantities, so it's recommended to request these as soon as possible, and no later than 2 weeks prior to sailing.

Carnival Dream Dining Info

Note: Open seating at dinner (Your Time Dining) is available in one dining room on each sailing. Guests who choose Your Time Dining may dine anytime between 5:45 pm and 9:30 pm in the main dining room.

The Crimson (Main Dining Room)

Cuisine: Continental

Dress Code: Two formal nights; others resort casual attire. Shorts and swimwear not permitted.

Surcharge: No

Reservations Required: Yes

Hours

Breakfast: 7:30 am – 9:30 am on days in port / open seating brunch from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

on days at sea

Dinner: Assigned Dining: **Early** – 6:00 pm, **Late** – 8:15 pm

Scarlett (Main Dining Room)

Cuisine: Continental

Dress Code: Two formal nights; others resort casual attire. Shorts and swimwear not permitted.

Surcharge: No

Reservations Required: Yes

Hours

Dinner: **Early** – 6:00 pm, **Late** – 8:15 pm

The Gathering

Cuisine: Buffet, Asian, Grill, Salads, Pasta, Chicken

Dress Code: Casual

Surcharge: No

Reservations Required: No

Hours

Breakfast: 7:00 am - 10:30 am

Lunch: noon - 2:30 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

The Chef's Art Steakhouse

Cuisine: Steakhouse

Dress Code: Formal

Surcharge: Yes, \$35 per person

Reservations Required: Yes

Hours

Dinner Only: 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Mongolian Wok

Cuisine: Asian

Dress Code: Casual

Surcharge: No

Reservations Required: No

Hours

Check onboard for hours

Plaza Cafe

Cuisine: Pastries, sundaes, coffee

Dress Code: Casual

Surcharge: No

Reservations Required: No

Hours

Check onboard

Chef's Table

Cuisine: Continental

Dress Code: Smart casual

Surcharge: Yes, \$75 per person

Reservations Required: Yes

Hours

Dinner only: Ask onboard for specific times.

The Taste Bar

Cuisine: Appetizers

Dress Code: Casual

Surcharge: No

Reservations Required: No

Hours

Ask on board for hours

RedFrob Pub

Cuisine: Caribbean

Dress Code: Casual

Surcharge: Nominal fee of \$3.33 for snacks (a la carte)

Reservations Required: No

Hours

Ask on board for hours

NOTICE: In addition to the restaurants mentioned above, the Carnival Dream also features continental breakfast available by room service every morning until 10:00 am, full breakfast and lunch served on deck, including salad bar and sushi in the late afternoon, a 24-hour Pizzeria and healthful, low-fat Nautica Spa® menu available in the dining rooms.

All dining rooms onboard Carnival ships are smoke-free.

How much and who on your cruise should be tipped? When and how should tips be given?

- ✓ See the 'Tips on Tipping' chart below for customary standards for tipping. Carnival Cruise Lines; however, will automatically add a 15% gratuity to your bar or beverage bill. Also, tips for special services such as salon & spa treatments and room service are left to the discretion of the guest, depending on services rendered.

Individual ship profiles found under the "Cruise Ships" heading above will provide precise guidelines for tipping on any ship. Guidelines will be repeated onboard, probably by your ship's cruise director. Gratuities are placed in envelopes from your cabin's stationery supply. Tips are collected at the end of the cruise, unless they are pre-paid with the cost of your cruise, which is recommended.

In order to make tipping as convenient as possible, if cruisers do not pre-pay their gratuities, Carnival Cruise Lines will charge gratuities to your account automatically. If you feel this amount needs to be adjusted, whether increased or decreased, arrangements can be made onboard the ship, generally at the end of your cruise.

Tips on Tipping

Cabin steward

\$3.50 to \$4.00 per person per day

Waiter

\$3.50 to \$4.00 per person per day

Assistant waiter

\$1.50 to \$2.00 per person per day

Bartender, wine and deck stewards

10-15% of the bill

Maitre d'

\$5.00 to \$10.00 tip for each special service

Is gambling allowed aboard the 'Carnival Dream'? If so, are there any age restrictions?

- ✓ Gambling, a popular form of entertainment on cruise ships, also has age restrictions that differ between cruise lines. Carnival Cruise Lines require passengers to be 18 or older to play in the shipboard casinos.

What, if any, are the age restrictions for the 'Carnival Dream'?

- ✓ Carnival Cruise Lines require that all passengers in a cabin are 21 or older or that at least one person in the cabin is 25 or older.

An exception may be made for underage married couples, as long as they are both 18. These couples may be asked to show proof of their marriage. Carnival also makes exceptions for qualified U.S. Military personnel who are at least 18 years of age. Proof of military eligibility will be needed when booking, as well as the appropriate verification documents at embarkation.

Families with Children - Most cruise lines welcome children to travel on their ships, though infants and pregnant women are subject to some restrictions. Families booking more than one cabin may be subject to minimum age requirements for kids staying in a separate, but adjoining cabin or stateroom.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Your age on the date of sailing is generally considered **your age for the length of the cruise.**

What, if any, are the age restrictions for the consumption of alcohol on the 'Carnival Dream'?

- ✓ Once you've left port, the minimum age for the consumption of alcohol Carnival Cruise Lines, require their passengers to be at least 21 to consume any type of alcohol.

For More Information...

Feel free to contact your 'friendly' Travel Agent/Bride or Groom with any questions:

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Wedding Invitation: <http://1drv.ms/1Id2QYB>