

**CARNIVAL FANTASY- BULLETIN # 1
JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 2012
EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION INFORMATION**

The following is provided as information for cruise passengers traveling on the **CARNIVAL FANTASY – January 1, to December 31, 2012 - Charleston, South Carolina**
Source: South Carolina State Ports Authority – Cruise Development Division - Charleston, SC

EMBARKATIONS – January 1, to December 31, 2012 – 12:00 Noon START

All cruise passengers and vehicles should go to Union Pier Terminal to begin the embarkation process. The Passenger Terminal is part of Union Pier. Detailed driving directions are posted on the Port Website – www.port-of-charleston.com

Gate 2 – Intersection of Concord and Laurens Streets -Charleston, South Carolina – is the general entry point for passengers in personal vehicles. This is the entry gate for individuals driving their own vehicles and planning to leave them in storage at the Port or passengers being dropped off by family or friends.

Union Pier Main Gate – 32 Washington Street – is the designated entry point for transport companies ONLY. It is entry point for taxis, hotel limo/vans, airport services, charter bus groups.

Permanent highway signs are posted along the travel route to help direct passengers to Union Pier and the cruise ship facilities. Some signs are the standard green highway signs posted along major route and exit ramps. Others are smaller sized brown signs with the international cruise ship symbol and arrows showing the direction to travel in the downtown area to the cruise terminal. See link.

DOCUMENTATION AND IDENTIFICATION:

Please keep cruise tickets, photo identification & proof of citizenship with you. The ticket, photo ID, proof of citizenship for each cruise passenger will be needed for entry to all support areas, shuttles, and for check-in at the Passenger Terminal. Passengers will need access to the tickets, photo identification, and citizenship proof several times during the process.

The "**Pier Pickup**" location for passengers receiving their tickets in Charleston **will be at a designated location at the Cruise Ship Terminal.**

CHECK IN BEGINS:

Vehicles and luggage will be accepted at the Union Pier Terminal starting at 12:00 noon, and continue to 3:00 p.m. – for the CARNIVAL FANTASY – January 1, through December 31, 2012.

All passengers and luggage must go to the Union Pier collection site first. Due to Port and U.S. Coast Guard security regulations, **no check-through luggage will be accepted at the Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal.**

VEHICLE STORAGE – PARKING DURING CRUISE:

Uniformed Port Police Officers will be along the travel route to the vehicle storage/parking areas and the Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal. They will direct you to the appropriate lane, depending on your needs.

Vehicle storage/parking is available at Union Pier Terminal. The fee for standard size vehicles (up to 20-ft length) is \$15.00 per day. For example, a 5-day fee would be \$75.00 per vehicle. For vehicles over 20-ft. length (campers, buses), the parking fee is \$35.00 per day. (All fees are subject to change, without notice.)

Vehicles displaying valid handicap permit/license plate and valid ID are provided complimentary vehicle storage/parking (no fee). The person assigned the handicap permit must be traveling in the vehicle.

Special assistance is provided for special needs passengers and wheelchair accessible shuttles are available to transport passengers between the parking areas and the cruise ship terminal.

Complimentary shuttle service is provided for all passengers between the parking areas and the Passenger Terminal. **Passengers must show cruise line documents and photo ID to board the shuttle buses.**

Credit cards, cash, traveler's check, or personal check (payable to SCSPA) will be accepted as payment. Checks written on non-U.S. banks and financial institutions are not accepted.

Payment is due when vehicle is left in storage.

A two part color-coded storage ticket will be issued for the vehicle. **Please keep the smaller part of the storage tag portion with you. It will be useful for identifying the location of your vehicle on return to port.**

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LUGGAGE:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CRUISE TICKET, PHOTO ID, AND PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTS WITH YOU – NOT IN YOUR CHECK THROUGH LUGGAGE.

Only carry-on luggage will be allowed on the shuttle buses. Carry-on luggage should be no larger than 22" x 14" x 9" (approximately). The luggage size limits are the same as for airline travel.

Any luggage larger than the dimensions noted for carry-on luggage, is considered to be check-through luggage and must be left at the Union Pier luggage collection site.

All luggage should be tagged with the official CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE tag provided in the ticket package. The passenger's name and cabin number should be shown on the tag. Additional tags will be available at the luggage collection site and Pier Pickup site.

Luggage handling assistance will be provided at the luggage collection site.

All luggage will be screened. See attached list of prohibited items. Please review the material in the Carnival Cruise Line ticket package for any other information related to prohibited items and cruise line policy.

If officials need to open a passenger's checked-through luggage, the passenger will be paged on board the ship. The passenger should be aware of that possibility and answer any page. If a page is not answered and the appropriate inspection is not completed, the luggage will not be put on board the ship.

Smaller carry-on luggage will be screened at the Passenger Terminal Building.

Early arrivals from the airport can drop off luggage only at Gate 2 – Intersection of Concord and Laurens Streets – between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on cruise days. Passengers with early arrival flights cannot stay in the area, but can return to the Port at 12:00 NOON, when check-in staff is available.

The Market Street area is just a short walk from the Passenger Terminal. There are a variety of shops to explore and restaurants to visit and enjoy while early arrivals wait for check-in to begin.

Airport transportation (cabs and other shuttles) arriving before regular check process begins should bring the airline passengers to Gate 2 - to drop off luggage only.

-- THE LUGGAGE PROCESS BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON AT UNION PIER FOR ALL CARNIVAL FANTASY PASSENGERS.

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- UNIFORMED PORT POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

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PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- HAM Radio transmitting equipment
- Firearms, including non-firing weapons, starter pistols, imitation/replica/toy weapons
- Ammunition, including bullets, shot or missile that can be fired using a propellant
- Imitation or replica weapons, including de-commissioned weapons or those not capable of being fired that are obviously not toys
- Explosives or explosive component parts such as detonators
- Fireworks or pyrotechnics
- Taser or electronic stun guns, pepper or mace sprays
- Telescopic or regular batons
- Martial arts equipment (such as flails, throwing stars, belt buckle knives)
- Handcuffs, brass knuckles
- Compressed gas bottles and cylinders
(Medical gas bottles are allowed in connection with a certified medical condition. These items cannot be packed in luggage. Oxygen cylinders must be delivered to the purser's office and stored in a designated safe area.)
- Diver spear guns and slings
- Knives with blades longer than 4 inches - or - knives with serrated edges
- Scissors with blades longer than 4 inches
- Volatile and highly flammable liquids, such as cigarette lighter fluid
- Candles and incense, hookahs,
- Hand tools, power tools
- Coffee makers, clothes irons, hot plates, steamers, heating pads
- Baseball bats, hockey sticks, cricket bats, bows & arrows, skateboards, surfboards, boats, canoes, Segways, footwear with wheels (ie, Heely's), bicycles
- Any other item made, adapted, or intended for use as a weapon

Additional notes re cameras and recording equipment:

- All cameras and recording equipment are subject to x-ray screening.
- X-ray screening does not harm film.
- If the owner refuses to allow x-ray screening of the equipment, the cameras and recording equipment will be subject to manual inspection.
- Manual inspection includes opening the unit and film chamber.
- Carnival Cruise Line and the Port Authority are **not** responsible for film damage caused by manual inspection

Other prohibited items – beverages:

- Hard liquor, champagne, wine and beer items are not allowed in passengers' luggage.
- No opened beverages of any kind are permitted in carry on luggage or checked luggage..
- Coolers can be no larger than 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch (sized for 6-12 cans/non-alcoholic)
- No more than 12-bottles/cans of non-alcoholic beverages per guest are permitted

Please review the material in the Carnival Cruise Line ticket package for any other information related to prohibited items and cruise line policy. The list of prohibited items is subject to change dependent upon the Security Alert Level.

On Return

DEBARKATION – JANUARY 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 2012

Shuttle buses will take cruise passengers **and** luggage back to the vehicle storage areas on the return date to port. Shuttle buses will travel to specific staging areas.

Individuals picking up returning passengers should meet them at the parking lots in front of the Passenger Terminal, 196 Concord Street. There is a section reserved for private vehicles.

Follow same general travel route directions as those for embarkation, but continue past the Union Pier Main Gate. Follow the street as it curves around to 196 Concord Street for debarkation parking and pickup areas.

Cabs and hotel/motel shuttle vans should REPORT TO the designated taxi staging area – located on Pritchard Street on the side of Port warehouses – Lot G/H . From that location transportation will be cued up and directed to Lot A for passenger loading. Transportation drivers should remain in their vehicles while in all staging areas at the cruise terminal and warehouse locations.

Group charter buses should identify themselves to a Port Police Officer on arrival. Charter buses will be staged in a location designated for tour buses, and moved forward at the appropriate time during debarkation activities.

All luggage must be off-loaded from the ship and cleared by U.S. Customs prior to passengers disembarking. It is estimated the first group of general category passengers will begin debarkation sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. in the mornings – JANUARY through DECEMBER 2012.

Passengers choosing the “self-assist” option may start debarkation earlier at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Debarkation times are estimates and depend on the vessel arriving on time and the completion of the U.S. Customs clearance activities.

Note: This bulletin is specific only to the JANUARY 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, sailings of the CARNIVAL FANTASY.

Thank you.

Please also review the material in the Carnival Cruise Line ticket package for any other information related to embarkation and debarkation activities and cruise line policy.

The Carnival Cruise Line website also has additional information that is useful for planning your cruise. The website is www.carnivalcruises.com