

**CARNIVAL ECSTASY – ONLY - BULLETIN # 8
JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2016
EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION INFORMATION**

The following is provided as information for cruise passengers traveling on the
CARNIVAL ECSTASY – June to December 31, 2016 - Charleston, South Carolina
Source: South Carolina State Ports Authority – Cruise Development Division - Charleston, SC

EMBARKATIONS – CARNIVAL ECSTASY – ONLY
July to December 31, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. 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 parked 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 the entry point for taxis, hotel limo/vans, airport services, and 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 routes and exit ramps. Others are smaller sized brown and white 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 and easily accessible. The ticket (boarding pass), 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 to show tickets, photo identification, and proof of citizenship 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. You will first enter the property via Gate 2, as noted above.

CHECK IN BEGINS:

Vehicles and luggage will be accepted at the Union Pier Terminal starting at 11:30 a.m., and continue to 3:00 p.m. – for CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE– July through December 2016.

All passengers and luggage must go to the Union Pier luggage collection site before check in. Due to Port and U.S. Coast Guard security regulations, **NO large-sized check-through style luggage will be accepted at the Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal building.**

Please review list of prohibited items posted in the bulletin. Do not bring those items on the cruise.

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VEHICLE PARKING - DURING CRUISE:

Uniformed Port Police Officers will be along the travel route to the vehicle parking areas and the Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal. They will direct you to the appropriate lane, based on the situation.

Vehicle parking is available on Port property at Union Pier Terminal for cruise passengers' vehicles. (All fees are subject to change, without notice.)

The fee for standard size / one space vehicles (up to 20-ft length) is \$17.00 per day. For example, a 5-day total would be \$85.00 per vehicle, a 6-day fee would be \$102.00 and a 7-day fee would be \$119.00. There is no fee for your return morning/debarkation day.

For vehicles over 20-ft. length (campers, buses), the parking fee is \$50.00 per day (effective 01/01/2016).

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

Special assistance is provided for special needs passengers. Wheelchair accessible shuttles are available to transport passengers between the Port parking areas and the cruise ship terminal. Assistance is also available at the Port drop off areas for guests not parking their vehicles.

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

Credit cards, debit cards, personal checks, travelers' checks, money orders will be the accepted forms of payment for cruise parking.

Cash is not longer accepted as payment for cruise parking.

Payment is due when vehicle is left in parking area on departure day of the cruise.

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

LUGGAGE:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CRUISE TICKET (BOARDING PASS), 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.

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If larger, oversized luggage is brought over to the Passenger Terminal Building, the cruise guest will be asked to take it back to the luggage collection tent site. Only smaller carry-on luggage will be screened at the Passenger Terminal Building.

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. The list of prohibited items is subject to change depending on the Security Alert Level. There have been recent changes; including bottled beverages are no longer permitted.

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.

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 or hotel check-out cannot stay in the area, but can return to the Port at 11:30 a.m. or later, when the 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 CHECK IN PROCESS BEGINS AT 11:30 AM. AT UNION PIER FOR ALL CARNIVAL ECSTASY PASSENGERS – JULY TO DECEMBER 2016 SAILINGS -

- PLEASE SEE OTHER BULLETINS FOR CARNIVAL SUNSHINE DATES**
- UNIFORMED PORT POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Satellite Communicators, Satphones, EPIRB-Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beam
- 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
- Any item made, intended or adapted to be used as a weapon.
- 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, etc.)
- Handcuffs, brass knuckles

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- 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.)
- Dive tank, dive spear guns and slings
- Knives with blades longer than 4 inches and 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, household tools
- Lasers
- Coffee makers, clothes irons, clothes steamers, hot plates, steamers, toasters, household appliances.
- Heating pads
- Baseball bats, hockey sticks, cricket bats, bows & arrows, skateboards, surfboards, Boogie boards (over 42 inches), boats, canoes, bicycles, inflatable kiddie pools, footwear with wheels (i.e., Heely's), hover boards, Segways, scooters (unless used for medical mobility)
- Any other item made, adapted, or intended for use as a weapon
- Medical marijuana
- KAVA
- Drone cameras, drone style flying toys or other flying equipment, any radio-controlled flying toys.
- Beverages in bottles used for water, soft drinks, juices, etc. (Canned beverages accepted.)
See section with new policies regarding non-alcoholic beverages and containers.

Additional notes re cameras and recording equipment:

- All cameras and recording equipment are subject to x-ray screening.
- 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 or beer items are not allowed in passengers' checked luggage.
- No opened beverages of any kind are permitted in checked luggage.
- No opened beverages of any kind are permitted in carry-on luggage.
- No opened beverages or open containers with liquids allowed on entry to building/check-in
- Coolers can be no larger than 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch (sized for 6-12 cans/non-alcoholic)
- **No bottled beverages – no plastic or glass bottles. Cans only.**
- Water and non-alcoholic beverages in cans and cartons over the allowable 12 cans in cartons – 12 oz. or less per unit- per guest will be confiscated and destroyed.
- No more than 12 cans of non-alcoholic beverages per guest are permitted.
- Only 1 bottle of wine or champagne (750 ml. max.) per adult guest in carry-on luggage only.
- All alcohol found in found in carry-on luggage will be confiscated and destroyed.
- All liquids - water and any non-alcoholic beverages - contained in bottles are prohibited and will be confiscated and destroyed.

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- No beverages will be tagged and turned over to the ship staff.

Carry-On Luggage guidelines:

Non-alcoholic:

- **Bottled non-alcoholic beverages - not permitted. No plastic or glass bottles. Cans only.**
- Guests have the option to take bottled beverages to their vehicles.
- If not taken back to vehicles, the bottles will be confiscated and destroyed.
- Each guest is allowed 12 cans in cartons – 12 oz. or less per can.
- Exception: Guests with CPAP machines (breathing units) are permitted to bring on **distilled water for the units. Distilled water only will be allowed – no limit. CPAP unit must be with the guest in carry on luggage items.**
- Exception: Mothers with infants are permitted to bring nursery water only – no limit.

Alcoholic:

- Wine or Champagne – Guests 21 years old or older only – are allowed one bottle of sealed wine or champagne (750 ml. size – maximum size) per guest at embarkation.
- Wine of champagne over the allowable 750 ml. maximum size will be confiscated and destroyed.
- The guest has the option to return the wine or champagne item to their car.
- All beer or hard-liquor will be confiscated and destroyed.
- The guest has the option of returning the beer or hard-liquor to their car.
- Exception: Gluten-free beer can be hand-carried onboard by guests – provided a Doctor’s note is presented.
- For Gluten-free beer, without a Doctor’s note will be confiscated and destroyed.
- The guest has the option of returning the gluten-free beer to their car.

Other prohibited items – beverages:

Checked through Luggage guidelines:

Non-alcoholic:

- No liquid beverages should be placed in check-through luggage.
- Any luggage containing beverages will be tagged and detained for inspection.

Alcoholic:

- Any luggage appearing to have alcohol or items commonly used to smuggle alcohol will be tagged and detained for inspection.

General

- Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) in coolers, cases, etc., will not be accepted at the check-through location.

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

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DEBARKATION– CARNIVAL ECSTASY- ONLY- JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2016

Shuttle buses will take cruise passengers and luggage back to the Port’s cruise parking 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. Group charter buses will be moved forward when their individual groups have disembarked; all members of the group are gathered and ready to leave the area.)

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 – JUNE through DECEMBER 2016.

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 to the JULY through DECEMBER 31, 2016,
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**PLEASE SEE SEPARATE GUIDELINES FOR CARNIVAL SUNSHINE
EMBARKATION DATES**

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. Telephone: 1-800-764-7419.

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