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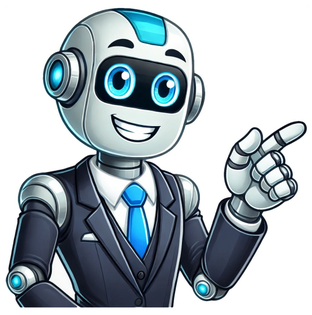

2022-built ship / Age: 3 years / Flag state: Bahamas / Builder: Meyer Werft (Turku, Finland) / Class: CCL EXCEL (XL)Building cost: EUR 700 million (USD 950 million) / Engines (power): MAK-Caterpillar (57.2 MW / 76,706 hp) / Propulsion power: 37 MW / 49,618 hpSpeed: 23 kn / 43 km/h / 26 mph / Length (LOA): 344 m / 1129 ft / Beam (width): 42 m / 138 ft / Gross Tonnage: 183,900 gtPassengers: 5,374 - 6,338 / Crew: 1,735 / Passengers-to-space ratio: 29Decks: 18 / Cabins: 2641 / Decks with cabins: 11Sister-ships: Carnival (Mardi Gras, Jubilee, Festivale, Tropicale), AIDA (nova, cosma), P&O (Iona, Arvia), Costa (Smeralda, Toscana)Christened by: Cassidy Gifford / Owner: Carnival Corporation & PLC / Operator: Carnival Cruise LineItinerary:Departure Port - Price from:2025 Apr 27 - 7 days, round-trip Eastern Caribbean Miami - $10422025 May 04 - 7 days, round-trip Eastern Caribbean Miami - $9692025 May 11 - 6 days, round-trip Eastern Caribbean Miami - $1004...and so on until...2025 Dec 28 - 7 days, round-trip Eastern Caribbean Miami - $1404$73420 Feb 08 7 days, round-trip$75920 Feb 15 7 days, round-trip$75920 Feb 22 7 days, round-trip$72420 Mar 01 7 days, round-trip$76420 Mar 08 7 days, round-trip$80920 Mar 15 7 days, round-trip$82920 Mar 22 7 days, round-trip$83420 Mar 29 7 days, round-trip$90920 Apr 05 7 days, round-trip$87420 Apr 12 7 days, round-trip$75920 Apr 19 7 days, round-trip$78920 Apr 26 7 days, round-trip$78420 May 03 7 days, round-trip$81420 May 10 7 days, round-trip$88420 May 17 7 days, round-trip$92420 May 24 7 days, round-trip$10042 Jun 31 7 days, round-trip$10742 Jul 07 7 days, round-trip$11292 Jul 14 7 days, round-trip$11642 Jun 21 7 days, round-trip$11792 Jun 28 7 days, round-trip$12142 Jul 05 7 days, round-trip$11892 Jul 12 7 days, round-trip$11642 Jul 19 7 days, round-trip$11792 Jul 26 7 days, round-trip$11792 Aug 02 7 days, round-trip$11442 Aug 09 7 days, round-trip$9992 Aug 16 7 days, round-trip$8842 Aug 23 7 days, round-trip$8392 Aug 30 7 days, round-trip$8392 Sep 06 7 days, round-trip$7542 Sep 13 7 days, round-trip$7542 Sep 20 7 days, round-trip$7942 Sep 27 7 days, round-trip$7592 Oct 04 7 days, round-trip$7542 Oct 11 7 days, round-trip$7942 Oct 18 7 days, round-trip$7642 Oct 25 7 days, round-trip$7942 Nov 01 7 days, round-trip$7542 Nov 08 7 days, round-trip$7592 Nov 15 7 days, round-trip$7942 Nov 22 7 days, round-trip$8642 Nov 29 7 days, round-trip$7542 Dec 06 7 days, round-trip$7942 Dec 13 7 days, round-trip$7892 Dec 20 7 days, round-trip$12542 Jan 27 7 days, round-trip$12342 Jan 03 7 days, round-trip$7542 Jan 10 7 days, round-trip$7842 Jan 17 7 days, round-trip$7492 Jan 24 7 days, round-tripThe Carnival Celebration cruise ship was launched in 2022 and is part of the XL-Class series built by Meyer Werft. This vessel, along with its sisterships, boasts an innovative design and cutting-edge technology. Its notable features include a second-at-sea roller coaster called "BOLT Ultimate Sea Coaster" designed by Maurer Rides, which allows passengers to reach speeds of up to 64 kph (40 mph) while enjoying breathtaking top-deck views.The ship has 6 themed zones or neighborhoods: Celebration Central, The Gateway, Lido-Pool, 820 Biscayne, Summer Landing, and The Ultimate Playground. Its staterooms are categorized into 22 different types, including 2-deck apartments. The Carnival Celebration offers a range of amenities and activities for its passengers, making it an attractive option for those looking for a unique cruising experience.The vessel is currently registered in Nassau, Bahamas, but was previously Panama-flagged before arriving in the USA. It measures 1130 ft (344 m) in length and has a passenger capacity of 5200. The Carnival Celebration is part of the XL-Class series, which includes other ships like Carnival Mardi Gras, Carnival Jubilee, and P&O Arvia.The ship's design features a distinctive red-white-navy blue hull, created by the NYC-based firm Bluarch Architecture. It also boasts advanced maritime technologies and innovations, making it one of the largest passenger ships in the world. The Carnival Celebration is an exciting addition to the CCL fleet, offering passengers an unparalleled cruising experience.The Celebration ship boasts an impressive array of cabins, featuring 180+ suites across 11 categories. Among these, 80 wheelchair-accessible cabins cater to disabled passengers' needs. Cabin bathrooms come equipped with glass-door showers and in-shower shaving bars for added convenience.Carnival Celebration boasts an extensive sundeck area featuring two Jacuzzies, spa pools, and an infinity pool. This space also includes a stage for live music performances and a sports bar with multiple TV screens for indoor and outdoor viewing. Additionally, there's a hang-out area with trivia games, dance classes, and arts and crafts.The ship's "Heroes Tribute" lounge is a partnership between Carnival and Operation Homefront, offering comfortable seating and large TVs for live sporting events. Passengers can enjoy complimentary Pool Deck eateries like Seafood Shack, BlueIguana Cantina, and Guy's Burger Joint at the Lido area on Decks 16-17.The Ultimate Playground is an expansive outdoor playground area with Carnival WaterWorks and SportSquare facilities. This zone also features the "BOLT - Ultimate Sea Coaster" and a variety of family-friendly activities. Carnival Celebration includes CCL's signature facilities such as Serenity, Alchemy Bar, and Fahrenheit 555 Steakhouse.The Gateway Zone/Promenade is a two-deck area featuring design inspired by land-based terminals and transport stations. This zone offers numerous dining, shopping, and entertainment options, including fleet-firsts. It also boasts an indoor Promenade with virtual windows and an ultra-modern sound system and lighting system.The Gateway has a large digital map showing the current location of all CCL ships in real-time. Latitudes Bar is located midship on Deck 6 and features travel-themed chairs and menus, as well as live entertainment and private parties. Emerils Bistro 1397 by chef Emeril Lagasse, The Golden Jubilee, Carnivale Restaurant, Carnival Kitchen, Conference Room, Limelight Lounge, Alchemy Bar, Fahrenheit 555 Steakhouse, and Dreams Studio are also part of this zone.Festivale Restaurant is a main dining room located aft-positioned on both Decks 6-7. Celebration Central Atrium is an expanded entertainment complex combining a day-to-night entertainment area with a bar lounge overlooking the ship's starboard side. This atrium features live performances and serves as a hub for passengers to socialize and enjoy various activities.On Carnival Celebration's ship, the Aquaria Bar serves as part of the Casino Lounge, featuring stunning glass murals by Luciano Vistosi from the Carnival Victory. Dining options are easily accessible on deck 8, where you'll find Bonsai Sushi and Bonsai Teppanyaki restaurants.Grand Central boasts massive 3000-ft2 glass panels that provide an unobstructed view as passengers relax in comfortable seating. During the day, Celebration Central Atrium offers a tranquil space for enjoying light food, live music, or participating in activities like trivia contests and leisurely pursuits. At night, it transforms into an intimate venue with live performances, including stand-up comedy acts, dancing, acrobatics, and quality media.The ship's dining options include main dining rooms featuring select items from the onboard steakhouse for an additional fee. Complimentary Lido Buffet Restaurant is also available, while Seafood Shack offers a New England-inspired casual eatery with both indoor and outdoor seating. Menu items range from steamed lobster to fried shrimp and crab cakes.Bonsai Teppanyaki, located within Bonsai Sushi, is a Japanese specialty restaurant offering authentic Far East dishes and live cooking shows at custom-built stations. Reservations are required due to limited seating. Each meal starts with a sampling of 5 appetizers and ends with specialty desserts like "Chocolate Bento Box" and "Green Tea Ice Cream".For a unique dining experience, Chef's Table offers a multicourse dinner with the ship's Master Chef, private cocktail reception, and galley/kitchen tour. This VIP option usually takes place in a non-traditional venue and can be booked onboard for $75 per person.Celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse's specialty restaurant on The Gateway/ Deck 6 portside serves New Orleans cuisine with spicy creole specialties, including muffuletta sandwiches, oyster, and cochon de lait.Po-boys, gumbo, jambalaya, side dishes like Creole potato salad with diced scallions and red beans. For breakfast, Shrimp & Grits and Shrimp Creole Omelet are offered. A-la-carte menu appetizers cost US$2 each, entrees are priced at US$12.New venues, including RedFrog Tiki Bar and The Watering Hole, offer themed zones with drinking and dining options. RedFrog Tiki Bar has a 2-level design, island-inspired decoration and offers refreshing cocktails in souvenir glasses.Street Eats is an open-air complimentary eatery offering ready-to-eat street food via 3 themed kiosks. Bar 820 has indoor-outdoor seating, vintage design, serving Cuban coffee and brand coffees.Big Chicken by Shaq, a restaurant developed by Shaquille O'Neal, offers many menu items. Rudi's Seagrill is another specialty restaurant with seafood options, including Bigeye Tuna and Lemon-Stuffed Grilled Branzino.Lido zone houses Guy's Burger Joint, BlueIguana Cantina, Seafood Shack, and Lido Marketplace (ship's buffet restaurant). Other facilities include Beach Pool and infinity swimming pool Tides Pool.The Lido-Pool Deck is home to various dining options and entertainment. Some of these include deck parties and Dive-in Movies at Carnival Seaside Theater/outdoor cinema, as well as poolside eateries like Seafood Shack and BlueIguana Cantina (Mexican fast food bar). Emeril's Bistro 1397, a dinner-only Dining Room with complimentary sit-down waiter service, offers New Orleans cuisine. This includes dishes like muffuletta sandwiches, Creole potato salad, and Bananas Foster. For breakfast, they serve items such as Shrimp & Grits and the Shrimp Creole Omelet.Other dining options include Bonsai Sushi restaurant (including Bonsai Teppanyaki) for Japanese cuisine, Fahrenheit 555 Steakhouse (premium steakhouse-seafood restaurant at a surcharge), The Chef's Table (private dining room with multi-course dinner package), Miami Slice Pizzeria and Cucina del Capitano.Guy's Pig and Anchor Smokehouse Brewhouse offers complimentary smoked-on-board BBQ food by Guy Fieri, while ParchedPig serves onboard-brewed craft beers. Lido also houses Carnival's complimentary Pool Deck eateries such as Seafood Shack, BlueIguana Cantina (Mexican fast food bar), and Guy's Burger Joint.Additionally, the ship features various other dining options like Lido Marketplace (self-service buffet restaurant), Big Chicken by Shaq (complimentary with many menu items developed by Shaquille O'Neal himself), Rudi's Seagrill (specialty restaurant by Rudi Sodamin), and Deco Deli.For Chinese and Mexican specialties, there are two menus plus a drinks list featuring specialty cocktails like Chibang! Margarit, Smokey Mezcal Negroni, Green Tea Martini. The interior is decorated with floor-to-ceiling windows, heavy red and green accents, a colorful dragon at the entrance. Menu items include Kung Pao Chicken, Singapore Chili Shrimp/Prawn, Slow-Braised Pork Belly, Egg Drop Soup, Crispy Pork Carnitas Tacos, Steak Ranchero, Mole de Pollo Mexicano, Pork Lomito, Pescado Frito Crujiente, Camarones a la Diabla (shrimp).Recently, Carnival Cruise Line announced the addition of four craft beers brewed onboard Carnival Horizon and its new ships, Mardi Gras and Celebration. The beers were created by brewmaster Colin Presby and are available at Guy's Pig and Anchor Bar-B-Que Smokehouse (Brewhouse). The names of the beers are inspired by BBQ items at the smokehouse. ParchedPig Farmhouse Ale is a dry finish beer, while ParchedPig Smoked Porter features in-house smoked malt, hickory smoke, and molasses.The current list of draft beers includes ThirstyFrog Red, ThirstyFrog Port Hoppin' IPA, ThirstyFrog Caribbean Wheat, FriskyFrog Java Stout, ParchedPig West Coast IPA, ParchedPig Toasted Amber Ale, Miami Guava, and Carnival Birthday Beer.For entertainment, the outdoor complex on Carnival Celebration is called "The Ultimate Playground" with SkyCourse, SportSquare, Carnival WaterWorks (the largest aquapark), and "BOLT - Ultimate Sea Coaster". There's also a ropes course named SkyCourse, part of the sports complex with an indoor hangout, mini-bowling, mini-golf, The Clubhouse, Ping-Pong area, jogging track, interactive sports gaming, arcade basketball. Loft 19 on top deck (deck 19) is a VIP leisure concept offering full bar service, swimming pool, sunbathing area with cabanas.Lounge areas on the Carnival Celebration ship include:Family Harbor Lounge, offering 24-hour complimentary dining, babysitting services and entertainment for families.Celebration Theater, hosting live show productions with music, dance and special effects.Punchliner Comedy Club/brunch featuring comedy acts and daily activities.Carnival Excel Suite passengers have priority access to exclusive cabanas.JavaBlue Cafe serves specialty coffee and pastries during set hours.Havana Bar offers Cuban cuisine and drinks in the evenings and transforms into a nightclub after midnight.Cherry on Top is a shop selling bulk candies and confections by the oz.The Fun Shops is a duty-free shopping complex with retail stores open 24/7.Empress Casino features slot machines, gaming tables and live entertainment.Limelight Lounge hosts evening performances by vocalists, musicians and comedians.Circle C kids club lounge offers activities for younger guests.Club O2 teens club lounge provides entertainment for teenagers.Get ready for some whimsical fun! On Carnival Celebration, you'll find Seuss-themed activities, games, and decorations. Join in on the Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast, Story Time at Camp Carnival, and don't miss the Seuss-A-Palooza Parade!Looking to relax? Head to the Loft 19 Retreat, where you can indulge in a full bar service and lounge by the pool surrounded by cabanas. For adults only, Serenity offers an exclusive retreat with whirlpools, massage huts, and a fresh salad station.On the Carnival Cloud 9 Spa, treat yourself to some wellness and fitness. The Fitness Center/Gymnasium is complimentary, so you can stay active on your vacation. For Camp Ocean, little ones can enjoy the "Turtles" program, while older kids can design their own cruise ship with the "Nautical Explorer" program.Last but not least, step into The Gateway's "The Golden Jubilee," a New Orleans-themed jazz lounge featuring live performances, hand-crafted cocktails, and memorabilia from Carnival's earlier liners.Carnival Celebration features Ultimate Playground, a large outdoor playground with Carnival WaterWorks, SportSquare, and BOLT - Ultimate Sea Coaster. The ship's entertainment team created new shows, including "Celestial Strings", "Soulbound", "Vintage Pop" and "Amor Cubano - A Caribbean Dance Romance". The ship has interactive LED screens used in the new shows.Carnival Celebration offers retail shopping options across its six zones, featuring new collections, 50th Anniversary memorabilia, luxury brands, and destination-themed items.Carnival Celebration Features New Shows and AttractionsThe new Carnival Cruise Line ship, Carnival Celebration, offers a variety of entertainment options, including "Celestial Strings", "Cuban-meets-Latin" and "Amor Cubano" shows. Additionally, the ship's Center Stage hosts the new "We Are One" music production.The Celebration Central Atrium also features the "Visual Symphony" production, utilizing 16 moving LED screens and high-tech lasers in combination with classic rock live music. The shows were developed by Jason Whicker, an aerial director.Carnival Celebration offers a range of popular game shows, including "Love and Marriage", "Family Feud Live" and "Deal or No Deal". New attractions include the "Cash Bash" casino game with prizes and interactive activities, "Guess That Groove" dance competition, and "Whats Age Got to Do With It" trivia show for all ages.The ship's party scene includes the new "Celebration Happy Hour" at Latitudes Bar. The Carnival Celebration's itinerary program offers year-round roundtrips to the Caribbean from Miami, with preferential berthing at the new "Carnival Terminal 3". The Maiden Voyage took place on November 6, 2022.The ship's Caribbean program includes 6-7-8-day roundtrips from Miami, visiting destinations such as Mexico, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, and the Dutch Antilles' ABC islands.Carnival Celebration features an LNG-powered propulsion system with a combined output of 57.2 MW. The ship has three LNG tanks with a total capacity of approximately 3200 cubic meters.The Carnival Celebration vessel has a length of 35 meters, a diameter of 8 meters, and can hold 15,250 cubic meters of gas. The ship's bunkering process takes around 8 hours to complete. The LNG capacity is sufficient for approximately 14 days of operation, including navigation and onboard electricity production.For its LNG-bunkering operations in Florida at homeports PortMiami and Port Canaveral, Carnival partnered with Royal Dutch Shell plc as the fuel supplier.The shipbuilding order was placed on September 6, 2016. The construction process officially started on January 13, 2021, with a steel-cutting ceremony held at Turku Shipyard Finland. The event was attended by Ben Clement and Tim Meyer.The ship was launched from drydock on February 11, 2022, with a ceremony attended by Tim Meyer and Ben Clement. The coin-ceremony held on June 15th at Meyer Turku was attended by Vincenzo Alcaras, Fabien Gervaise, Pierre Camilleri, and other representatives.The ship was officially delivered to Carnival on November 2, 2022. The delivery ceremony was attended by Tim Meyer and Christine Duffy. The maiden voyage departed from Southampton on November 6th.The ship's senior officers include Vincenzo Alcaras (Captain), Fabien Gervaise (Chief Engineer), and Pierre Camilleri (Hotel Director).In June 2022, a vintage car, a Rolls Royce Saloon from 1934, was offloaded at Port Mobile (Alabama) from Carnival Ecstasy. The unique automobile was later shipped to Finland and loaded onto the Carnival Celebration.CCL announced that Ecstasy and Sensation would leave the fleet in 2022. Sea trials started on September 5, 2022, in the Archipelago Sea during which officers thoroughly tested the vessel's technical, mechanical, and navigational systems. The boat was mastered by Captain Vincenzo Alcaras.The new ship's name honors MS Celebration - CCL's last Holiday-class liner. The ship's naming ceremony was held on November 20, 2022, in PortMiami and led by godmother Cassidy Gifford.Carnival's new ship, Celebration, was named after MS Celebration, which was built in 1987 and scrapped in 2021. Kathie Lee Gifford, the godmother of the original MS Celebration, served as Carnival's spokesperson from 1984 to 2002. Her daughter, Cassidy Gifford, started her acting career in 2005, starring in movies like "God's Not Dead" (2014) and "The Gallows" (2015).In 2020, Carnival announced its inaugural season schedule for the new Celebration liner. The ship will offer various itineraries in 2022, including a 14-day Transatlantic crossing from the UK to the USA ($1140 per person), as well as 6- and 7-day Eastern and Western Caribbean cruises ($740-$750 per person).The inaugural 5-day Eastern Caribbean itinerary is priced at $430 per person. Onboard, it's customary for guests to tip crew members, with 100% of the tip going directly to them. Carnival has provided guidelines on tipping to help plan accordingly.Carnival Cruise Line Introduces New Gratuity Policy:As of May 1, 2022, Carnival is updating its recommended onboard gratuity policy. The new rates per person, per day are as follows: Standard Staterooms - $14.50 USD; Suite Staterooms - $16.50 USD.You can choose to prepay your gratuity at the time of booking or up until departure date through Carnival.com (for direct bookings) or by contacting your travel agency (for bookings made through a third-party). Prepaid gratuities will appear in the "Other Charges" section on your booking confirmation and electronic documents.For those who do not prepay, the recommended amount per person will be automatically added to your Sail & Sign account two days prior to disembarkation. If you're unsatisfied with the service, please contact Guest Services Desk onboard for prompt assistance.You can adjust or finalize your gratuity after it's been credited to your account on board. However, note that any gratuities posted to your Sail & Sign account will be final upon departure and cannot be changed afterwards.Additional Information:* Tips are required from all guests except those under 2 years old.* A gratuity applies regardless of your meal option, including casual restaurants or outdoor dining.* An 18% service charge is added to beverage purchases, as well as the cover charge for Chef's Table and Bonsai Teppanyaki, and la carte fees at select venues.* You can also tip room service staff for their service.We appreciate your reviews of our onboard team and are proud to be part of the best cruise industry team.

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