



## **Carnival Corporation's Fathom Granted Approval by Cuba to Cruise from U.S. to Cuba**

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**Cuban approval paves way for Carnival Corporation through its Fathom brand to operate historic full-week sailings from the U.S. to Cuba starting in May 2016**

**Announcement makes history with Carnival Corporation becoming first cruise company to be approved to sail from the U.S. to Cuba -- and told it will become the first to sail in over 50 years**

MIAMI, March 21, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- [Carnival Corporation & plc](#). (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE: CUK), the world's largest leisure travel company, today announced that Cuba has granted approval for the company to begin travel to Cuba starting on May 1, 2016. Following U.S. authorization granted in July 2015, Carnival Corporation is now cleared to operate the 704-passenger MV Adonia to Cuba through its newest brand [Fathom](#). This marks the first time in over 50 years a cruise ship is approved to sail from the United States to Cuba.



Cuban authorities from Havanatur Celimar, various other agencies and Carnival Corporation today signed agreements enabling cruising by Carnival Corporation to Cuba.

"Our Carnival Corporation and Fathom brand teams have worked closely with Cuba throughout this process and we are thrilled to begin regular sailings to Cuba from Miami starting on May 1, 2016," said Tara Russell, president of Carnival Corporation's new Fathom brand. "We have been told that we will be the first cruise line to sail from the U.S. to Cuba with our historic inaugural sailing."

"We are excited about Cuban approval and are ready to take travelers there through an extraordinary guest experience on the beautiful MV Adonia," said Arnold Donald, CEO of Carnival Corporation. "This is a historic opportunity, and we know there is pent-up demand amongst Americans who want to experience Cuba. We believe there is no better way to experience so much of Cuba in seven days. Everyone who sails with us with Fathom to Cuba will have a very special, rewarding and enriching experience with our Fathom brand."

### **Fathom Cuban itineraries feature three ports of call**

During each sailing, Carnival Corporation through its Fathom brand initially will visit Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba, three ports of call for which Carnival Corporation has obtained berthing approval.

As part of this historic sailing in this inaugural year, travelers will enjoy an exciting Cuban experience and will sail aboard the 704-passenger MV Adonia, where they can choose to partake in onboard experiences, including Cuban- and Caribbean-inspired music and film options, as well as Cuban-inspired menu options.

Special onboard programming will include a wide variety of activities covering an array of interests, ranging from an orientation to Cuba's history, customs and culture, to geographic-inspired entertainment, to casual and fun personal enrichment activities, to conversational Spanish lessons, to guided sessions with the Fathom team.

"We are humbled and honored to offer a one-of-a-kind Cuban experience to our travelers," said Russell.

Seven-day itineraries on Carnival Corporation's Fathom brand depart from PortMiami on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The ship will arrive at its first destination, Havana, the following morning (Monday) at 11 a.m. Eastern Time. The MV Adonia returns to its homeport, PortMiami, at 7:30 a.m. Eastern Time Sunday.

Prices for seven-day itineraries to Cuba start at \$1,800 per person, excluding Cuban visas, taxes, fees and port expenses and including all meals on

the ship, onboard experiences and on-the ground activities. Prices will vary by season.

To secure a spot on future sailings, a \$600 per person deposit is required for all cabin categories and occupancy levels. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. To reserve a spot on future sailings, travelers may contact their travel professional or call 1-855-9Fathom. Learn more at <http://www.fathom.org/>.

#### **About Carnival Corporation & plc**

Carnival Corporation & plc is the largest leisure travel company in the world, and among the most profitable and financially strong in the industry. With a portfolio of 10 cruise brands in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia, comprised of Carnival Cruise Line, Fathom, Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Seabourn, AIDA Cruises, Costa Cruises, Cunard, P&O Cruises (Australia) and P&O Cruises (UK).

Together, these brands operate 99 ships totaling 216,000 lower berths with 17 new ships scheduled to be delivered between 2016 and 2020. Carnival Corporation & plc also operates Holland America Princess Alaska Tours, the leading tour companies in Alaska and the Canadian Yukon. Traded on both the New York and London Stock Exchanges, Carnival Corporation & plc is the only group in the world to be included in both the S&P500 and the FTSE 100 indices.

Additional information can be found on <http://www.carnival.com/>, <http://www.fathom.org/>, <http://www.hollandamerica.com/>, <http://www.princess.com/>, <http://www.seabourn.com/>, <http://www.aida.de/>, <http://www.costacruise.com/>, <http://www.cunard.com/>, <http://www.pocruises.com.au/> and [www.pocruises.com](http://www.pocruises.com).

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