



Senior Officers Announced for Carnival Cruise Line's Mardi Gras

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Line's Most Innovative Ship Set to Debut in Europe Aug. 31, 2020

MIAMI (June 13, 2019) – Carnival Cruise Line today announced the appointment of the senior officers for its newest and most innovative ship, [*Mardi Gras*](#), currently under construction at the Meyer Turku shipyard in Finland and set to debut in summer 2020.

"For a ship as special as *Mardi Gras*, we've assembled an equally impressive team that has been hand-selected to deliver this unique expression of the Carnival vacation experience," said Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line. "*Mardi Gras*' crew will be led by some of the most talented and experienced mariners in cruising who will oversee the final stages of construction and usher in this exciting chapter of Carnival Cruise Line's history."

Mardi Gras' senior officers will include:

- Captain Giuseppe Giusa: A 31-year veteran of the maritime industry, Captain Giusa joined Carnival in 1993 after serving as a sergeant in the Italian Navy. After working his way through the ranks at Carnival and serving on the start-up teams of seven of the company's ships, Giusa was named captain of Carnival Ecstasy in 2004, making him the youngest officer ever appointed to this position. Most recently, he served as captain on Carnival Breeze. "The original *Mardi Gras* that debuted in 1972 set the tone for Carnival's long history of Fun Ships. I am proud and honored to be a part of what this new *Mardi Gras* represents – a technologically advanced ship with exciting new ways for our guests to enjoy this truly unique vacation experience," Giusa said.
- Chief Engineer Ferdinando Ruocco: A graduate of the Nino Bixio Nautical School in Piano di Sorrento, Italy, Ruocco joined Carnival in 1997 following a career in the tanker industry. He was named chief engineer of Carnival Triumph in 2010, and over the past nine years, has served in this capacity for six vessels, most recently Carnival Valor. He has also served as the fleet's chief engineer working with Carnival Corporation's Maritime Quality Assurance team to prepare the company for its two new Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-powered vessels, which includes *Mardi Gras*, the first cruise ship in North America powered by this technology. "I am truly proud and honored to be a part of this groundbreaking journey which is a technological advancement for our company, as well as a professional development opportunity for our entire technical team," Ruocco said.
- Hotel Director Pierre B. Camilleri – Now in his 16th year with Carnival, Camilleri joined the company in 2004 as hotel director after managing a variety of hotel and resort properties in his native Malta, as well as Europe and Asia. He has served as hotel director on several Carnival ships and has been part of the inaugural teams for the line's last three newbuilds, traveling to Italy to oversee the delivery of Carnival Breeze, Carnival Vista and Carnival Horizon. "I am grateful and privileged to be selected to lead our experienced and talented hotel team onboard *Mardi Gras*. The features on this ship, from food offerings to entertainment venues, have been carefully chosen and are unmatched in the industry. The amazing *Mardi Gras* hardware, coupled with the extraordinary service for which Carnival is known, will allow us to offer an unsurpassed experience our guests will fondly remember as one of the best vacations ever," Camilleri said.

These talented professionals will lead a team of more than 1,700 dedicated crew members who will travel to Turku, Finland, to prepare the ship for its inaugural Aug. 31, 2020 voyage – a nine-day cruise from Copenhagen to Southampton. The ship will then reposition to New York for a series of voyages before arriving in Port Canaveral, Fla., for year-round seven-day Caribbean sailings beginning in October.

Mardi Gras will feature a number of innovations as well, including BOLT, the first roller coaster at sea; the first seagoing restaurant by legendary chef Emeril Lagasse; and a variety of new accommodation choices, including the premium Carnival Excel suites with special amenities and access to a new resort-style, open-air enclave, Loft 19.

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