CARNIVAL'S 70,000-TON CARNIVAL ECSTASY OFFERS YEAR-ROUND FOUR- AND FIVE-DAY MEXICAN CRUISES FROM GALVESTON

MIAMI – Carnival Cruise Lines' 70,000-ton Carnival Ecstasy – which operates a popular year-round four- and five-day cruises program from Galveston, Texas – offers a truly unique vacation experience, with a host of "resort-style" amenities and an exciting array of stunning public rooms and facilities, each with a character all its own.

This fall the Carnival Ecstasy will also undergo an extensive refurbishment that will place during a 28-day dry dock from September 19 to October 17, 2009, continuing a series of major upgrades to the line's eight Fantasy-class vessels.

The new features include the addition of an expansive new water park, an exclusive adults-only retreat, a Circle "C" facility for 12- to 14-year olds, and a redesigned resort-style main pool area. Carnival Ecstasy will also be the second ship to have 98 additional balconies added to existing ocean view staterooms following the success of a similar implementation on the Carnival Sensation.

The ship operates year-round four- and five-day western Caribbean cruises from the Port of Galveston. On this route, four-day cruises depart Thursdays and visit Cozumel while five-day voyages depart Mondays and Saturdays and call at Cozumel and Progreso.

PUBLIC ROOMS AND AREAS

The Ecstasy features a variety of dramatic public spaces designed by Carnival's award-winning interior architect Joe Farcus. These areas range in style from the **Chinatown Lounge**, with design elements that include pagoda-style street lamps, a 1930s Chinese restaurant supply truck and hanging Chinese lanterns, and **Stripes,** a pulsating dance club which, like the name implies, employs a décor of black and yellow stripes and features a high-tech sound and lighting system.

Other venues include the **Explorer's Club Library**, a refined reading room offering the perfect venue for curling up with a good book; the **Rolls Royce Café**, which features an authentic 1934 Rolls Royce as its focal point; and the **Blue Sapphire Lounge,** a striking multi-level theater showcasing Vegas-style entertainment.

DINING OPTIONS

The Carnival Ecstasy offers a wide variety of formal and casual options at sea, including the **Wind Star** and **Wind Song** formal dining rooms and the poolside **Panorama Bar & Grill**, a casual eatery serving full breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets and a 24-hour pizzeria. Dining room menus also include vegetarian dishes and children's menus, as well as Spa Carnival Fare, delicious health-conscious menu items that are lower in fat, sodium, cholesterol and calories. The ship also features a patisserie, as well as complimentary 24-hour room service and ice cream and frozen yogurt.

ON-BOARD PROGRAMS

KIDS AND TEEN PROGRAMS – Carnival Ecstasy features the line's popular children's program "Camp Carnival," offering a full schedule of fun, supervised activities, including new programming focusing on art, music, science, geography and physical fitness. The ship also features the line's popular teen program "Club O2," catering to 15-17 year olds. A new Circle "C" center aimed at the 12- to 14-year-old set will also be added during the upcoming dry dock this fall and will feature plasma screen televisions displaying movies and music videos, a high-tech sound and lighting system, gaming consoles and a touch-screen jukebox.

CARNIVAL WATERWORKS- A signature element of the Fantasy-class upgrades is Carnival WaterWorks, a fun-filled aqua park located on Verandah Deck. Designed with an all-ages appeal, WaterWorks encompasses a 300-foot-long twisting, turning water slide – the longest and most elaborate at sea – along with dual-lane 82-foot-long racing slides, and a wide variety of water spray toys.

In addition, Carnival Ecstasy's main pool on Lido Deck – which includes a swimming pool and two large whirlpools - will be totally transformed to feature a distinct resort-style ambiance. Vibrant oversized umbrellas, thatched roofing and colorful tile work will create a decidedly tropical feel

ADULTS ONLY RETREAT- Another new feature on the Carnival Ecstasy will be Serenity, an exclusive adults-only retreat located aft on Promenade Deck. With design elements that include teak decking, large umbrellas and thatched roofing, Serenity provides an ocean-going oasis for relaxation and comfort. Guests can enjoy icy cocktails and frozen drinks while relaxing in plush chaise lounges and chairs.

'SPA CARNIVAL' – Fitness has become an important part of people's daily lives and guests sailing on the Carnival Ecstasy can take advantage of the ship's renovated health and fitness facility, Spa Carnival. Among the largest facilities of its kind, the 12,000-square-foot "floating health club" features new private treatment rooms and updated exercise equipment, as well as a mirrored aerobics room, men's and women's

locker rooms, steam rooms and saunas, and a sophisticated menu of body and facial treatments, including a number of exotic "European-style" therapies. Also featured is a one-eighth-mile jogging track, along with a beauty salon offering a variety of hair, nail and make-up services.

GOLF PROGRAM – Through a partnership with Sunrise, Fla.-based Elite Golf Cruises LLC, golfers sailing aboard the Carnival Ecstasy have the opportunity to receive personalized instruction and play top courses in Mexico. Shipboard lessons are conducted at a covered and lighted "driving range" and utilize state-of-the-art "V1" teaching computers featuring side-by-side comparisons with top tour players and sophisticated video analysis. Lessons are also included during golfing excursions, which feature priority tee times, transportation between ship and course, and cart and green fees. Equipment rental, including Nike clubs, golf shoes and accessories, is also available.

ACCOMODATIONS – During the ship's upcoming dry-dock, private balconies will be added to 98 existing ocean view staterooms to create spacious new 230-square-foot accommodations. Sixty-two of the staterooms will be located aft – with several of these featuring extended balconies – while 24 others will be located mid-ship and 12 near the stern. Several of the Carnival Ecstasy's suites will be modified to feature larger, extended balconies.

All of the Carnival Ecstasy's staterooms feature the "Carnival Comfort Bed" sleep system, featuring plush mattresses, luxurious duvets, fluffy pillows and high quality sheets and linens, as well as terrycloth bathrobes and in-cabin amenity kits with a variety of brand-name product samples for men and women.

INTERNET CAFÉ, WI-FI ACCESS, CELL PHONE SERVICE – Like all "Fun Ships," Carnival Ecstasy offers an Internet café with private workstations featuring flat-screen monitors, along with Wi-Fi access available in virtually all public rooms and areas. Guests can also make and receive cell phone calls whether the ship is at sea or in port.

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