

- Brian B

We just got off the Dream a couple of days ago, and let me just say – Carnival has really outdone itself with this ship! Not only is it a beautiful ship, but it is also big enough to make it feel as if there aren't 4300 other guests on board.

The staff was simply amazing. Our stateroom stewards Josito and Sammy always made sure our room was neat and clean and were very accommodating as far as when they cleaned our room. We only ever saw them in the halls with big friendly smiles on their faces. Not once did they intrude when we were in our room.

Our dining staff (Cem and Ishmael) were absolutely stellar. They were always very attentive and right on top of things and very friendly to boot! I couldn't have asked for a better pair to serve us each night.

John, if you can, please pass on some praise to them for doing such a terrific job of making our cruise so special and memorable. Carnival's strength is not in its ships or glitz or even the fun it arranges for it's guests – it's strength is in the hundreds of hard-working staff members who work incredibly hard so that each guest has an incredible vacation.

Kindest regards,

Brian, Alyssa, Lucky, Joann and Andy (Rooms 6426 and 6430 and table #200, Crimson Dining Room on the November 23rd 2009 sailing from NYC)

- Josie

My husband and I just came back from our Dream cruise on the 2nd. It was a fabulous cruise. The Ship is just B-E-A-U-T-I-F-U-L.

The staff is very friendly. I had lots of fun in Caliente, and the Piano Bar. My husband was thrilled you could smoke. I liked the ideas of the Laser Light shows on Lido deck and having a Michael Jackson tribute hour was cool in Caliente. My feet still hurt from dancing. Our room was great, balcony was awesome. It rained for a few days of the trip but there were plenty of activities. And who doesn't love the towel animals to greet you when you get back to your room, it's like they are sitting there just waiting for you going... "look at me, Look at me" so cute. I must say the food is non-stop the drinks are great but a bit pricey. Serenity was beautiful and let's not forget the slides TWISTER AND DRAINPIPE soooo cool. Thanks Carnival this is my first time on it and I don't think it will be my last.

- Alan

Hello John, please reply if you can...if not, that's OK because this is my followup to your reply that was included in your Dec 1st blog.

Anyway, I promised a review of my DREAM vacation and my impressions of the new smoking policy on the Dream (particularly in the casino). I will try and keep this short and will be posting a much larger review on Cruise Critic (my nick there is Fire Lt if you or anyone else wishes to view it).

So here we go...

My first impression on driving up to the dock in NYC was "Dang she IS big and beautiful". Embarkation was a snap. The port authority and Carnival had obviously cleared up the problems from the 2 night CTN. We entered the terminal at 11:35 and enjoying lunch by the waves pool by 12:05. Talking to others

who arrived after 12:30 that it took about an hour and a half to board, which when you are trying to get that many people on board is not surprising.

I was surprised to hear Todd tell us at the welcome aboard show that we were setting a record with 4,300 passengers for this cruise (over 1,300 junior cruisers). Despite that number of people I never felt that the ship was crowded although it did get a bit cramped in the buffet area during peak times.

My wife, son, daughter and I had a GREAT time on the Dream. There were tons of things to do and in fact the only down side is that we are going to have to book another cruise on the Dream to catch up with the things I didn't have time for (oh darn the bad luck).

I will just hit a few points for now:

1. Casino smoking policy: I found that it worked out VERY well. There were enough tables where I could play and have a smoke while playing. I saw just a couple of people violating the rules and the staff were quick to correct the problem. They did this in a very discrete (the only way I realized a person was being reminded of the rules was because I was watching to see what would happen) and professional way. There was only 1 able game I wanted to play which was not in the smoking area. This was easy to get around by just stepping away from the table and onto the port side deck for a quick puff or two and then back to the table. No problem at all. Well done Carnival.

While on the subject of the casino...please pass on to the higher ups...this was without a doubt the BEST casino staff I have ever dealt with on any cruise (3 other Carnival as well as 5 cruises on other lines). The head of the casino is to be commended as well as all the dealers and supervisors. It was truly a wonderful casino experience!!!! The fact that I came out \$250.00 a head on an 8 night cruise didn't hurt either...ha ha)

2. Buffet area...This is an area that need a LOT of work. Although I did not have much in the way of any problem, this was because I adjusted my eating times to avoid the crowds. However, I talked to around 100 different people (I love meeting and talking to new people when on a cruise...my 23 yo son Carnival should give me a Carnival jumpsuit to be an onboard ambassador for the cruise...my 13 yo daughter accused me of being "just too dang friendly") and 90% of those people had complaints about the crowds and set up of the whole buffet area. I will go into much more detail of this in my CC review). However one thing that would cut down the crowds would be to open one floor of just one of the main dining rooms for lunch.

3. This is a request...please join Todd in trying to get the rating system used in the questionnaire changed. It is fine for new cruisers. But for us who have cruised before it does not work as well. In my instance I filled it out prior to seeing the debarkation show with Todd. I mainly used the "met my expectations" choice because as a seasoned Carnival cruiser I have come to expect superior service and entertainment and that is what I got! I did use the exceeded my expectations choice for a few of the questions because the staff involved was just so beyond belief!!!!

Well John I should close for now because this is getting a bit long but I do just want to relate one more tidbit.

John...you could have gotten me in trouble. Do you remember during the lead up to the Dream coming on line you would always refer to the Dream as "Your Carnival Dream"? Well I might have taken this

quite literally and it was a good thing that the crew members who I talked to (and it was a LOT). When I would meet someone from the crew (especially one of the casino dealers) early on I would say to them "I want to thank you for being here on My Carnival Dream."

Anyway on the morning of our second sea day I was having coffee by the waves pool with my wife and a crew member was mopping the deck (it was another day of light rain) and I noticed that her name tag said "new crew member" and that was all. So I said high and that she had an uncommon name and she sheepishly (she seemed a bit shy) explained that she had just joined the ship in NY and that her name was Cindy and she was from the Philippines. SO...you can see this coming...I said "Well Cindy it is very nice to meet you and welcome to MY CARNIVAL DREAM." She gets this look of horror and says "you mean you are on the ship all the time???" I think she was afraid I was some important person from Carnival and that I lived on the ship. So I set her mind at ease that I was just another passenger and would not be on the ship all the time.

That's it for now John. As I said in the beginning feel free to respond...or not.

Take care and hope you and your entire family have a great Christmas season,

Alan D.

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- Valerie
Hi John. Once again I am sending my thanks to you. I met you at the coffee shop on the Transatlantic Dream cruise to tell you what an amazing cruise my husband and I had had and how wonderful our 47th Wedding Anniversary had been. You had a big part in that and we will be forever grateful. Everything was perfect, to our cabin, to the tours all with Carnival. The super dining room experience with our Maitre 'd Ken. Our new group of friends from our Cruise Critic Roll Call were fabulous. We are now looking forward to the Carnival Magic but don't think that we can wait that long for another Carnival Cruise so we may have to look at other Carnival Cruise ships and itineraries to fill in between time. Love to Heidi and Kye.

Take care
Your friend Val.
Ontario, Canada.

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- Darlene
We just returned from our first cruise and it was FABULOUS!!! All the people on the cruise were great. My husband had a lot of fun with the trivia games and Amy and Deeda were great!!! The food was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. My hopes are that we will do this again on another ship soon. The only thing I can say that I didn't enjoy was the coming home back to reality!!! and the boat rocking so much on the second to last night due to high winds and high waves but luckily we were in the lower rooms so didn't feel them as much at night. The comedians and shows were excellent. One other down fall I think is the pricing of alcoholic drinks on board. It was great when they had a 1 hour farewell party with free wine and champagne that was great!! Should do that more often during the week. Room service food was excellent especially the sirloin and brie, and mozzarella and portabella mushrooms give them a try. Once again it was a great vacation and first cruise!!! Been back a week and ready to go again!!!

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- Rob OConnell

John : (please reply)

I just finished the November 15-23 sailing on my Carnival Dream and what a great experience it was. As for the person that asked about the quality of the food, I can say that the food was second to none. This was my second (of many many more to come) Carnival cruises (sailing on the Carnival Pride last November). With today's economy and companies looking to trim a dollar anywhere they can, I was thinking that the food choices or quality might be a little less than last year. I was very wrong about this. The food was even better (and I really didn't think that possible) than last trip. There were steak and beef choices every night, as well as lobster on formal night. On more than 1 night my excellent waiter Jorge and his assistant treated me and my brother to more than 1 helping and there was not 1 thing that was of substandard quality. I also have to give compliments to Kenny the maitre D and the entire dining room staff for learning a complete new set of performances from my last cruise. I was expecting the same performances and just about everyone was new. Great job all around the dining room!

I also loved the layout of this ship. The lido deck with the big screen and the water slides was a big hit. The laser shows at night were incredible, and not 1 but 2 late night deck parties were both great. My 1 criticism of the first deck party was that the lounge chairs were left out (I guess so people could enjoy the laser show) which left almost no room to dance. This was corrected in time for the second party which made it much more fun for everyone.

Deck 5 was another big hit on this ship and Ocean Plaza was full from early morning to late night just about every day. I loved the Dancing in the Street show, which could be on Broadway it was so good. I also loved the "mini shows" that followed the main show in the atrium. What a great idea that is to have a quick stop in the lobby for a little more entertainment on the way to dinner. The fun force break dancers were unbelievable, how can they do those things on a moving ship without hurting themselves? Simply Amazing. Todd and his staff did a great job keeping us busy all day and night, and James looked like he was having a blast filling in the big chair for a few days while Todd was with you at the conference.

I would like to mention a few crew members who stood out and deserve special recognition. Social host Amy was very nice and took the time to have a conversation about life on the ship. I have to send out a "Whoo Hoo! Excelante!" to Mouna the karaoke host. She was always full of energy and took the time to greet every guest that walked in or by her shows, and also gave a big smile and hello every time she walked past me in the halls. "Mr. Magic" the strolling magician was great doing tricks for the young and old, and taking time to talk about his life experiences. Vince Strong had the piano bar hopping every night. What a great piano player and overall entertainer he is. Now...drumroll please... the number 1 star on the ship was piano bar bartender Zolan, nicknamed "Doctor Z". What a great asset he is to the Carnival name, greeting everyone my name, and doing a dance while mixing every drink. There wasn't a night that went by, including Vince's night off that I didn't stop by for a drink and a laugh from Dr Z. On the last night of the cruise, I handed him an envelope to show him my appreciation of his service, and he came around the bar and gave me a big hug and told me I was the best. What a great way to end a cruise.

My only 2 negative comments would be embarkation and disembarkation. The New York terminal is just not well equipped to handle 4000 guests and arriving before noon and not getting aboard until 3:30 was tough to deal with. Carnival, however was TOO efficient with disembarkation. I was in zone 26 (of 32) and was off the ship by 9 AM. I was hoping that disembarkation would take days to complete, so I could spend more time on my Carnival Dream. I can't wait to book another Carnival cruise, hopefully with a cruise director as good as Mark Price was on the Carnival Pride and Todd Wittmer was on my Carnival

Dream...possibly Carnival's senior cruise director? Thank you John for this blog thingy and all you do to keep everyone happy. You, too, truly symbolize the Carnival name. Stay healthy and travel safely.

- Morgan Terri,

My husband and I sailed on the Dream from the 15th to the 23rd out of NYC. It was a wonderful trip. We've both sailed Carnival before and this is an amazing ship, and crew. We had amazing service in the dining room, and our room steward never missed a beat. We even tipped them extra at the end of our stay.

My husband and I are quiet people so we did not participate in a great deal of the activities, but there was certainly a great deal to do. I think if you read the comment made by the previous guest there are some clues as to why she expressed some dissatisfaction. She "whined" to Ken about wanting to be entertained. What adult expects to be entertained every minute?

Todd was also our cruise director and he did a wonderful job. I cannot imagine trying to keep over 3,000 people happy and don't believe it could be done by anyone or any one company. Our cabin was beautiful, the food plentiful and an amazing variety. If I went on another 30 cruises I would never expect Todd to remember my name....it's impossible with that many passengers and that many ships. I would expect Todd's job to be keeping the cruise running smoothly and passengers entertained. He's not there to be my best friend.

We had room service each morning, went to the gym to work out, took advantage of the amazing spa services, ate wonderful food, and enjoyed the fact that we had an opportunity to sail on an amazing ship. If you go expecting perfection, then you will be disappointed. If you go expecting to have a great time, if you want a great crew who will go above and beyond to be sure you have their best, if you just want to have fun – I have no doubt your cruise will be an amazing experience. Read all the positive reports on this blog, and leave Linda's alone – she sounds like a lonely woman.

- Felix Hicks

My wife and I just got back today from our cruise aboard the Carnival Dream and boy I can tell you it's a cruise to remember. The food was great and the shows were awesome especially the new ones that were developed specially for the Dream. The crew was great & very friendly. You might want to try the big screen theatre on the Lido. They even broadcast the Sunday football games and concerts.

For those of you who like a little peace and quiet try Serenity. We loved it. They even have a hammock up there. The casino is great as well. Someone even won the slot jackpot of \$8000.00 on Saturday night and the cruise director name Todd and the Captain will keep you in stitches.

Those of you who like to have fun try the Newlywed and not so newlywed game.

I hope I have enlightened those of you who are about to sail on the Dream as you have never been on a ship like this before. And before I forget each port we pulled into was great we were treated like royalty by the locals. When we pulled into Port Canaveral we were met by a marching band. The same in Nassau and Freeport. This was done as part of the celebration those ports were having since it was the first time the Dream had done a Caribbean voyage.

I hope you have fun and I look forward to reading some of your post when you return. By the way I always cruise on carnival.

Ciao

- Host Mach from Cruise Critic
John, please add this to the blog, respond as you see fit!!

I've been busy writing my review of the Carnival Dream's Cruise to Nowhere but I thought I needed to add some of the highlights here, as well.

First, the ship is GORGEOUS. End of story, she is the most beautiful ship in the Carnival fleet. I can't tell you how much fun Stitch and I had on board despite the fairly extreme weather we encountered.

The service, as always, was top notch. Our waiter in the dining room, June, was brilliant. Funny, attentive and quick he did a fantastic job.

The Chef's Art supper club (I REFUSE to call it a steak house...) was fantastic. It was on a par with the other supper clubs but the decor is perfectly lovely. I was a bit disappointed to see tables and diners on the dance floor, however.

The Pasta Bar was great!! Amazingly popular and for good reason. I'm Italian and make my own sauce and such and I can tell you, this was good!!!

The Atrium is amazing. It is subdued, refined and jaw droppingly lovely.

The Burgundy, the comedy club, is one of the best decorated areas on the ship. I was stunned by the masks!! It was almost by accident that I discovered them as it was late evening when we arrived in the club. Once I looked up I was amazed. I took picture after picture of the masks. Fantastic.

Now, my Cove Balcony... it was worth the price of admission. We stood out there for hours in the cold and rain being amazed at the look and feel of the ocean. When the balcony door closed every bit of the sound vanished... not a peep from the balcony. I know what category cabin I'll be booking on the Carnival Dream from now on!!

I have some amazing photos of the transfer of the pilot to the boat. If one of the Stephanies would like to add a couple to the blog just email me.

I love the Dream. I can't wait to sail on her in her element... the blue waters and blue skies of the Caribbean!!!

Ciao!!!

Host Mach

- Amalia Claffey
We cruised on the "Dream" on November 13th. We had a great time! The ship was amazing and so were the shows. Can't wait until we're on the "Glory" next September 11th.
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- Mary F.
Hello John;
What a pleasure it was to cruise with you from Bermuda to N.Y. the last leg of our Carnival Dream trans-Atlantic. We were in the comedy club next to you. My husband loves to vacation as much as I do and really enjoyed our whole trip. We wanted to stay onboard another 16 days because we had so much fun. We booked air, pre-cruise and cruise together....It makes it so easy. Our flights home to San Diego were delayed and would have missed connections in Chicago but the airline re-booked us on a different airline with no connection and made it home 1 hour earlier.

Todd is a great cruise director, following in your footsteps! The whole team was simply put GREAT. The new class ship is unique & well planned.

We can hardly wait until our next cruise with Carnival. We were on the Imagination with you Jan, 1996 & Victory May 2002 and were so happy to see you onboard our Carnival Dream. My love to Heidi & Kye, she is truly a beauty!

Mary & Gary from Encinitas, CA...in the 70's today

- Don Polly
Congratulations to Captain Carlos Queirolo for his great career of service and this prestigious appointment!

Just completed the Carnival Dream's first crossing of the Atlantic Ocean with Master Quierolo at the helm. It was a terrific voyage on a beautiful ship!

My son and I had the opportunity to teach ballroom dancing lessons, as just one of the many entertainment activities offered to the passengers.

After many years of cruise traveling, this "Dream" trip turned out to be the BEST!

- Nancy D'Andrea

We had a wonderful time on the Dream! The crew was friendly, helpful and overall fantastic.

Also, the highlight of my day was meeting YOU!!

Thanks again for the blog and the laughs!

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Nancy D'Andrea
Topsail Cruises

- carol
Hi John,
I was on the Dream for its Trans-Atlantic cruise. I have to say it is the nicest of all the Carnival ships I have been on. It is tastefully decorated not all those wild decorations some of the other ships have. I love the lighting around the atrium and the glass elevators. So sad though that we didn't get a welcoming ceremony when we entered the NY port. I also want to commend the Dream team,

especially James, Ellie, Mark, Simon, Dei, and Amy. Without them this could have been a very long trip. It was a great journey and I hope to see them all again.

- Marty Paul
Hello John (PLEASE REPLY),

I just wanted to drop a line, as we just got back from the Oct 15th sailing of the Carnival Dream in the Med.

Spectacular cruise and spectacular ship!! Also, it was wonderful of Carnival to put in the wave/wind machine in the Med, to give us a thrill ride (40 ft seas, 70 mph winds). What, the Twister & Drainpipe are not enough? Just kidding, except we did actually have those conditions.

My sincere respect for Captain Carlo and how he handled these rough seas. With such conditions, even a 130,000 GT ship will get tossed ("& if not for the courage of her fearless crew, the Minnow would be lost...the Minnow would be lost...). Sorry to break out the Gillian's Island theme song...

Capt Carlo and his crew did an outstanding job by turning the ship 180 degrees before she got out into the open Med and he "ran with the seas", then turned north & used the leeward side of Sardinia and Corsica Islands to provide a smoother ride. I'm sure after consultation with Miami, Carnival cancelled Barcelona however, Capt Carlo & Carnival worked some magic and we arrived in Monaco early and stayed overnight, giving this cruise 2 overnight port stays (Monaco, Venice). Although I'm sure there was some disappointment missing Barcelona, I thought the extra overnight port stay definitely made up for it.

The ship itself was beautiful and I think Carnival has a winning design. Plenty of public spaces and plenty of entertainment options. I thought Todd Whitmere did an excellent job as CD, as did all of the entertainment staff. No doubt, this ship will be a huge success in the U.S.

Btw, I'm the guy who posted earlier about proposing to my girlfriend in Venice. Plan "A" - on an evening gondola ride with a serenade. No go- not a private ride, 4 other people were with us. Serenade was for an entire "fleet" of gondolas, not just a single one. Plan "B" - propose at the La Caravella restaurant in Venice, at a quiet, private table. No go- in Venice, space is of the premium, so no such thing and we were "wedged" in between 2 other fully occupied tables. So, thinking quickly on my feet (except I was on my arse<- not a U.S. term), I went with plan "C"- walked Jeanne over to the Bridge of Sighs area (with it in the background) and proposed to her there. Also, I did the "MartyCam" (<-patent pending) and was able to record the proposal on my camcorder with the Bridge of Sighs in the background! She said yes!

Sorry, I went on longer than anticipated. Anyway, I just wanted to thank Capt Carlo and the crew of the beautiful new Carnival Dream for a wonderful Med cruise (we have many, many photos and videos) and for the way the inclement weather situation in the Med was handled. Well done Carnival!! I will be posting a full review on Cruise Critic soon.

Our most prized moment was when we stopped and had a photo op with Funship Freddy on the dock in Livorno. I am thinking of asking Funship Freddy to be my Best Man at our wedding, if he will only wipe that grin off his face during the ceremony...

Ciao,

Marty & Jeanne
Houston, Texas

- Jim Eakins

JOHN PLEASE RESPOND. Well, most of the following comments require no response but several bits at the end would benefit from your sage words.

First to the beautiful Carnival Dream. Our all too brief 3 Oct 09 cruise on the Carnival Dream is over but the memories linger on. The staff and crew went above and beyond and clearly enjoyed putting the fun into Carnival cruising.

Ken, as always, was the maitre d' of maitre d's and should be given yet another gold star (pay increase might also be nice!) for his sterling service and for going the extra mile to accommodate the "Back of the Bus Dream Team" at the "back of the bus": some bus! The food in the main dining room was wonderful: served with care and dispatch by Mario and his team; always piping hot; and always above expectations.

Sir Micky Arison, if you are reading this blog, you really should pair up John and Ken as a roving Carnival Tiger Team. Oh, and make sure Jamie from Carnival Splendor is on the team.

The Chief's Art Steakhouse is a cut above and Eva went out of her way to ensure each of our meals there would long be remembered. The food and food service was five-star in every respect. The steakhouse was full whenever we attended which was no surprise. I think the only down side must be for Carnival because at \$60 per couple you must be loosing your shirts.

Sugene and Api, our room stewards were attentive to our every need and made little problems vanish in the wink of an eye. The sliding closet door by the entry door fell off its track when first opened and did it's level best to destroy a chair in the process. Sugene was there to assist before the echo of the crash has left the room and within minutes had an engineering team there to repair the door and seconds later arrived with a brand new chair (if the Captain is missing a chair, it is in stateroom 7304). We had problems with the phones but they were also quickly resolved (I did hear rumours that phones were an ongoing problem throughout the cruise but hopefully have now been sorted out). Hmmm, programmed by the same folks who provided your new server software?

We missed one port-of-call, Monaco, due to high winds but in hindsight I think we were happy for the extra sea day so as to put up our feet and relax after so many hectic shore days. There was so much to see and do on Carnival Dream that all twelve days could well have been spent at sea. Never did manage to fit in the water slide!

I must mention that the Behind the Fun tour was way beyond "funtastic". Thank-you good sir for giving us a heads-up on this very limited tour and a special thanks to Carnival Dream staff and crew for making us feel like family.

Oh, before I forget, I should mention our delight in finding Carnival Dream pins with our invitation to the past cruisers cocktail party. Did John have something to do with this? I'm sure he did so a thousand thanks. The pins are one of those nice gestures that make coming back for another Carnival cruise so very special.

No cruise is ever perfect but I really am struggling to find anything that could have made this cruise any better. Coffee and drink-of-the-day cards would have been nice but they were most certainly not show stoppers. Whatever happened to the monkeyhead drinks? Ah, wait, here's something: we really wanted to purchase more "Where Next" certificates: can you talk the boys and girls way up there in corporate headquarters (where the likes of you and I get nosebleeds) into making them available?

There was one smelly little issue. I have noted several posts here about the "not so sweet smell often noticed in the Empress deck hallways" (not sure if it happened on other decks as well) and I think I should comment since we were on Empress deck and it was very noticeable more often than we would have liked. My suspicion is that there may be a design flaw here that needs to be seriously looked at. We sailed on Carnival Splendor on all three South American legs and we experienced the grey water smell, along with five minor grey water floods, in our stateroom 7333. We left the ship in Rio de Janeiro and returned in Buenos Aires and the smell in our cabin after our three day absence was quite beyond belief. Eventually, tired of mopping up one or more times each day and probably equally tired of offering an apology for something over which he had no control, our steward put a rubber dam in the floor drain to stop the floods. The grey water smell remained but very much diminished thanks to the tireless efforts of our stateroom steward. The smell was worst when in port and especially so if the ship listed slightly. None of this diminished our fantastic South American cruise on the Carnival Splendor: heck, it gave us somewhat unique bragging rights. When we first noticed the smell on Carnival Dream it brought one of those "I know this" flashes of memory. Happily, for us, the smell was confined for the most part to the hallway rather than our stateroom. I am no engineer but I wonder if there might be a suction problem as I noticed the s-traps in our stateroom were drained of water whenever we noticed the smell. Is this unique to Carnival Splendor and Carnival Dream? Both seem to share many common features vis-à-vis stateroom layouts so I wonder if there is a plumbing design flaw that needs to be addressed; hopefully before construction is begun on Carnival Magic staterooms. Nuff said.

We are non smokers and naturally applauded the smoking policies being trialed on Carnival Dream. Many of our friends are smokers and we recognize and recognize the special efforts that were being made to accommodate them as well. I do not know if it was by design or by pure dumb luck but there was little or no evidence that anybody was smoking in the casino although many clearly were. It would have been nice to have been able to keep the doors from the Ocean Plaza to the Lanai open but I expect the smoke from the starboard side Lanai would have otherwise drifted in. Having the doors closed all the time "closed up" this otherwise beautiful open space. Bottom line: Bravo Zulu for the efforts taken to accommodate smokers and non-smokers alike.

Now to my questions. John, whom does one write to in order to make a plea for a special cruise? We travel from afar for each of our Carnival cruises and therefore prefer longer cruises so as to give value for money spent on airline tickets. I would like to pitch a thought I had that would satisfy our wishes and possibly even help Carnivals bottom line at the same time. I am looking for a name and e-mail address of someone that is high enough up the food chain to get listened to but low enough that credit for the idea might help their careers (mutual back scratching never hurts, right?).

My second question is for feedback on the discussions that had been or might still be ongoing about the awarding of points towards Platinum cruise status.

Wait, one more thing..... I'm Canadian so please accept my apology for the tome. French text to follow!

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- paul

I was just on the Dream as of Oct 3 to 14 what a wonderful ship to be on I love I can't wait to go back on it again.

paul

- PRAKASH KAMAL
SAILED ON THE SEPTEMBER 21 DREAM CRUISE FROM ROME — LOVED IT .—
FANTASTIC -SERVICE -FOOD – KEN ON THE MIKE .
WAITING FOR THE CARNIVAL MAGIC .
WE ARE FROM INDIA MUMBAI
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- Nadine Arney
John, I just wanted to reiterate what I've already said in my survey and also in my letter to Carnival Guest Relations: Todd Wittmer did a fabulous job as CD for the Inaugural voyage of the Dream, and I thoroughly enjoyed his morning show with James, his assistance with excursion advice, and his willingness to go above and beyond to make our voyage memorable.

Because we had so much fun with Todd, we are planning to help inaugurate the Magic when you bring her out in 2011.

Thanks for trusting Todd to bring out the Dream. He did you proud.

- David & Lucy

John, Just got back from our Carnival Dream cruise and it was fantastic. Thanks so much for arranging a wonderful table for us, it was perfect. Ken (the singing Maitre d') sends his regards.

Needless to say it was a great cruise on a wonderful ship with an outstanding staff.

Capt Queirolo you are a true gentleman, thank you so much for your hospitality.

David and Lucy

- Darlene
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- Morgan
Terri,

My husband and I sailed on the Dream from the 15th to the 23rd out of NYC. It was a wonderful trip. We've both sailed Carnival before and this is an amazing ship, and crew. We had amazing service in the dining room, and our room steward never missed a beat. We even tipped them extra at the end of our stay.

My husband and I are quiet people so we did not participate in a great deal of the activities, but there was certainly a great deal to do. I think if you read the comment made by the previous guest there are some clues as to why she expressed some dissatisfaction. She "whined" to Ken about wanting to be entertained. What adult expects to be entertained every minute?

Todd was also our cruise director and he did a wonderful job. I cannot imagine trying to keep over 3,000 people happy and don't believe it could be done by anyone or any one company. Our cabin was beautiful, the food plentiful and an amazing variety. If I went on another 30 cruises I would never expect Todd to remember my name....it's impossible with that many passengers and that many ships. I would expect Todd's job to be keeping the cruise running smoothly and passengers entertained. He's not there to be my best friend.

We had room service each morning, went to the gym to work out, took advantage of the amazing spa services, ate wonderful food, and enjoyed the fact that we had an opportunity to sail on an amazing ship. If you go expecting perfection, then you will be disappointed. If you go expecting to have a great time, if you want a great crew who will go above and beyond to be sure you have their best, if you just want to have fun – I have no doubt your cruise will be an amazing experience. Read all the positive reports on this blog, and leave Linda's alone – she sounds like a lonely woman.