

**CARNIVAL SUNSHINE**  
**JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2023**  
**EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION INFORMATION**

The following is provided as information for cruise passengers traveling on the  
CARNIVAL SUNSHINE – January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2023

**All cruise passengers and vehicles should go to Union Pier Terminal to begin the embarkation process. The Passenger Terminal is part of Union Pier. Detailed driving directions are posted at <http://www.scspace.com/cruises/getting-to-charleston/>**

**Gate 2 – Intersection of Concord and Laurens Streets -Charleston, South Carolina – is the general entry point for passengers parking with the SCPA.**

**Union Pier Main Gate – 32 Washington Street – is the designated entry point for guests being dropped off and NOT parking with the SCPA. This includes family drop offs, rideshare, taxis, hotel shuttles etc.**

Permanent highway signs are posted along the travel route to help direct passengers to Union Pier and the cruise ship facilities. Some signs are the standard green highway signs posted along major routes and exit ramps. Others are smaller sized brown and white signs with the international cruise ship symbol and arrows showing the direction to travel in the downtown area to the cruise terminal.

**DOCUMENTATION AND IDENTIFICATION:**

**Please keep cruise tickets, photo identification & proof of citizenship with you and easily accessible. The ticket (boarding pass), photo ID, proof of citizenship for each cruise passenger will be needed for entry to all support areas, shuttles, and for check-in at the Passenger Terminal.** Passengers will need to show tickets, photo identification, and proof of citizenship several times during the process.

**CHECK IN BEGINS:**

**Vehicles and luggage will be accepted at the Union Pier Terminal starting at 9:00 a.m., and continue to 3:00 p.m. Gates will not open prior to this time so please do not arrive until after 9:00 in the morning. The Market Street area is just a short walk from the Passenger Terminal. There are a variety of shops to explore and restaurants to visit and enjoy while early arrivals wait for check-in to begin.**

**VEHICLE PARKING - DURING CRUISE:**

**Parking Attendants in yellow vests will be along the travel route to the vehicle parking areas and the Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal.**

Vehicle parking is available on Port property at Union Pier Terminal for cruise passengers' vehicles.  
**(All fees are subject to change, without notice.)**

The fee for standard size / one space vehicles (up to 20-ft length) is \$21.00 per day. For example, a 4-day total would be \$84.00 per vehicle, 5-day total would be \$105.00 per vehicle, a 6-day total would be \$126.00, and a 7-day total would be \$147.00. There is no fee for your return morning/debarkation day.

For vehicles over 20-ft. length (campers, buses), the parking fee is **\$50.00 per day.**

Vehicles displaying valid handicap permit/license plate and valid ID are provided complimentary vehicle parking (no fee) while on your cruise. The person assigned to the handicap permit must be traveling in the vehicle.

**Credit cards, debit cards, and money orders will be the accepted forms of payment for cruise parking.**

**Cash and checks are no longer accepted as payment for cruise parking.**

Payment is due upon arrival for your cruise.

## **Please read:**

Once you park your vehicle you will need to walk to Building 324 to check in for your cruise. There are multiple signs and walking paths painted on the ground to direct you to Building 324. For your safety, please utilize the walking paths while walking to Building 324. If a guest in your party has mobility challenges it is recommend to drop them off at Building 324 prior to parking your vehicle. Wheelchairs are NOT available in the parking area. A complimentary shuttle will be provided to take you from Building 324 to the ship.

## **LUGGAGE:**

To help expedite the security and boarding process all passengers are requested that any luggage that is larger than a carry-on sized bag be dropped at the designated luggage drop off locations prior to entering the Passenger Terminal. Luggage is collected prior to parking your vehicle.

**All luggage should be tagged with the official CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE tag provided in the ticket package.** The passenger's name and cabin number should be shown on the tag. Additional tags will be available at the luggage collection site and Pier Pickup site. Luggage handling assistance will be provided at the luggage collection site.

**All luggage will be screened. See attached list of prohibited items. Please review the material in the Carnival Cruise Line ticket package for any other information related to prohibited items and cruise line policy. The list of prohibited items is subject to change depending on the Security Alert Level. There have been recent changes; including bottled beverages are no longer permitted.**

**If officials need to open a passenger's checked-through luggage, the passenger will be paged on board the ship.** The passenger should be aware of that possibility and answer any page. If a page is not answered and the appropriate inspection is not completed, the luggage will not be put on board the ship.

### **Carnival Cruise Line Prohibited Items, Exemptions and Other Considerations**

Carnival Cruise Line **prohibits** weapons, illegal drugs and certain items that could interfere with the safe operation of its ships or compromise the safety and secure environment of its guests and crew. Carnival conducts security scanning of all luggage and reserves the right to confiscate any item, which in Carnival's sole discretion, is deemed dangerous or can pose a risk to the vessel or its guests. Items will be removed and disposed of and no compensation will be provided.

We suggest all luggage be unlocked before turning it over to the porters in order to avoid any inconvenience or delay in delivering the luggage to your stateroom. For additional information, please refer to the terms and conditions of the [Cruise Ticket Contract](#).

*Before you pack, please take the time to review the following.*

### **Prohibited Items**

- Any illegal narcotics/drugs including synthetic, designer drugs, Cannabidiol (CBD) and medical marijuana
- All weapons and any item made, adapted or intended for use as an offensive weapon: firearms (including replicas, imitations and their components), spears or spear guns, crossbows, crossbow bolts and long bow arrows; blunt weapons, including knuckle dusters, brass knuckles, clubs, coshes, batons, flails or Nunchaku; sharp pointed weapons, including throwing stars; air, BB, pellet pistols or rifles, stun devices and tasers, any projectile-weapon, including paintball guns, etc.
  - All items containing incapacitating substances, such as gas guns, tear gas sprays, mace, phosphorus, acid and other dangerous chemicals that could be used to maim or disable
  - All ammunition
  - All explosives, including imitation explosives and devices
  - Fireworks, flares, pyrotechnics
  - Flammable substances and hazardous chemicals (e.g., petrol, methylated spirits, paint thinners)
    - Compressed gas tanks, bottles, cylinders including dive tanks, propane tanks and aerosol cans (Refer to Exemptions)
    - Alcohol (hard liquor) and beer

- Wine or champagne beyond the allowable limit of one 750 ml bottle per adult (21 years of age or older)
- Non-alcoholic beverages in containers other than a can or carton; excessive quantities per person (over 12 cans/cartons per person); excessive size per can/carton (over 12 ounces each)
- Electrical and household appliances containing any kind of heating element, such as irons, clothes steamers, immersion heaters, heating blankets, water heaters, coffee machines, hot plates, toasters, heating pads, humidifier, etc. (All Carnival ships provide facilities with ironing boards and irons; fleet-wide valet laundry service is also available for a nominal fee.)
- Knives, scissors and open razors. (Recreational dive knives are allowed, but must be held in the custody of the Guest Services Manager or Chief Security Officer and must be checked out/in by the owner for dive excursions during the cruise. Large scissors used by scrapbook and quilting enthusiasts are at times permitted with prior notification from the Security Services Department, but are held on board in the same manner as dive knives.)
  - Handcuffs or other restraining devices
  - Self-balancing hover boards and air wheels
  - Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB), communication scanners, wideband receivers, satellite phones, transformers, lasers and laser pointers.
  - Boom boxes/large radios
  - Candles and incense
  - Helium filled balloons
  - Inflatable kiddie pool
  - Hookahs
  - Any footwear with wheels, such as, Heely's type shoes
  - Kava
  - Surfboards, boats and canoes
  - Fish of any kind; if fish are caught during an excursion, they must be shipped home

Guests can access Carnival's website directly using the following link for any additional questions or concerns regarding prohibited items. <https://www.carnival.com/help?topicid=1202>

Carry-On Luggage guidelines:

Non-alcoholic:

- **Bottled non-alcoholic beverages - not permitted. No plastic or glass bottles. Cans only.**
- Guests have the option to take bottled beverages to their vehicles.
- If not taken back to vehicles, the bottles will be confiscated and destroyed.
- Each guest is allowed 12 cans in cartons – 12 oz. or less per can.

- Exception: Guests with CPAP machines (breathing units) are permitted to bring on **distilled water for the units. Distilled water only will be allowed – no limit. CPAP unit must be with the guest in carry on luggage items.**
- Exception: Mothers with infants are permitted to bring nursery water only – no limit.

**Alcoholic:**

- Wine or Champagne – Guests 21 years old or older only – are allowed one bottle of sealed wine or champagne (750 ml. size – maximum size) per guest at embarkation.
- Wine or champagne over the allowable 750 ml. maximum size will be confiscated and destroyed.
- The guest has the option to return the wine or champagne item to their car.
- All beer or hard-liquor will be confiscated and destroyed.
- The guest has the option of returning the beer or hard-liquor to their car.
- Exception: Gluten-free beer can be hand-carried onboard by guests – provided a Doctor's note is presented.
- For Gluten-free beer, without a Doctor's note will be confiscated and destroyed.
- The guest has the option of returning the gluten-free beer to their car.

**Other prohibited items – beverages:**

**Checked through Luggage guidelines:**

**Non-alcoholic:**

- No liquid beverages should be placed in check-through luggage.
- Any luggage containing beverages will be tagged and detained for inspection.

**Alcoholic:**

- Any luggage appearing to have alcohol or items commonly used to smuggle alcohol will be tagged and detained for inspection.

**General**

- Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) in coolers, cases, etc., will not be accepted at the check-through location.

**Please review the material in the Carnival Cruise Line ticket package for any other information related to prohibited items and cruise line policy. The list of prohibited items is subject to change dependent upon the Security Alert Level**

The Carnival Cruise Line website also has additional information that is useful for planning your cruise. The website is [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com) and telephone number is 1-800-764-7419.

Shuttle buses will take cruise passengers and luggage back to the Port's cruise parking areas on the return date to port. Shuttle buses will travel to specific staging areas.

Individuals picking up returning passengers should meet them at the parking lots in front of the Passenger Terminal, 196 Concord Street. There is a section reserved for private vehicles.

Follow same general travel route directions as those for embarkation but continue past the Union Pier Main Gate. Follow the street as it curves around to 196 Concord Street for debarkation parking and pickup areas.

**Cabs and hotel/motel shuttle vans should REPORT TO the designated taxi staging area – located on Pritchard Street on the side of Port warehouses – Lot G/H. From that location transportation will be cued up and directed to Lot A for passenger loading.** Transportation drivers should remain in their vehicles while in all staging areas at the cruise terminal and warehouse locations.

**Group charter buses should identify themselves to a Port Police Officer on arrival. Charter buses will be staged in a location designated for tour buses and moved forward at the appropriate time during debarkation activities. Group charter buses will be moved forward when their individual groups have disembarked; all members of the group are gathered and ready to leave the area.)**

All luggage must be off-loaded from the ship and cleared by U.S. Customs prior to passengers disembarking. It is estimated the first group of general category passengers will begin debarkation sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. in the morning.

Passengers choosing the "self-assist" option may start debarkation earlier at approximately 6:30 a.m.

Debarkation times are estimates and depend on the vessel arriving on time and the completion of the U.S. Customs clearance activities.

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