



The K9 College

Cruise News

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Travel Documents: Don't Leave Home Without Them!

You must have the proper travel documents with you in order to board the ship. Valid travel documents are:

A valid passport (Expiration date must be later than 09/20/2010)

or

A valid driver's license and Birth Certificate with a raised seal.

The cruise line will not make any exceptions to these rules, so don't leave home without your travel documents in hand!

You will not be allowed to board the ship without proper travel documents!

Your Cruise Confirmation

Your Cruise Confirmation is the document you received from us when you booked the cruise and when you made your final payment for the cruise.

The Cruise Confirmation contains your **Carnival Booking Number** and your Cabin Number. It has recently been updated to include other information which you need to verify:

- Transfers:** Any transfers you have purchased are listed
- Hotel:** Hotel reservation & reservation dates
- Seminars:** Indicates if your seminars have been received.
- Photos:** Indicates if your photos for the Dog Show at Sea have been received.
- Air:** If we've made your airline reservations for you, your reservation details are listed.

Your updated Cruise Confirmation will be emailed to you separately from this newsletter. **PLEASE** check it very carefully. **NOW** is the time to find any mistakes.



Cruise Tickets

Carnival will not be issuing any paper tickets this year, so don't look for cruise tickets to arrive in the mail!

The documents you need can all be downloaded and printed from Carnival's website. These documents are:

Carnival Fun Pass - Required for boarding

"My Documents" - Includes Travel Insurance, and Transfer Vouchers (if purchased), and Luggage Tags.

Information on this page will tell you exactly what you need to do to print this information from the Carnival website.

You will need to complete the Carnival Fun Pass first. You won't be able to access "My Documents" until the Fun Pass is completed.

Please note that it's also necessary for you and everyone in your kennel to complete the Fun Pass before you will be able to book shore excursions online at the Carnival website.

Carnival Fun Pass

Your Carnival Fun Pass contains information that will expedite your check-in process. Follow the instructions below to print your Fun Pass, then put it with your Travel documents. This is all the information you'll need for the check-in process.

- Go to www.carnival.com
- Click on "My Cruise"
- Click on "Fun Pass"
- Follow the instructions on the screen. You will need your Booking Number from your Cruise Confirmation.

Important! After you have printed your Fun Pass, verify your first and last name on the Fun Pass with your first and last name on your Travel Documents (passport or driver's license). The first and last names must match exactly. (Middle names and initials do not matter). If there is a discrepancy, give us a call right away. We will have to make this correction for you before you proceed.

If anyone does not have access to a computer, just give us a call and we will complete the Fun Pass for you.

Printing "My Documents"

To print "My Documents":

- Go to www.carnival.com
- Click on "My Cruise"
- Click on "My Documents"
- Fill in the requested information
- Click on "View", next to your name
- A 7-10 page document will be displayed.
- Print the entire document

The document contains your Travel Insurance and Carnival Transfer Vouchers (if purchased), and your Luggage Tags.

You'll need your **Carnival Transfer Voucher** to board your transportation to the airport when we disembark the ship.

It's a good idea to keep a copy of your **Travel Insurance** with you, although the ship will also have a record of it.

The **Luggage Tags** need to be attached to each piece of luggage that you will check-in at the ship and have taken to your kennel. **IMPORTANT: Please cover the paper luggage tags with clear packing tape so they will be less likely to be torn from your luggage.** It's also a good idea to include your own permanent identification tag on each piece of luggage.



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Hotel Information

If you've made your hotel reservations through us, your hotel is:

Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel
1870 Griffin Road, Dania Beach, FL
Phone: 954-920-3300

The reservation has been made in your name and guaranteed with your credit card. In the event you need to cancel your hotel reservation, cancellation must be made 24 hours prior to your arrival date. Otherwise, your credit card will be charged.

Look for the K9 Cruise Hospitality Desk in the hotel lobby and be sure to stop by and say hello! We're anxious to meet old and new friends alike!

Your hotel package does not include breakfast, but breakfast is available on-site.

Travel from Airport to Hotel

If you're arriving at the Ft. Lauderdale airport and are staying at the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport hotel, you can use the complimentary hotel shuttle to get from the airport to the hotel.

After collecting your luggage in the baggage claim area, you'll see a bank of courtesy phones on the wall. One of them will be labeled for the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel. Just pick up the phone and request a shuttle to pick you up.

Travel from Airport to Cruise Pier

If you're arriving in Ft. Lauderdale the day of the cruise, just take a Taxi from the airport to the **Port Everglades Cruise Pier**. The cruise pier is just a short distance from the airport.

You'll need to tell your taxi driver you'll be boarding the **Carnival Miracle**.

Cruise Registration at the Hotel

Guests staying at the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel who have purchased Transfers to the Cruise Pier through us will be able to complete their cruise check-in at the hotel. Then, when you go to the cruise pier, you'll be able to bypass all of the lines and go directly on-board the ship.

The registration process will be in the hotel lobby on Saturday, March 20th, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Please don't wait until the last minute: Carnival personnel will leave promptly at 11:00 a.m. Just make your way down to the hotel lobby anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The motor coaches to take you to the cruise pier will arrive at the hotel at about 11:00 a.m. You should be waiting curbside with your luggage. **Important: Don't get separated from your luggage! Never board a bus, shuttle, or taxi until you personally see that your luggage has been loaded into the vehicle.**

Travel from Cruise Pier to Airport

Upon disembarkation from the ship, proceed to the baggage claim area to collect your luggage. Then go outside the terminal.

If you've purchased a Carnival Transfer to take you to the airport, show your transfer voucher to one of the Carnival attendants and they will direct you to a shuttle.

If you haven't purchased a transfer, there will be many Taxi Cabs lined up. Just hail a Taxi to take you to the airport.

Don't Miss the Boat!

Our ship, the Carnival Miracle, will depart Port Everglades on March 20th promptly at 4:00 p.m. Boarding will begin at about noon, just in time for a Buffet Lunch! **You need to plan on being on-board NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M.**



Name Badges, Notebooks, Totebags

All K9 cruisers will receive Name Badges, Notebooks, and Totebags. If you're staying at the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Hotel, you can pick yours up at our hospitality desk in the hotel lobby. Otherwise, they will be delivered to your kennel before dinner time on the first day of the cruise.

Your **Name Badge** should be worn at all times throughout the cruise. It's your passport into all the seminars and other K9 activities, and it helps K9 cruisers recognize one another and have an opportunity to mingle and get acquainted.

The Notebook contains the seminar schedules, hand-out materials for all of the seminars, and space for you to take notes. So you'll want to take it with you to your classes. Just put it in your Totebag with your pens or pencils and you'll be ready to start absorbing a vast amount of K9 knowledge!

The Notebook also contains a roster of all K9 Cruisers so you can see who else is on-board with interests similar to yours and make a point to meet them!

Meet Fellow K9ers Before the Cruise!

It's fun to meet your fellow K9 Cruisers before the cruise.

Join the K9 College Cruise chat room and introduce yourself to the group. If you're new to the K9 College, prior cruisers will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Those of you who've sailed with us before can meet up with old friends as well as extend a warm welcome to the Freshman class.

Go to www.yahogroups.com
Type in "K9 College"
Click on "Join this Group"

Dress Code & What to Pack

Temperatures should be in the mid to high eighties, so when planning your attire, think summer! Of course it's always wise to include a lightweight sweater or jacket.

Daytime attire on board the ship and in the ports of call is very casual.... Shorts, t-shirts, whatever you're comfortable with.

Shorts are not allowed for evening meals in the Dining Room. Ladies should wear slacks, capris, or dresses. Gents should wear slacks and shirts. If you want to stay very casual for dinner, you can opt to eat at the Buffet on the Lido deck where anything except bathing suits is allowed.

There will be two formal nights during the cruise. On formal night, ladies wear anything from pantsuits to evening gowns and gentlemen wear anything from sports jackets and slacks to tuxedos. You can still opt for casual dining on the Lido deck if you don't want to go formal.

It's always a good idea to plan a carry-on bag to take with you when boarding the ship. **If you have any medications, you should include them in your carry-on bag.** Also include anything you may need for the afternoon and early evening. The cruise line works very hard to deliver baggage to your kennel promptly, but sometimes there are delays.

There are laundry and ironing facilities on-board the ship. **DO NOT PACK AN IRON...** it will be confiscated from your luggage.

Dining Times

All of the K9 Cruisers will be seated together in the Dining Room for the early dining at 6:00 p.m. (Unless you have specifically requested otherwise).

We are trying to do the "Dine Around" this year, where speakers rotate to different tables, but are still waiting for confirmation from Carnival.



Fun in Ft. Lauderdale!

Those of you arriving a day or more before the cruise will have an opportunity to enjoy Ft. Lauderdale... the "Venice of America!"

We highly recommend the **WATER TAXI** as the best way to see and enjoy Ft. Lauderdale. A taxi cab from the hotel will be able to take you to any of the Water Taxi docks.

For only a few dollars, you can ride the Water Taxi all day. It will take you through the inter-coastal waterways of Ft. Lauderdale on a wonderful tour of beautiful waterfront homes, marinas, shops, and restaurants. You can get off at any of the stops along the way, including the beach, and jump back on board whenever you want.

If you haven't been to Ft. Lauderdale before, you won't want to miss exploring the best of the city on the Water Taxi, available from several different waterfront locations in Ft. Lauderdale.

Shore Excursions

You can book shore excursions before the cruise or wait until you're on-board the ship. If you wait until you're on-board, you'll find one of the TV channels in your kennel dedicated to providing detailed information about the excursions available at each port of call. Just be sure to book your excursions during the first or second day on the ship.

If you prefer to book your excursions prior to the cruise, you can book them on Carnival's website.

- Go to www.carnival.com
- Click on DESTINATIONS
- Select "SHORE EXCURSIONS" from the Dropdown list

Welcome Aboard Meeting

Don't miss the K9 College Cruise Welcome Aboard meeting on Saturday March 20th in the evening right after dinner. The Welcome Aboard Session will be held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Madhatter's Lounge, which is all the way forward on the ship in the lower level under the main theater.

Meet the K9 College Cruise faculty and your fellow cruisers! We'll probably have some last minute announcements for you too and no doubt Barney will have something to say!

See you there!

Your Shipboard Account

There are no cash or credit card transactions aboard the ship, except for the casino, which will be happy to take all the cash you care to donate!

The key-card that serves as your stateroom key also serves as your on-board credit card account. The account must be secured by one of your credit cards, or with a cash deposit. Forms for securing your account with a credit card will be completed with your registration, either at the hotel or at the cruise pier before check-in. Cash deposits to secure your account must be made at the Purser's Office on-board the ship during the first or second day of the cruise.

You will use your key-card for any on-board purchases, such as alcoholic beverages, sodas, or purchases from any of the gift shops.

Toward the end of your cruise, you'll receive a statement of your account showing the total charges. The statement will also include Staff Gratuities, which are automatically billed to your account. You may change the gratuities at your discretion by going to the Purser's Desk.



Seminar Selections

You'll be receiving your updated Cruise Conformation within the next day in a separate email. This confirmation will indicate whether or not your seminar selections have been received.

If you've sent them before but your confirmation shows that they've not been received, **I need to ask you to resend them right away.** Many selections that were submitted early seemed to have gotten lost in cyberspace. It's very important that I receive your selections so that we can schedule the seminars and space available to accommodate everyone's requests.

If your confirmation indicates I haven't received your seminar selections, please go to our website and submit them today.

- Go to www.k9collegecruise.com
- Click on Select Seminars

Thank you very much!

We're Here to Help!

That old saying, "Expect the Unexpected", applies to travel too. Sometimes "bad things" happen to nice people! Sometimes things just don't go right. Airlines make mistakes, cruise lines make mistakes, hotels make mistakes, and (heaven forbid), so do we!

Whatever the situation, we're here to help you and to try to make things right. We'll have staff on-call round-the-clock before, during, and after the cruise, until everyone is home again safe and sound.

Six people from Brunswick Tours will be onboard the cruise, and others will be on 24-hour call from our office location.

Please clip and save the emergency contact numbers because you just never know what "Murphy" has in store for you!

If you wish to leave information for people at home to contact you in case of an emergency, leave them the Ship Phone number listed below AND your confirmation (booking) number and cabin number.



Photos for the Dog Show at Sea!

If your Cruise Conformation indicates that I don't have your doggie photos, **PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME NOW!** We can't possibly sail without your dog on board!

ALL DOGS are eligible to participate. If you have multiple dogs, you can send me multiple pictures. Just be sure to include the dog's call name with each photo.

Photos can be any kind... puppy pics, funny pics, show pics, whatever you like.

Please email your pics to: ktmarkley@comcast.net

Don't Deny Your Dog the Chance to Win the most coveted title at sea - BIS (Best-in-Ship)

Emergency Contact Numbers

Brunswick Tours, Inc......800-979-8687
Email: brunswicktours@comcast.net

Katie and Randy Markley, Brunswick Tours
Until 03/17/06 Home: 717-361-9171
After 03/17/06..... Cell: 717-682-7119
On-Board the Ship..... Kennel: 7347

Sharon Fridy, Bruce West, Brunswick Tours
Cell..... 717-672-4967
On-Board the Ship..... Kennel: 8176

Carole Brubaker, Dave Stephenson, Brunswick Tours
Cell..... 717-380-6321
On-Board the Ship..... Kennel: 6175

Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel 954-920-3300
1870 Griffin Road, Dania Beach, FL

Ship Phone: Carnival Miracle 877-225-7447
(Need booking number and cabin number)