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The 2,052-passenger Carnival Paradise, the last of Carnival Cruise Line's Fantasy Class, will home port in Tampa in December 2011, replacing Carnival Inspiration.

Carnival announces Tampa cruise ship upgrade for 2011

TAMPA, Fla.—The Tampa Port Authority is pleased to announce that Carnival Cruise Line will upgrade its Tampa presence in December 2011 by sailing Carnival Paradise in to home port, replacing Carnival Inspiration.

Launched in 1998, some of Carnival Paradise's highlights include three pools, a six-story atrium, nine-hole mini golf course, and the redesigned Spa Carnival. The 70,367-ton vessel accommodates for 2,052 passengers and 920 crew. Additionally, she is equipped with faster

maneuvering than the Carnival Inspiration. She will join Carnival Legend, also home ported in Tampa, as one of two Carnival ships to serve the Tampa cruise market year round, on December 12, 2011.

“We are extremely pleased to see Carnival Cruise Line’s continued growth at the Port of Tampa. Having just been named Carnival’s Embarkation Port of the Year just a few months ago, we are well aware that Tampa offers the right atmosphere for successful cruise operations, and Carnival has been an extremely important partner for many years in this regard,” Richard Wainio, Tampa’s port director and chief executive, said.

One of the nation’s largest and most diversified seaports, the Port of Tampa is the largest economic engine in west-central Florida, responsible for nearly 100,000 jobs and \$8 billion in annual economic impact. Tampa is Florida’s largest cargo tonnage port, as well as a premier cruise home port and hub for shipyard activity. For more information about the Port of Tampa, visit www.tampaport.com. To book a Carnival Cruise, visit www.carnival.com.



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