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IMPORTANT

Need to Pay for the cruise to AAA

**Please contact our Cruise AAA Travel Agent ,
Lorna Tiller phone number 910-540-3390.**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CW4 Jay E, Garbus, USA (Ret)



Welcome all who are going on a great social, recruiting and business adventure on Carnival Sunshine. Our 1st Vice President is working hard to make sure all goes smooth. We will be sending out the time schedule of events for every day. Anyone can attend the daily lectors. The lectors will cover interesting facts on military operations. The subjects will be in a future news-letter.

Remember to bring you passport or other approved ID. If you do not you will watch us waving goodbye to you from the ship! When on the ship all activities go bye ship time. Set your watch to that time. They also have clocks around the ship.



To all Registered Guests for the Nov. 11-16, 2023 Veterans Day Cruise



There are nearly 100 registered guests for the Cruise in November. The representation from the 14 MOAA Chapters in North Carolina is encouraging and should allow us to get to know one another better and conduct NOCOC business.

If you are interested in late registration, please contact our Cruise AAA Travel Agent , Lorna Tiller phone number 910-540-3390 immediately. There are staterooms available.

Registered guests should contact Lorna ASAP if you have not received your cabin numbers, instructions about final payment amounts, etc. You can complete online check-in with Carnival Cruise Line to reserve shore excursions and/or specialty dining.

The cruise online store with Queensboro Apparel is available. See information below.

Showing the MOAA and Council brand will have significant visibility for our organization. Enjoy the shopping and social interaction as part of the Veterans Day Cruise out of Charleston, SC to the Bahamas and return.

SHOP ONLINE FOR VETERANS CRUISE LOGO APPAREL FROM QUEENSBORO APPAREL CO.

[Please Login – MOAA Store \(qbstores.com\)](https://www.qbstores.com)

Step 1. Begin by Registering for your personal account.

That will open an online store with available logo apparel for our cruise.

Step 2. When you see an item that interests you, select it.

Step 3. Then insert a number in the box next to size and color for the quantity desired. That action will send it to your cart.

Options.

Step 1. Additional shopping is an option.

Step 2. When you are ready for checkout, you will be asked for shipping and billing address plus credit/debit card info.

Logo for the cruise will be embroidered on all items you select.

If you need help with the ordering, send an email to Queensboro at <https://www.queensboro.com> or you can call Ken Klassen, VP-1 for NCCOC. At (910) 616-9614

Guests will receive berthing info, details for final payment and other details later this spring from AAA Travel agent Lorna Tiller. She can be contacted by email: tillertravels@gmail.com or ph. (910)540-3390. It is shaping up to be a major social event in November. Dress to impress, sell the MOAA brand and wave the Flag!!

Bon voyage!!!!

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CARNIVAL SUNSHINE

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People will have to make their own transportation arrangements and trip insurance. That is not part of the package.

For Those Who Love Indoor Fun - There's plenty for everyone to do throughout the ship. Carnival Sunshine is like a shining oasis boasting a wide variety of activities and entertainment for all ages to enjoy, including:

The Punchliner Comedy Club: The laughs don't stop at our cruise ship comedy club. Featuring shows for all ages and adults-only, the onboard comedians know how to tickle everybody's funny bone.

Playlist Productions: Amazing Broadway-style musical productions featuring top hits and brilliant dancers.

The Warehouse Arcade: The whole family will enjoy playing classic and new arcade games. It's open 24 hours giving you plenty of time to beat the high score.

Cloud 9 Spa: Treat yourself to some relaxation therapy with a massage, body wrap or facial. Or better yet, take a dip in the Hydrotherapy whirlpool.

Casino: Whether you enjoy table games or slots, you'll find all your favorites at the onboard casino. Will tonight be the night you win big? Pull the handle and see how well you do at the slots or try your hand at blackjack. If poker is your game, we've got you covered. Fancy a try at the roulette wheel? There's plenty of your favorite table games and some new variations.

For Those Who Love Outdoor Fun - Carnival Sunshine offers so much to do while you relax under the sun on your way to your next port of call. Try some (or all!) of these fun outdoor family activities while cruising to The Bahamas or the Caribbean:

WaterWorks and Twister Waterslide: What's better than a waterpark? A waterpark on a cruise ship! Splash and race your way through plenty of water-soaked attractions, including Twister Waterslide, one of the tallest and fastest waterslides at sea!

SportSquare: Enjoy some friendly competition at SportSquare, where you can team up to play volleyball, foosball, soccer and more.

Mini Golf: Play a round or two of mini golf with friends and family at this whimsical set of links.

Serenity Adult Only Retreat: Need some alone time away from the kids? You'll find it here as you relax on hammocks, enjoy some cocktails, and make some new friends in a serene setting.

Ropes Course: Are you ready for the challenge of a thrilling ropes course? On Carnival Sunshine you'll find challenges featuring levels for kids and adults; it's the ultimate in daring recreation.

Dive-in Movies: Carnival Seaside Theater™ has a lineup of blockbuster movies and sporting events for you to enjoy while relaxing in your own deck chair beneath the stars. There're special themed nights too, comedy, date night, and more. Your seat even comes with popcorn and blankets!

For Those Seeking the Best in Refreshment - Treat yourself to some delicious Bahamian-themed or craft cocktails, or a signature beer. These bars on Carnival Sunshine serve up entertainment along with your drinks.

RedFrog Pub: Enjoy a rum drink poolside at this lively cruise ship hotspot.

Havana Bar: This Cuban-themed bar transports you back to classic Cuba. Enjoy handcrafted Cuban cocktails and Cuban coffee drinks while dancing the night away.

Bluelguana Tequila Bar: This Mexican-themed bar serves up spectacular tequila drinks, plus refreshing cervezas and margaritas.

Alchemy Bar: Tantalizing, invigorating, delicious and stimulating. Those are just some of the words used to describe the handcrafted drinks at this vintage cocktail pharmacy.

Delicious Dining - Awaken your taste buds with an amazingly delicious array of cruise dining options, including:

Bluelguana Cantina: Build your own mouth-watering tacos or tasty burritos from a menu of Mexican ingredients. Add some tortilla chips and lip-smacking-good salsa for an authentic cantina treat.

Guy's Burger Joint: Never has a burger been so full of flavor than when it's served at this classic burger joint on Carnival Sunshine. Add your favorite toppings and a side of hand-cut fries for a new flavor experience.

Cucina del Capitano: Sit down to a delectable meal family meal served at an Italian countryside villa in the middle of the ocean. Additional \$\$\$.

Jiji Asian Kitchen: Experience de4liciously blurred borders as this across-Asia dining experience brings not only authentic food, but local traditions, to the table. Additional \$\$\$.

Steakhouse: Premium cuts and seafood are the centerpiece to this evening dining experience. Additional \$\$\$.

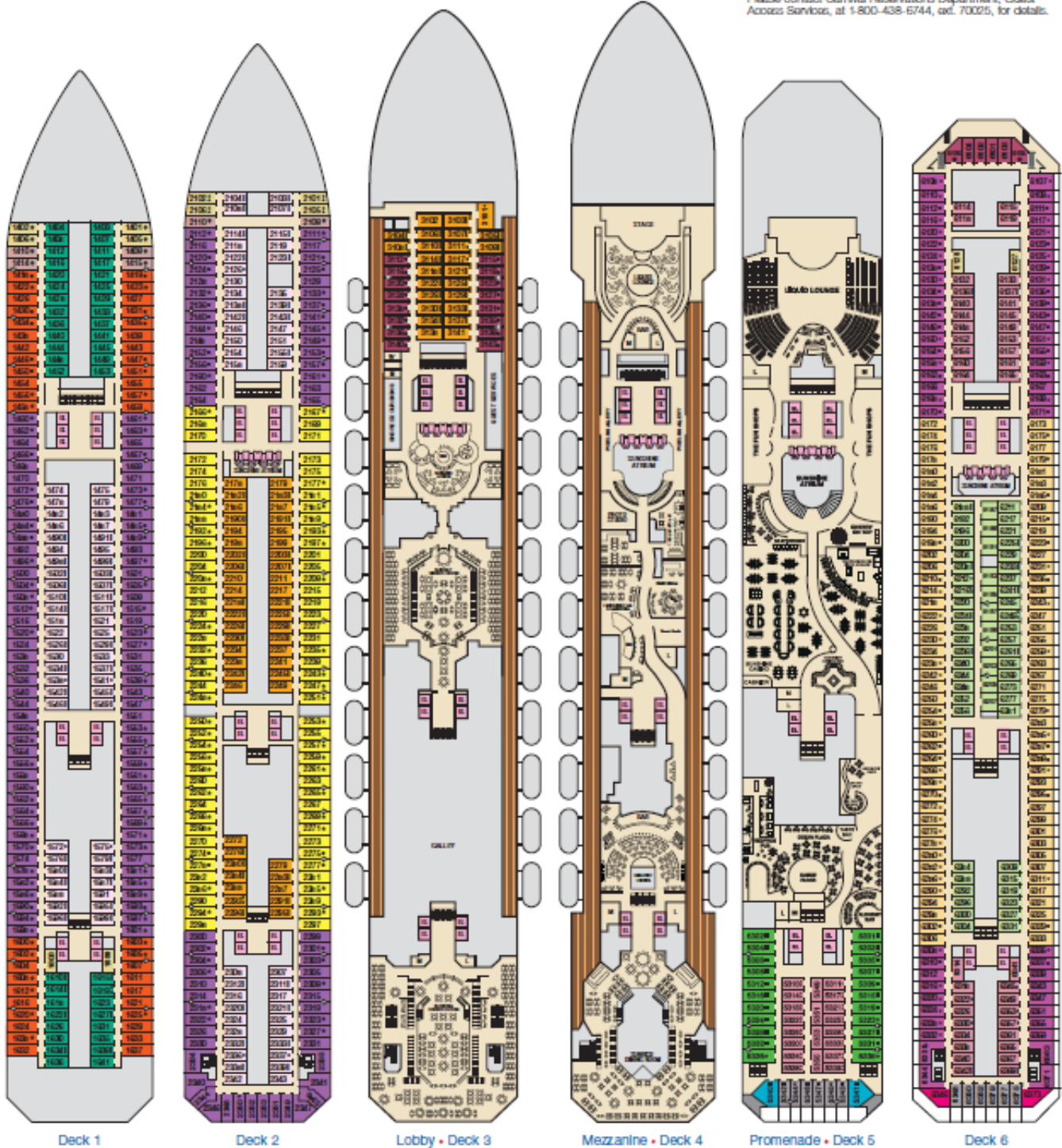


ACCOMMODATIONS SYMBOL LEGEND

- ▲ Twin Bed and Single Sofa Bed
- ★ 2 Twin Beds (convert to King) and Single Sofa Bed
- 2 Twin Beds (convert to King) and 1 Upper Pullman
- 1 2 Twin Beds (convert to King) and 2 Upper Pullmans
- 2 Twin Beds (convert to King), Single Sofa Bed and 1 Upper Pullman
- † 2 Twin Beds (convert to King) and Double Sofa Bed
- ▷ 2 Twin Beds (convert to King), Double Sofa Bed and 1 Lower Pullman
- ◆ Stateroom with 2 Porthole Windows
- ◁ Connecting staterooms (ideal for families and groups of friends)
- Twin Beds do not convert to a King Bed
- U Unisex Wheelchair Accessible Restroom

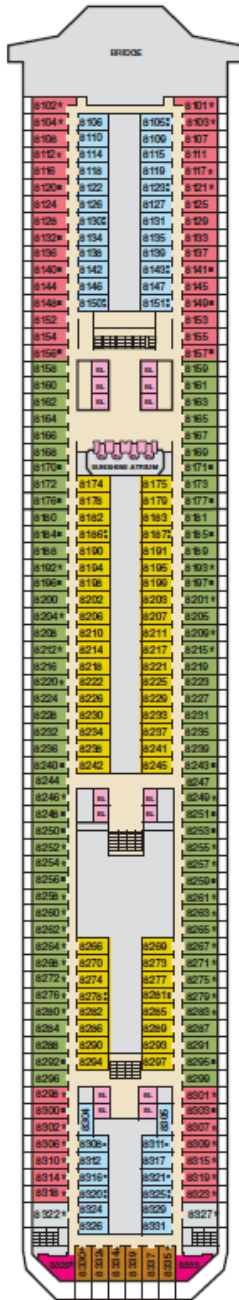
- Interior Staterooms: Beds do not convert to King when both Upper Pullmans in use.
- Staterooms with obstructed views: 2318, 2319.
- All accommodations are non-smoking.

Staterooms are available that are modified for wheelchair users. Please contact Carnival Reservations Department, Guest Access Services, at 1-800-438-6744, ext. 70025, for details.

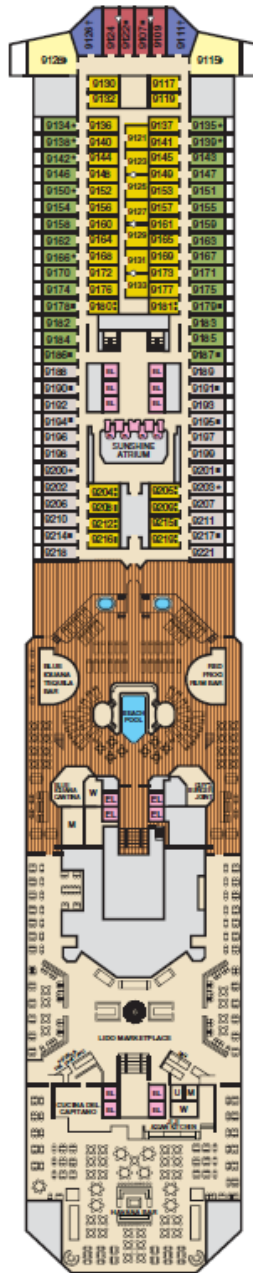




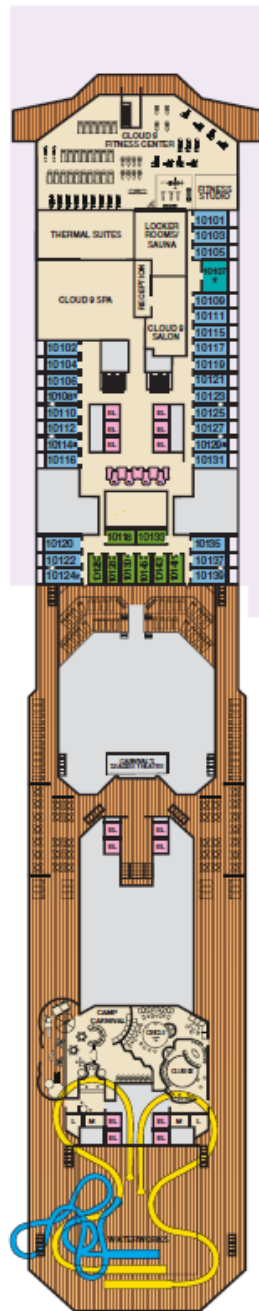
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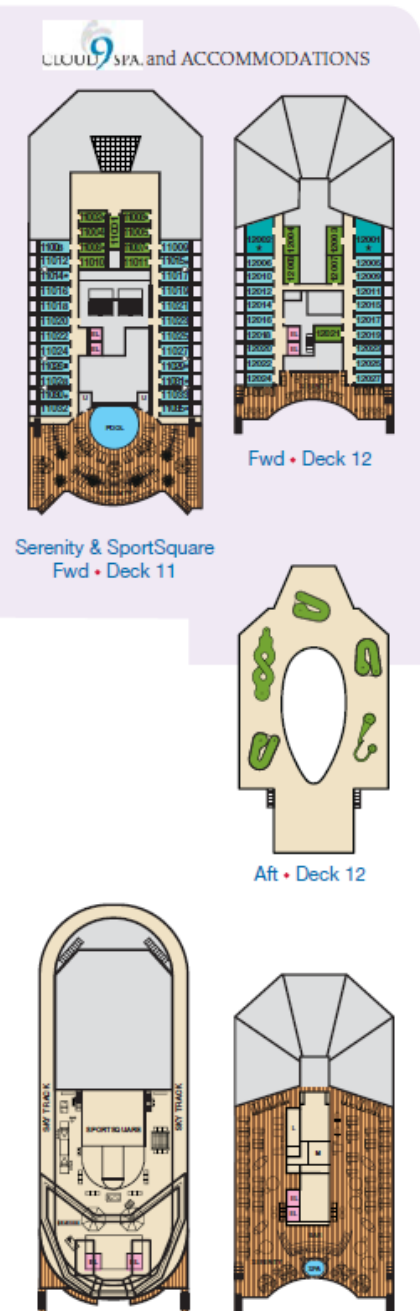
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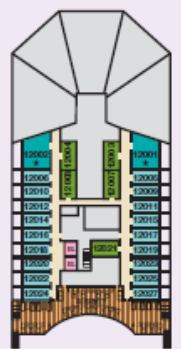
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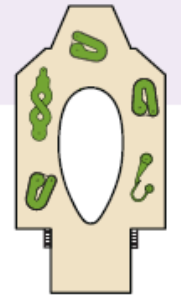
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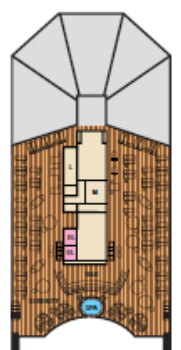
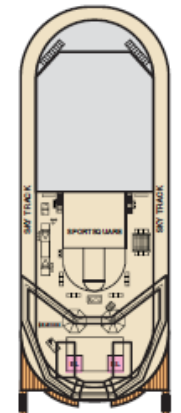
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Fwd Deck 12



Aft Deck 12



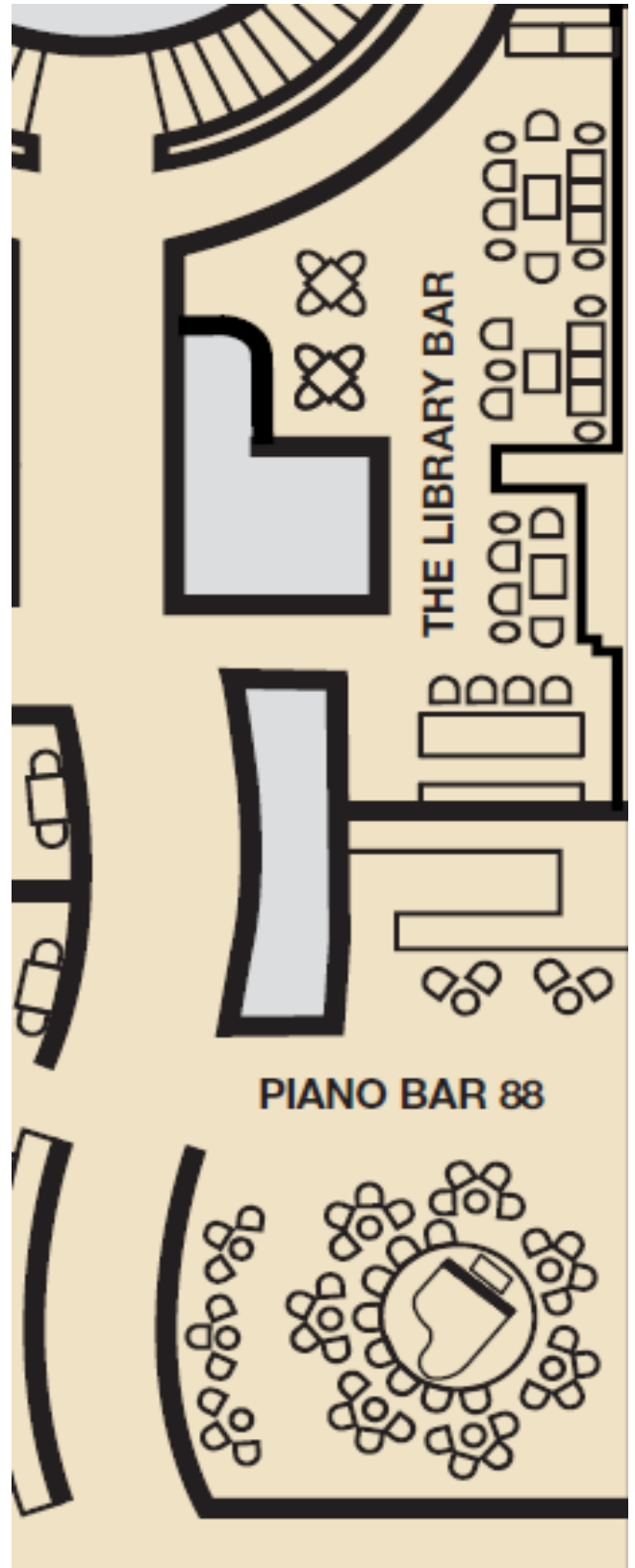
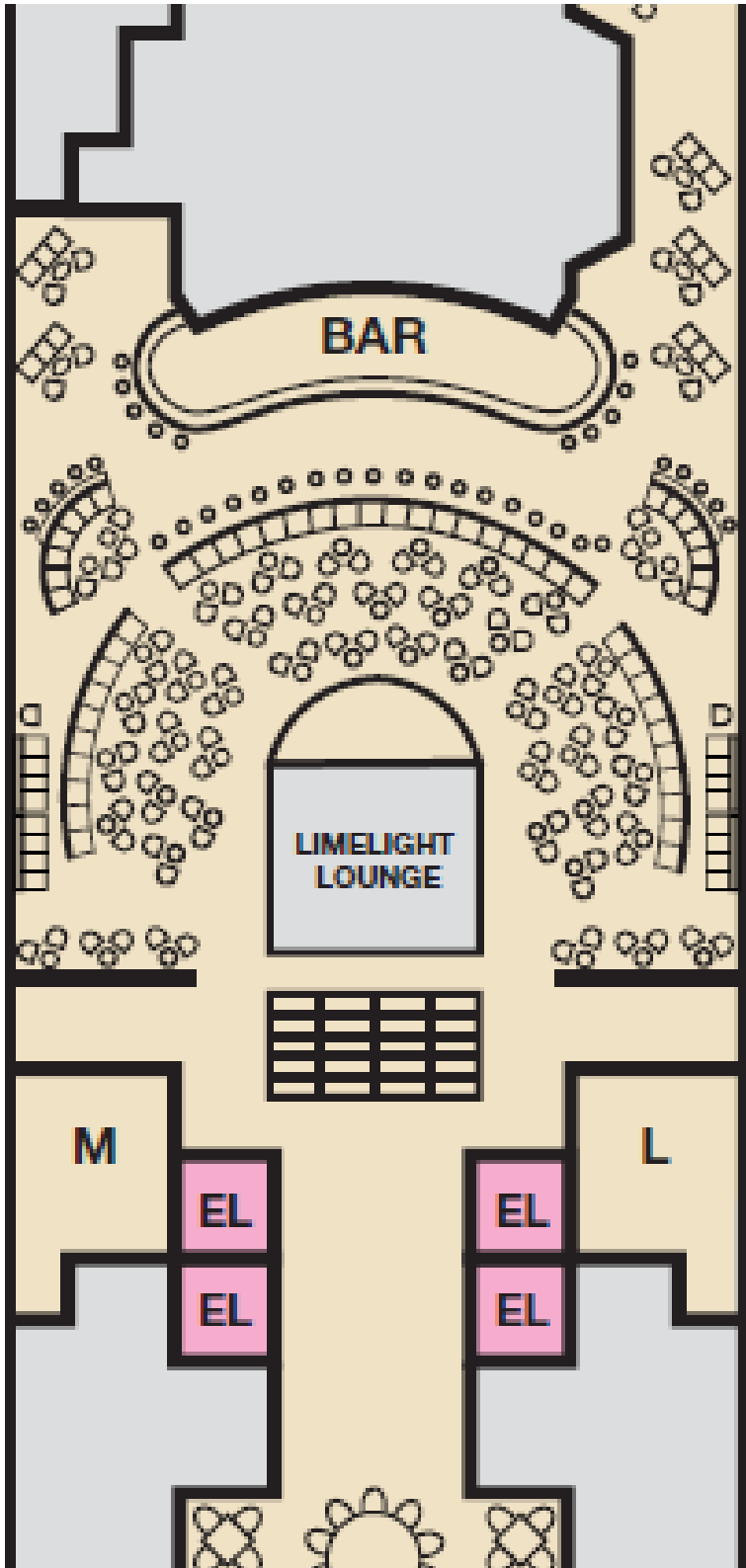
Serenity Deck 14

CARNIVAL SUNSHINE

Deck 5

Limelight lounge

Piano bar



THE LARGER OUR NUMBERS, THE GREATER YOUR VOICE.

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Are you a member of MOAA? Yes No Unknown
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Are you a member of any other MOAA Chapter(s)? Yes No
If yes, which one(s)? _____

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- Go to _____ [insert chapter webpage]

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