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Baltimore: Carnival Extends Contract
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Maryland's own "Fun Ship" will continue sailing from the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore as Carnival Cruise Line has agreed to a contract extension through December 2018 with three one-year options, according to the Maryland Port Administration. The deal means Carnival's Baltimore-based ship, the Carnival Pride, will continue offering five to 13-day year-round cruises to the Caribbean and Bahamas.

"We are thrilled to continue our relationship with Carnival," said Governor Larry Hogan in a prepared statement. "Since returning to Maryland last year with a newly renovated ship, Carnival continues to attract people from all over the Mid-Atlantic who come to the Port of Baltimore for the vacation of a lifetime."

The Carnival Pride began sailing a year-round cruise schedule from the Port of Baltimore in 2009. The ship left Maryland in the fall of 2014 and returned in March 2015 after undergoing a multimillion dollar renovation that included new dining and entertainment options as well as new emission technologies.

In 2015, nearly 200,000 passengers sailed on 90 cruises from the Port of Baltimore.

According to the port administration, approximately 500 jobs are generated by cruise activity in Maryland, including 220 direct jobs at the Port of Baltimore. Additionally, Maryland benefits from \$90 million in economic activity generated by cruise activities. The economic value to Maryland takes into consideration such factors as local spending, hotels, dining and entertainment.

The Port of Baltimore's cruise terminal is 2.5 miles from Baltimore's Inner Harbor and 10 miles from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. Maryland's median household income of \$70,004 is the highest in the U.S. Baltimore is also located within a four-hour drive of some of the wealthiest counties in the U.S. The Baltimore-Washington DC-Northern Virginia region is recognized as one of the most populated and affluent in the nation.

BALTIMORE SUN

Carnival signs two-year contract to continue sailing from Port of Baltimore cruise terminal
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Carnival Cruise Line has inked a two-year contract extension with the Port of Baltimore to continue sailing to the Caribbean and the Bahamas out of the port's cruise terminal, the Maryland Port Administration announced Monday.

The deal includes three one-year options. The 2,124-passenger Carnival Pride, which has sailed year-round from Baltimore since 2009, will continue offering its five, 13-day cruises from Baltimore.

The cruise line gave its Baltimore ship a multimillion-dollar renovation in 2014, adding dining venues such as Guy's Burger Joint, Blue Iguana Cantina, and Bonsai Sushi and entertainment options such as Hasbro, The Game Show; Seuss at Sea and Playlist Productions.

The ship also got a new water park, featuring the Green Thunder, which Carnival calls the steepest water slide at sea.

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"We are thrilled to continue our relationship with Carnival, one of the most successful cruise lines in the world," Gov. Larry Hogan said in a statement.

Nearly 200,000 passengers sailed on 90 cruises from the Port of Baltimore last year, the port administration said. Baltimore's port is ranked sixth on the East Coast, 11th in the nation and 20th in the world for cruise passengers, officials said.

"We are thrilled to be continuing our relationship with the Port of Baltimore which has been such a fantastic partner over the past several years we've been cruising from Baltimore," Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line, said in a statement. "Not only do our guests enjoy spending time in Baltimore before or after their cruise, but it's an excellent and convenient departure point for people in the eastern U.S. to come aboard and sail to the beautiful islands of the Bahamas and Caribbean for some sun and relaxation."

Cruise traffic at the port generates 220 direct jobs at the port and more than twice as many indirectly in the state. Maryland receives \$90 million in economic activity generated by cruise activities, including local spending, hotels, dining and entertainment.

MARYLAND DAILY RECORD

Carnival extends Port of Baltimore contract

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Carnival Cruise Line has agreed to a contract extension with the Port of Baltimore.

Carnival Cruise Line will continue to depart from the Port of Baltimore after agreeing to a contract extension through December 2018 with three one-year options.

Baltimore-based Carnival Pride will continue offering year-round cruises to the Caribbean and Bahamas that last five to 13 days. Last year, about 200,000 passengers departed from Baltimore on 90 cruises.

"We are thrilled to be continuing our relationship with the Port of Baltimore which has been such a fantastic partner over the past several years we've been cruising from Baltimore," Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line, said in a news release

According to the Maryland Port Administration, the cruise line is responsible for about 500 local jobs, including 220 direct jobs. Overall it represents roughly \$90 million in economic activity.

Carnival Pride initially sailed out of Baltimore starting in 2009. But there was a brief hiatus between the fall of 2014 and March of 2015 while the ship underwent multimillion-dollar renovations.

In April, the Port of Baltimore announced it had signed a new contract with Royal Caribbean International to extend that cruise line's year-round departures through June 2020.

The port last year ranked sixth on the East Coast, 11th in the U.S. and 20th in the world for cruise passengers.

BALTIMORE BUSINESS JOURNAL

Carnival signs extension to continue sailing out of Baltimore through 2018

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Baltimore's very own Carnival Cruise Line ship will continue to sail out of the city through at least December 2018 following a new two-year contract extension with the Maryland Port Administration.

The current contract was set to expire this year following a five-year extension signed in 2011. The new contract will see the Carnival Pride cruise ship continue to offer five and 13-day year-round cruises to the Caribbean and Bahamas. The contract includes three one-year options.

The Carnival Pride began sailing a year-round schedule out of South Locust Point in 2009. The ship took a short hiatus while federal fuel regulations went through changes in 2014 before returning in March 2015.

The 2,124-passenger ship underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation in 2014 that added new dining and entertainment options along with the new emission technologies. The renovation was part of Carnival's (NYSE: CCL) \$500 million "Fun Ship 2.0" project that upgraded 14 of the fleet's cruise ships.

Royal Caribbean International extended its contract with the Maryland Port Administration in April to continue to sail the Grandeur of the Sea ship out of Baltimore through June 2020.

In 2015, nearly 200,000 passengers sailed on 90 cruises at the Port of Baltimore. As the sixth most active port on the East Coast, and 20th in the world, Port of Baltimore sees nearly 220 direct jobs generated because of cruise activity.