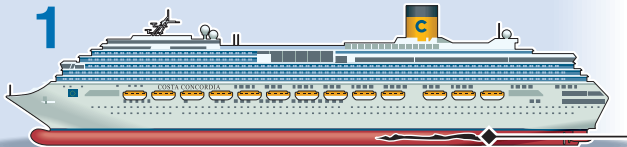


# Cruise company's chequered past

*Costa Cruises* operates 16 cruise liners including the ill-fated *Costa Concordia*, but has a less than exemplary safety record – as does its parent company, *Carnival*

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50m-long gash in hull coincides with location of ship's engines

**1** Jan 13, 2012: *Costa Concordia* runs aground off Tuscany – 11 people dead, 24 missing. Speculation growing that collision caused **power failure** which disabled ship's ability to steer and other facilities such as navigational equipment

**2** Nov 8, 2010: *Carnival Splendor* catches fire twice off coast of Punta San Jacinto, Mexico

**3** Oct 18, 2010: *Costa Classica* collides with cargo ship in Yangtze River, China, after **power failure** – three passengers injured. Puts 20 metre gash in starboard side

**4** Feb 26, 2010: *Costa Europa* crashes into pier in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt – three crew killed, four tourists injured. Two months later, ship chartered to Thomson Cruises for 10 years and renamed *Thomson Dream*

**5** Jan 28, 2010: *Carnival Miracle* crashes into pier at Port Zante, St. Kitts – dents starboard side of ship and damages port facility. Blames accident on freak gust of wind

**6** Feb 26, 2009: *Costa Romantica* catches fire after leaving Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – ship evacuated. Later renamed *Costa neoRomantica*

**7** Nov 22, 2008: *Costa Concordia* collides with dock in Palermo, Sicily – bow damaged and passengers shaken

**8** Jun 6, 2008: *Costa Classica* collides with *MSC Poesia* cruise ship in old town harbour in Dubrovnik, Croatia

**9** Nov 6, 2006: *Carnival Elation's* gangway gives way at Cape Canaveral, U.S. – four passengers injured

**10** Aug 24, 2005: *Costa Classica* catches fire off Poros, Greece – burns for 35 minutes, damaging kitchen

