

Carnival's mega-ship Mardi Gras



Port Canaveral:
Homeport for
Mardi Gras

New Orleans Tampa Miami
200km
125 miles

Playground: Waterslides, mini-golf, ropes course, basketball court

Carnival Cruise Line's new Mardi Gras is the first cruise ship in North America to be powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG). The Excel-class vessel will accommodate more than 5,200 guests and a crew of 2,000

LNG: Four engines reduce particular matter by more than 95 percent and eliminate up to 20 percent of carbon emissions, compared to marine diesel fuel

Bolt: 244-metre roller-coaster

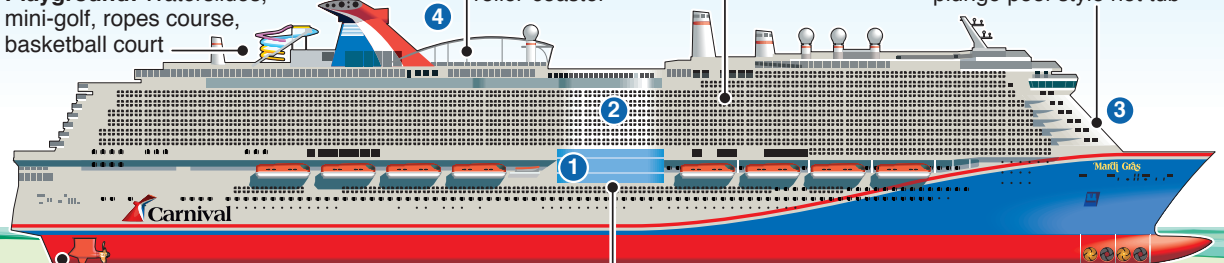
Accommodation: Choice of more than 2,600 staterooms and 180 suites

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Gross tonnage: 180,000
Length: 340 metres
Beam: 42 metres
Decks: 19

Built by **Meyer Turku** shipyard, Finland

Excel Suites: Open onto private sundeck with plunge pool-style hot tub



Azipod propulsion system: Twin Azipod electric drive motors rotate 360 degrees to provide both thrust and steering in any direction. Cuts fuel consumption by up to 20 percent

1. Grand Central: Atrium features three decks of floor-to-ceiling glass showcasing ocean views. At night it transforms into theatre venue (*below*)

Bow thrusters



2. French Quarter: Inspired by New Orleans. Has live jazz club and *Bistro 1396* by celebrity chef **Emeril Lagasse** (*inset*), offering raw oysters, jambalaya, and cochon de lait po' boys



3. Excel Suites: Staterooms with best views on ship. **Presidential Suite** features separate living, dining and bedrooms. Wraparound balcony provides seating for over 12 friends, plus al fresco dining

4. Ultimate Sea Coaster: Bolt – first rollercoaster at sea. Built by Germany-based **Mauer Rides**, Bolt carries two passengers in motorcycle-style cars around ship's giant funnel, 57 metres – or 19 storeys above sea. Throttle lets rider boost speed to 64km/h

