

## Carnival revamps menus, highlights flaming dessert

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Carnival Cruise Line is revamping the menus for several of its specialty dining venues and reintroducing Baked Alaska across the fleet.

The menus for Carnival's [steakhouses](#), [Cucina del Capitano](#) family-style Italian restaurants, and [delis](#), as well as main [dining room breakfast offerings](#), are using lighter ingredients, updated preparation techniques and exquisite presentation to keep pace with changing palates.

Baked Alaska - a classic dessert made of cake and ice cream topped with merengue - is also being reintroduced after several years with waiters parading the confection throughout the dining room before service.

The updated steakhouse menus, currently available on three ships, offer appetizers such as *Iced and Smoked Fresh Oysters with Apple Mignonette*; *Tuna Tartare with Yuzu Sphere and Avocado "Leche de Tiger"*; *Risotto with Crab, Mushroom and Brown Butter*, and *Heritage Berkshire Pork Belly with Apple Walnut Preserve*. Also on the menu is USDA prime steaks, including new items such as an A-5 Wagyu steak and lighter fare like *Farmhouse Chicken with Roasted Honey Vinegar* and *Dover Sole Pan-Seared with Lemon Potato-Mousseline and Shallot Emulsion*. Four additional ships are expected to get

the new menus by early next year.



The new menu for Cucina del Capitano has dishes like *Branzino Al Forno in Crosta Dorata* with tomatoes, stewed chickpeas, salmoriglio and mushroom bark, along with *Risotto Milanese* with saffron and Parmesan cheese, *Grande Braciola Di Maiale* – a tomahawk pork chop with fennel pollen, shallots and crispy sage – and *Costina Di Manzo Con Porcini* with salsa verde and young tomato bruschetta. House-made burrata – an Italian favorite made with mozzarella and cream and distinguished by its rich buttery flavor – has been added to menus as well, with classic Italian favorites like chicken Parmesan, meatballs and fried calamari also available. The new Cucina del Capitano menus are currently on three ships – [Carnival Magic](#), [Carnival Vista](#) and [Carnival Breeze](#) – with [Carnival Sunshine](#) expected to be updated in December.

Breakfast menus in the main dining rooms are just as varied with options such as avocado toast; a Breakfast Bowl featuring kale, spinach, faro wheat berries, sesame seeds, feta cheese, raspberries and a sunny side up egg; and fresh-baked Broccoli and Cheddar Egg Frittata. There’s also a Broken Egg Sandwich served panini-style with fried eggs, bacon, cheddar, greens and hash browns; and a “Breakfast Board” with a soft boiled egg, house-made yogurt, seasonal jam, baby lettuce salad, pastrami, and grilled sour dough bread. A new “breakfast express” is available on port days featuring orange juice, eggs, hickory-smoked bacon or sausage and pastries, all served within 25 minutes. An assortment of traditional breakfast favorites such as French toast, pancakes and cereals is also offered. Thus far, 12 ships feature the popular new breakfast items with the balance of the fleet expected to receive the new menus by mid-2018.

The line’s delis have undergone a change, as well, with an updated design and host of new choices, including seven sandwiches such as meatball, buffalo chicken, and The Cubano with roasted pork, ham, pickles, mustard and Swiss cheese, along with Southwest chicken, falafel and turkey wraps. Diners can enjoy a sweet finish to their meal with a Salted Chocolate Chip Cookie baked fresh every morning.

Carnival is also re-branding its 24-hour pizzerias to [Pizzeria del Capitano](#) offering five kinds of hand-tossed, thin-crust pies – from Margherita and pepperoni to artisan-style quattro formaggio, mushroom, and prosciutto. The re-branded delis and pizzerias will be incorporated into additional vessels during scheduled dry docks.

With the popularity of [Seafood Shack](#) which debuted on *Carnival Vista* last year and offering lobster rolls, fried clams, chowder and other New England-inspired fare, the concept has been expanded to nine additional ships.