



## CARNIVAL LEGEND

# Venue Names & Themes: Background



## Overview

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The Carnival Legend was built in 2002 and has undergone many refurbishments and renovations over the years. Despite these changes, many of the original names and much of the original decor remains for the ship's venues. This document is intended to provide background information to help you understand the naming and theming for the legend-themed venues.

## Firebird Lounge

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### Deck 1 Forward

The phoenix is a mythical firebird which dies in flames and is reborn from the ashes. Scholars have observed analogues to the phoenix in a variety of cultures, including the Hindu Garuda and Gandaberunda, the Russian firebird, the Arabian anka, Persian simorgh, the Turkish kerkes, the Tibetan Me byi karmo, the Chinese fenghuang, and the Japanese ho-oh.

Source: <https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Phoenix>

## Medusa's Lair Dance Club

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### Decks 1 & 2 Aft

In Greek mythology, Medusa, also called Gorgo, was one of the three monstrous Gorgons, generally described as winged human females with living venomous snakes in place of hair. Those who gazed into her eyes would turn to stone. Medusa was beheaded by the Greek hero Perseus, who then used her head, which retained its ability to turn onlookers to stone, as a weapon until he gave it to the goddess Athena to place on her shield.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medusa>

## Follies Main Lounge

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### Decks 2, 3, & 4 Forward

Inspired by the Folies Bergère of Paris, The Ziegfeld Follies were a series of elaborate theatrical revue productions on Broadway in New York City from 1907 to 1931, with renewals in 1934 and 1936.

During the Follies era, many of the top entertainers appeared in the shows.

The Ziegfeld Follies were also famous for their display of many beautiful chorus girls, commonly known as Ziegfeld Girls, who "paraded up and down flights of stairs as anything from birds to battleships." They usually wore elaborate costumes [from popular designers].

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ziegfeld\\_Follies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ziegfeld_Follies)

## Trump Card Room

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### Deck 2 Forward

A trump is a playing card which is elevated above its usual rank in trick-taking games. Typically, an entire suit is nominated as a trump suit; these cards then outrank all cards of plain (non-trump) suits.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trump\\_\(card\\_games\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trump_(card_games))

## Club Merlin Casino and Bar

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### Deck 2 Forward

Merlin is a mythical figure prominently featured in the legend of King Arthur and best known as an enchanter or wizard. Merlin served as the king's advisor and mentor until he disappears from the story after having been bewitched and forever imprisoned in a tree by his student known as the Lady of the Lake after falling madly in love with her, leaving behind a series of prophecies foretelling the events yet to come.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlin>

## Truffles Restaurant

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### Decks 2 & 3 Aft

Truffles are rare. The white ones are only available a couple of months of the year, almost exclusively from one part of Italy, where they must be foraged by special pigs, and there are fewer of them, and of lesser quality, every year.

Source: <http://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2029487,00.html>

The most expensive white truffle ever sold went for \$484,000 USD per lb while the largest truffle ever sold went for \$66,000 per lb. More typically however, white truffles sell for \$1,500-\$4,000 USD per lb.

Source: [https://truffle.farm/truffle\\_prices.html](https://truffle.farm/truffle_prices.html)

## Enchanted Forest

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### Deck 3 Forward

In folklore and fantasy, an enchanted forest is a forest under, or containing, enchantments. The forest can be featured as a place of threatening danger, or one of refuge, or a chance at adventure.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enchanted\\_forest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enchanted_forest)

## Hollywood Boulevard

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### Deck 3 Forward/Midship

Hollywood Boulevard is a major east–west street in Los Angeles, California.

The Hollywood Walk of Fame is a historic landmark which consists of more than 2,700 five-pointed terrazzo and brass stars embedded in the sidewalks along 15 blocks of Hollywood Boulevard and three blocks of Vine Street in Hollywood, California. The stars are permanent public monuments to achievement in the entertainment industry, bearing the names of a mix of musicians, actors, directors, producers, musical and theatrical groups, fictional characters, and others.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood\\_Walk\\_of\\_Fame](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Walk_of_Fame)

## Billie's Piano Bar

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### Deck 3 Forward/Midship

Billie Holiday was an American jazz and swing music singer. Nicknamed "Lady Day" by her friend and music partner, Lester Young, Holiday had an innovative influence on jazz music and pop singing. Her vocal style, strongly inspired by jazz instrumentalists, pioneered a new way of manipulating phrasing and tempo.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billie\\_Holiday](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billie_Holiday)

## Rodeo Drive

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### Deck 3 Midship

Renowned for more than half a century as one of the world's most glamorous luxury destinations, Rodeo Drive and is an international hub for fashion, shopping and entertainment located in Los Angeles, California.

Source: <https://rodeodrive-bh.com/for-your-visit/>

## The Colossus Atrium

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### Deck 3 (to Top of Ship) Midship

Note: The painting of Colossus is best viewed from the balconies adjacent to the glass elevators.

The Colossus of Rhodes was a colossal statue of the Greek sun god Helios that stood in the ancient Greek city of Rhodes and was one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It was said to be 105 feet tall. It took 12 years to build and was toppled by an earthquake.

Source: [https://www.worldhistory.org/Colossus\\_of\\_Rhodes/](https://www.worldhistory.org/Colossus_of_Rhodes/)

## Odyssey Lounge

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### Deck 3 Midship/Aft

The Odyssey is one of two major ancient Greek epic poems attributed to Homer. It is one of the oldest extant works of literature still widely read by modern audiences. The poem is divided into 24 books. It follows the Greek hero Odysseus, king of Ithaca, and his journey home after the Trojan War. After the war itself, which lasted ten years, his journey lasted for ten additional years, during which time he encountered many perils and all his crew mates were killed. In his absence, Odysseus was assumed dead, and his wife and son had to contend with a group of unruly suitors who were competing for Penelope's hand in marriage.

The Odyssey was originally composed in Homeric Greek in around the 8th or 7th century BCE. The first English translation of the Odyssey was in the 16th century. Adaptations and re-imaginings continue to be produced across a wide variety of mediums. In 2018, when BBC Culture polled experts around the world to find literature's most enduring narrative, the Odyssey topped the list.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odyssey>

## Round Table Conference Room

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### Deck 3 Aft

The Round Table is King Arthur's famed table in the Arthurian legend, around which he and his knights congregate. As its name suggests, it has no head, implying that everyone who sits there has equal status.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Round\\_Table](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Round_Table)

## Camelot Pool

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### Deck 9 Forward/Midship

Camelot is a castle and court associated with the legendary King Arthur. Absent in the early Arthurian material, Camelot first appeared in 12th-century French romances and, since the Lancelot-Grail cycle, eventually came to be described as the fantastic capital of Arthur's realm and a symbol of the Arthurian world.

The stories locate it somewhere in Great Britain and sometimes associate it with real cities, though more usually its precise location is not revealed. Most scholars regard it as being entirely fictional, its unspecified geography being perfect for chivalric romance writers. Nevertheless, arguments about the location of the "real Camelot" have occurred since the 15th century and continue to rage today in popular works and for tourism purposes.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camelot>

## Avalon Pool

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### Deck 9 Forward/Midship

Avalon is a legendary island featured in the Arthurian legend. It was the place where King Arthur's sword Excalibur was made and later where Arthur was taken to recover from being gravely wounded at the Battle of Camlann. Since then, the island has become a symbol of Arthurian mythology, similar to Arthur's castle Camelot.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avalon>

## Unicorn Café Lido Buffet

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### Deck 10 Midship/Aft

Unicorns are legendary and mythical animals, which in European folklore usually resemble a horse with a large, pointed, spiraling horn projecting from its forehead, and sometimes a goat's beard and cloven hooves. First mentioned by the ancient Greeks, it became the most important imaginary animal of the Middle Ages and Renaissance when it was commonly described as an extremely wild woodland creature, a symbol of purity and grace, which could only be captured by a virgin.

<https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Unicorns>

## Nouveau Steakhouse - Formerly "The Golden Fleece Steakhouse"

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### Decks 10 & 11 Midship

In Greek mythology, the Golden Fleece is the fleece of a golden-woolled winged ram which was kept in a King Aeëtes's sacred grove. It figures in the tale of the hero Jason and his crew of Argonauts, who set out on a quest for the fleece.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden\\_Fleece](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Fleece)

### Jason and the Golden Fleece Summary

Jason shows up in his hometown of Iolcus with a game-plan: regain the throne stolen from his father by his uncle Pelias. King Pelias says he's down to give up the throne... so long as Jason brings him the Golden Fleece. Which is held in the far away land of Colchis, a.k.a not something you can just pick up at the local Walmart. Jason accepts the quest anyway and assembles the most star-studded team of heroes Greece has ever seen to go on the quest with him aboard the magical ship, the Argo.

Jason and the Argonauts have tons of adventures on the way Colchis, like battling Harpies and giants and stuff like that. When they finally arrive in Colchis, King Aeëtes says that Jason can have the Fleece just as long he completes three nearly impossible tasks. With the help of Medea, the daughter of Aeëtes, Jason completes the tasks, grabs the Fleece and Medea, and sails back to Greece. A few adventures later, Jason and pals are marching into Iolcus with the Golden Fleece.

Source: <https://www.shmoop.com/study-guides/mythology/jason-and-the-golden-fleece/summary>