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TESTING THE WATERS: ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S *UTOPIA OF THE SEAS* BEGINS TESTS AT SEA

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Royal Caribbean's new Utopia of the Seas, sets sail to the open ocean for the first time to begin five days of testing. The sea trial, one of the final construction milestones, comes 10 weeks ahead of the ultimate short getaway's July debut in Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida.

MIAMI, May 7, 2024 – The countdown is on for the next big thing coming to vacations, **the ultimate short getaway: Royal Caribbean International's [Utopia of the Seas](#)** is almost ready for its debut. Starting today, the next in the lineup of game-changing Oasis Class ships is making its way to **the open ocean for the first time to begin five days of testing**. The **sea trial**, also known as one of the final construction milestones, begins just **10 weeks ahead of the new vacation's homecoming party and official introduction in Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida, in July 2024**.

More than **900 experts, specialists across areas like naval architecture, engineering, navigation and design**, are on *Utopia* to **push the ship to its limits** and make sure it's ready for smooth sailing. The teams are carrying out **hundreds of tests and inspections**, from **how the ship moves through the open water and the operation of its navigation systems to engine performance, back-of-house technical checks** and more. The ultimate short getaway will cover **more than 1,000 miles** during the five-day trial, and once complete, it will be all systems go for the final phase of construction at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in Saint-Nazaire, France.

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Starting July 19, *Utopia* will welcome vacationers to make more memories on short getaways than ever before as the first Oasis Class ship to debut with **3-night weekend** and **4-night weekday cruises**. Friends and families can celebrate just getting away, or any occasion, with a **lineup of firsts and signature experiences** that brings big weekend energy to every day of the week. From more than **40 ways to dine, drink and party**, including **Royal Railway, a first-of-its-kind immersive train car dining experience**; to **more pools than the days to count**, thrills like the **longest dry slide at sea**; and **show-stopping entertainment** across air, ice, water and stage, everyone can enjoy their version of the ultimate short getaway on *Utopia*.

The party also extends from ship to shore because every vacation on *Utopia* includes time to thrill and chill on Royal Caribbean's **award-winning private island, [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#)** in The Bahamas. With the island's **14 waterslides**, the **largest freshwater pool in the Caribbean and The Bahamas**, the newly opened **adults-only oasis, Hideaway Beach**, that features a private beach, pools and spots for drinks and bites, exclusive cabanas and live music; and more, *Utopia's* combination of adventures at sea and on land will redefine short getaways for years to come.

More details on *Utopia* are available on Royal Caribbean's [website](#).*

***NOTE TO EDITOR:**

More on *Utopia*, including images and video, is available to media on the Royal Caribbean Press Center at www.RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com/Utopia.

About Royal Caribbean International

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