



**OASIS OF THE SEAS VISITS NEW AND REVITALIZED CARIBBEAN PORTS DURING INAUGURAL YEAR**

*Sailings Include the New Port of Falmouth, Jamaica, and Royal Caribbean's Expanded Private Beach Destination at Labadee, Haiti*

MIAMI – For more than three years, the buzz had been building about Royal Caribbean International's new *Oasis of the Seas*, the 5,400-guest cruise ship that's redefining the cruise experience. Had you heard? She has an open-air park running down her center, and an old-fashioned boardwalk-style entertainment neighborhood with a real carousel. Had you heard? She has a three-acre Pool and Sports Zone, and an AquaTheater whose pool hosts high-dive shows, water ballet, and even SCUBA diving.

But beyond all that, there's a fact that sometimes gets overlooked: *Oasis of the Seas* goes places too. During her inaugural year, *Oasis of the Seas* offers three seven-night Caribbean itineraries and several special cruises, all from her home port of Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and visiting two ports that have been created (and in one case recreated) specifically with the ship's guests in mind.

*Oasis of the Seas* begins her inaugural year on December 1, 2009, with a special four-night Labadee Extravaganza cruise, designed to highlight the amazing new features at Royal Caribbean's private Haitian beach paradise. Earlier this year, Labadee completed a \$55 million expansion that added a new 800-foot pier, a Barefoot Beach Club with private cabanas, an alpine roller coaster with an individual controls for each car, new dining facilities, and a new, larger Artisan's Market. These additions complement Labadee's existing attractions, which include pristine beaches, a kids' Aqua Park, kayak tours, coral reefs, and the stunning Dragon's Breath Flight Line, a 2,600-foot-long zip line – the world's longest over water – that takes you soaring 500 feet above the beaches of Labadee at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour.

"We've taken Labadee to a level that is befitting of it being a regular stop on an *Oasis of the Seas* itinerary," says Adam Goldstein, President and CEO, Royal Caribbean International. "Just like the ship, it offers more options, more variety, more ways to be active if you want, and more ways to relax as you desire."

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On December 5, *Oasis of the Seas* departs Fort Lauderdale for the first of 21 consecutive seven-night Eastern Caribbean cruises, visiting St. Thomas, St. Maarten, and Nassau, Bahamas. Beginning in May 2010, that itinerary alternates weekly with a seven-night Western Caribbean cruise calling at Labadee and the Mexican ports of Cozumel and Costa Maya. Finally, in December 2010, the new port of Falmouth, Jamaica, will replace Costa Maya on all Western Caribbean sailings. Two special cruises will help inaugurate the new port during its first month of operation: a five-night cruise departing December 18, 2010, visiting Falmouth and Labadee, and a nine-night Holiday Cruise departing December 30, 2010, calling at Falmouth, Labadee, St. Thomas and St. Maarten.

Royal Caribbean worked closely with *Oasis of the Seas*' ports to ensure guests enjoy a seamless experience upon arrival. St. Maarten has also built a new pier and enhanced its guest welcome facilities based on Dutch-colonial architecture. Approaches to the docks at St. Thomas, St. Maarten and Nassau also were dredged and deepened.

Perhaps the greatest efforts were expended at the port of Falmouth. The historic 18th-century settlement was a hub for Jamaica's sugar and rum industry. The town has been the focus of intense restoration of its classic Georgian architecture and aims to leverage Jamaica's history and heritage to boost its tourism economy. The Port Authority of Jamaica has been working to complete the new Falmouth Cruise Pier in time for *Oasis of the Seas*' arrival, and to establish the associated infrastructure necessary to welcome the ship's guests.

"Royal Caribbean is fortunate to have taken millions of satisfied guests over 40 years to these highly regarded destinations," adds Goldstein. "We thank the government of Haiti; Port Authority of Jamaica; State Government of Quintana Roo, Island of Cozumel, SSA Mexico; Ministry of Public Works and Port Authority of the Bahamas; Virgin Islands Port Authority; West Indian Company; and Port of St. Maarten for their support and cooperation to provide such compelling itineraries for our guests."

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*Oasis of the Seas* is the largest and most revolutionary cruise ship in the world. An architectural marvel at sea, it spans 16 decks, encompasses 225,282 gross registered tons, carries 5,400 guests at double occupancy, and features 2,700 staterooms. *Oasis of the Seas* is the first ship to tout the cruise line's new neighborhood concept of seven distinct themed areas, which includes Central Park, Boardwalk, the Royal Promenade, the Pool and Sports Zone, Vitality at Sea Spa and Fitness Center, Entertainment Place and Youth Zone. The ship sails weekly from her home port of Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Additional information is available at [www.OasisoftheSeas.com](http://www.OasisoftheSeas.com).

Royal Caribbean International is a global cruise brand with 21 ships currently in service and one under construction. The line also offers unique cruise tour land packages in Alaska, Canada, Dubai, Europe, and Australia and New Zealand. For additional information or to make reservations, call your travel agent, visit [www.RoyalCaribbean.com](http://www.RoyalCaribbean.com) or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN. Travel professionals should go to [www.CruisingPower.com](http://www.CruisingPower.com) or call (800) 327-2056.

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