



## ROYAL CARIBBEAN OFFERS GUESTS A PIECE OF CENTRAL PARK ONBOARD OASIS OF THE SEAS

*Central Park Brings the Outdoors In, Creating Open-air Neighborhood for Guests That Reaches to the Sky*

MIAMI – Before *Oasis of the Seas*, no one had ever thought of growing an urban park on a cruise ship, complete with winding pathways nestled by flower gardens and canopy trees. Racking up yet another “first,” Royal Caribbean International not only dreamed up the idea but figured out how to perfectly execute it, with the help of outside firms, who consulted about irrigation, drainage, and the care of the park’s more than 12,000 trees, plants, vines, and flowers. One of the ship’s seven distinctive neighborhoods, Central Park represents a revolutionary design, having been planted in the gap in *Oasis*’ split superstructure. Occupying a strip down the center of the ship, Central Park opens to the sky and elements and features lush, tropical grounds spanning more than the length of a football field. The park sits seven decks below *Oasis of the Seas*’ pool deck and on top of the enclosed Royal Promenade, with large sculpted skylights designed into the Central Park landscape to let natural light down into the shops, restaurants and other outlets of the Royal Promenade. As the real Central Park is to Manhattan, the *Oasis of the Seas*’ Central Park is at the ship’s heart. It’s a place guests gather to socialize, stroll and unwind.

“Building such a large ship allowed us to add even more of the choices and amenities that our guests value and Central Park is a dramatic addition to our already extensive array of exciting features,” said Richard D. Fain, Chairman and CEO, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

Central Park’s central piazza is the ship’s “town square” and by day the atmosphere is tranquil and peaceful, while in the evening, the vibe is livelier, with guests enjoying alfresco dining and entertainment, from concerts to street performances. Lending the city park authenticity, it’s flanked by a wall of balcony staterooms rising five decks high with views of the Park below and the open sky above.

Surrounding the park is an array of restaurants, with choices ranging from fine dining to casual chic. Guests will have the option of an elegant dinner at the new 150 Central Park or a picnic lunch from the more casual Park Café, where they can sit outdoors and people-watch. Other dining choices include: Giovanni’s Table, an Italian restaurant; Vintages wine bar, and Royal Caribbean’s signature Chops Grille steakhouse. Several bars will be scattered throughout the Park, including the Trellis Bar – located at one of two impressive glass-arched domes called the Crystal Canopies – and the unique Rising Tide bar – the first moving bar at sea. Truly an engineering marvel, Rising Tide spans three decks and allows cruisers to enjoy a cocktail as they slowly ascend into Central Park and then descend back into the public spaces below. Central Park also has stylish boutique shops, showcasing a selection of upscale merchandise.

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“Our brand identity is founded on innovation and on delivering the best cruise vacation through ‘WOW’ experiences,” says Adam Goldstein, President and CEO, Royal Caribbean International. “Central Park is a true evolution of cruise ship design and allows us to provide our guests with not only a more varied selection of balcony accommodations, but also a stunning public venue that will be a central element of the ship, both during the day and at night.”

Central Park is located on Deck 8 of *Oasis of the Seas* and is 62 feet (19 meters) wide and 328 feet (100 meters) long. The sophisticated neighborhood has 334 staterooms overlooking the Park, 254 with balconies. Central Park is landscaped with tropical foliage and seasonal flowers, shrubs and trees that sprout from charming pathways and incorporates an irrigation and drainage systems along with micro-climate control techniques. Drifts of calla lilies among giant elephant ears, red ginger, rabbit foot ferns and zebra calathea are some of the plant life guests discover. Trees, some eventually reaching more than two-and-a-half decks tall, include black olive, Cuban laurel, cherry of the Rio Grande, and painted and golden bamboo. Unexpected nooks and surprises in the Park include quiet reading corners, the Pergola Garden, an interpretive garden featuring vegetation from a host of Caribbean locales, and a sculpture garden, highlighting work by international artists. An on-site horticulturist also provides educational classes for guests seeking to learn more about flora. The Crystal Canopies, two impressive arched-glass domes, are a focal point of Central Park and provide sunlight into the ship’s Royal Promenade.

Central Park also features several dining options including:

- **150 Central Park**, the ship’s signature fine-dining restaurant, combines leading-edge cuisine with modern design. Open for dinner, the venue’s specialty is a tasting menu created by award-winning Chef de Cuisine Keriann Von Raesfeld, offered with customized wine pairings.
- **Chops Grille**, Royal Caribbean’s popular signature steakhouse, offers premium cut, quality meats in an upscale, contemporary setting for dinner, with great views of the Park.
- **Giovanni’s Table** is a new casual Italian restaurant, influenced by the Tuscan countryside, offering toasted herbal breads, pizzas, salads, pastas, Italian sandwiches, braised meat dishes and stews. Rustic with a contemporary flair, lunch and dinner are served family-style in an indoor and outdoor setting to provide an alfresco experience in Central Park.
- **Park Café** is an indoor/outdoor gourmet market, featuring casual dining and lots of variety for breakfast, lunch, snacks, dinner and late night treats. Walk-up counters offer everything from freshly prepared salads and made-to-order sandwiches, to paninis, hearty soups, European pastries, chocolates and to-die-for fudge.

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- **Vintages** offers a variety of options for the adventurous palate, from a tropical white Riesling to a mocha-inflected Merlot, as well as a selection of cheeses and a full tapas menu to accompany a robust selection of fine wines. A popular hot spot on Voyager- and Freedom-class ships, the Vintages wine bar is an expanded space on *Oasis of the Seas* for a pre-dinner rendezvous.

Central Park also features the first free-standing Coach luxury leather boutique and specialty outlets such as The Parkside Gallery, showcasing original artwork for purchase, and Picture This, a portrait studio.

*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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