





ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL TAKES CRUISE SHIP ENTERTAINMENT TO NEW LEVELS WITH AQUATHEATER

Revolutionary Amphitheater Celebrates Water with Extravagant Performances Onboard Oasis of the Seas

MIAMI – Royal Caribbean International stages several entertainment 'firsts' aboard *Oasis of the Seas*, from a Tony-Award winning Broadway musical to a stand-up comedy club and the dramatic amphitheater-style AquaTheater. Putting a new spin on the traditional idea of a pool, the AquaTheater impresses on many levels, from its design and breathtaking location to its thrilling entertainment repertoire. The largest and deepest freshwater pool at sea, AquaTheater's pool depth can be adjusted up to a maximum of nearly 18 feet to accommodate high-diving performances. Spanning the stern of *Oasis of the Seas*' Boardwalk deck, the AquaTheater is the most technologically advanced aspect of this most revolutionary cruise ship. In short, a brilliant vision on all accounts.

"No one just has an epiphany and wakes up and says, 'Let's build the AquaTheater," says Richard Fain, Chairman and CEO of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. "It's very much an iterative process, and evolutionary. You learn from doing it on other ships, and each time you learn more, and you use that."

Located at the ship's stern with stunning wake views, this outdoor space celebrates water with a full spectrum of activities and performances throughout the day and into the night with a backdrop of the ocean across the horizon. By day, guests can swim in the theater's magnificent kidney-shaped pool, relax on sun loungers located on tiered platforms surrounding the pool, and even participate in SCUBA lessons in the afternoon. In the evenings, the audience witnesses the venue come alive with heart-pounding performances which feature dramatic acrobatics, synchronized swimming, water ballet, and high-diving performances, as well as fountain shows synchronized to music and lights.

AquaTheater Pool Facts

- The largest and deepest saltwater pool at sea is 21.9 feet (6.6 meters) by 51.6 feet wide (15.7 meters), with a depth of 17.9 feet (5.4 meters)
- Fitted with three custom stage lifts, the pool's depth rises or falls to allow for intricate and multilevel performances and various functions throughout the day
- Underwater cameras film performers and project images onto two giant Barco LED screens that flank the stage

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Water Show Performances

- Throughout the evenings, the AquaTheater comes alive with beautiful choreographed fountain shows, amid hundreds of water nozzles – some with capabilities of shooting water 65 feet (20 meters) high – programmed to music and lights
- A giant trampoline is centered between two diving towers allowing gymnasts and aerialists to flip and dismount into the pool
- The diving tower includes two spring boards and two 10-meter high dive platforms
- A bridge connects the two high-dive boards which can support an entire row of divers.
 On the underbelly of this bridge are lights and nozzles that allow for water to fall like a curtain down into the pool below
- A trapeze hangs behind the high dive boards to give the appearance that trapeze artists are climbing the curtain of water

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 <u>www.OasisoftheSeas.com</u>.

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 <u>www.RoyalCaribbean.com</u> or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN. Travel professionals should go to <u>www.CruisingPower.com</u> or call (800) 327-2056.

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