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# ROYAL CARIBBEAN ADDS MORE SAILINGS TO LONGEST-EVER SINGAPORE SEASON CRUISE BRAND CLINCHES DOUBLE TRAVEL WEEKLY ASIA AWARDS



Mariner of the Seas back in Singapore today to kick start Royal Caribbean's longest-ever season

**SINGAPORE, October 17, 2016** – As *Mariner of the Seas* returns to Singapore today to launch Royal Caribbean International's longest-ever Southeast Asian season, Royal Caribbean International announces that due to popular demand, it will be extending this season till next June with an additional nine sailings. Vacationers will now have a total of 64 sailings in the region to choose from.

At the same time today, Royal Caribbean also received *Travel Weekly Asia's* Readers Choice Awards for 'Best Cruise Line - International' and 'Best Cruise Line - Family'. The awards honour the "best of the best" in the travel industry which have provided exceptional service and products in the past year. The winners were voted by Travel Weekly Asia's readers on over 40 categories representing the different segments of the travel industry.

The global cruise brand is renowned for its innovative ships and wide range of first-at-sea amenities that have been redefining the cruise experience in Asia, notably the North Star elevated glass capsule and skydiving simulator on Asia's newest and largest ship *Ovation of the Seas*, as well as the Royal Promenade and ice skating rink on its *Mariner of the Seas* and *Voyager of the Seas*.

Sean Treacy, Managing Director, Singapore & Southeast Asia of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. said, "Winning these prestigious awards is a great honour for us. We thank the *Travel Weekly Asia* readers and our industry partners for their recognition and strong support. As

we look forward to our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Asia next year, we aim to grow Royal Caribbean as a top vacation choice in Asia with our innovative ships and revolutionary onboard experiences, as we deliver to everyone "the One holiday" with "endless adventures".

## New Offerings for the Singapore Season

Royal Caribbean kick-starts its longest-ever Singapore season today, first on *Mariner of the Seas* with 41 sailings of 3 to 10 nights to popular destinations in Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong and China till March 2017. Highlights include the Salsa Cruise this December and the second Cosfest Sea Cruise next February.

Ovation of the Seas will be back in March to April 2017 with a total of 10 new sailings, comprising 3 to 5 nights to Penang, Phuket, Bangkok (Laem Chabang) and a 12-night one-way cruise to Tianjin with calls at Ho Chi Minh City (Phu My) for an overnight, Hue/Danang (Chan May), Hong Kong and Seoul (Incheon).

Following this will be *Voyager of the Seas* returning from May to June 2017 to offer 13 sailings of three to five night Southeast Asian itineraries to Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Penang, Phuket and an 8-night one-way cruise to Hong Kong, with stopovers at Bangkok (Laem Chabang) for an overnight, Ho Chi Minh City (Phu My) and Nha Trang.

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## **About Royal Caribbean International**

Royal Caribbean International is an award-winning global cruise brand with a 46-year legacy of innovation and introducing industry "firsts" never before seen at sea. The cruise line features an expansive and unmatched array of features and amenities only found on Royal Caribbean including, jaw-dropping, Broadway-style entertainment and industry-acclaimed programming that appeals to families and adventurous vacationers alike. Onboard, guests are catered to with the cruise line's world-renowned friendly and engaging Gold Anchor Service by every staff and crew member. Royal Caribbean has been voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 13 consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards and named the "Best Cruise Operator" for 9 consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards, as well as "Best Cruise Line" in 2015 and "Best Cruise Line International" and "Best Cruise Line Families" in 2016 for the Travel Weekly Asia's Readers Choice Awards.

The cruise line sails 25 of the world's most innovative cruise ships to the most popular destinations in Bermuda and the Caribbean, Europe, Canada and New England, Alaska, Asia as well as Australia and New Zealand.

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