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**ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S NEWEST AND WORLD'S LARGEST CRUISE SHIP *SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS*
HEADLINES 2018-2019 DEPLOYMENT**

PortMiami's New Cutting-Edge Terminal A to Welcome Two Oasis-class Ships

MIAMI, March 8, 2017 – Royal Caribbean today breaks ground on the dramatic new [PortMiami Terminal A](#), which will herald the arrival of what will be the world's largest cruise ship and the global cruise line's newest addition, [Symphony of the Seas](#). She and Oasis-class sister ship *Allure of the Seas*, each with a bold and unexpected lineup of thrilling experiences that have revolutionized the cruise industry, will unite in November 2018 to offer island-hopping adventures through the Caribbean from the Magic City and add Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis to other marquee Oasis-class ports of call. *Symphony's* inaugural year of Europe and Caribbean itineraries will be available to book today through travel agents or by calling (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN; bookings on RoyalCaribbean.com will be available on March 9, 2017. *Allure of the Seas'* 2018-2019 itineraries will open for sale later in the month.

The 26th ship in the Royal Caribbean fleet, ***Symphony of the Seas***, will be delivered in April 2018 and spend her inaugural summer season exploring the awe-inspiring destinations of the Mediterranean calling on ports in Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Provence, France; Florence/Pisa, Rome and Naples, Italy. She will then arrive to Miami in early November to begin seven-night Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries on Saturday, November 17 from the state-of-the-art Terminal A, dubbed the 'Crown of Miami.' *Symphony of the Seas* will claim the title of the world's largest – and most adventure filled – cruise ship, offering 28 more staterooms than her newest sister ship *Harmony of the Seas* and encompassing 230,000 gross registered tons. Touting new features and amenities for guests, she also will boast all the groundbreaking innovations and thrilling experiences that have garnered world-wide recognition for *Harmony of the Seas*. Among the award-winning and acclaimed favorites are the distinct seven-neighborhood concept, imaginative and sophisticated dining, Bionic Bar robot bartenders powered by Makr Shagr, Broadway-caliber entertainment, the iconic waterfront AquaTheater, the Perfect Storm trio of waterslides, and Ultimate Abyss – the tallest slide at sea.

The 'Crown of Miami,' a 170,000-square-foot terminal, scheduled for completion for the arrival of *Symphony* and *Allure*, will be the most innovative cruise facility in the U.S. with an expected \$500 million in revenue and the addition of 4,000 jobs to Miami-Dade County. It is anticipated that Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd. will generate at least 1.8 million passenger moves at PortMiami, representing 30 percent of the port's projected passenger traffic.

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[Royal Caribbean International](#) is an award-winning global cruise brand with a 48-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 14 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* 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, South America, Asia, and Australia and New Zealand. Media can stay up-to-date by following [@RoyalCaribPR](#) on Twitter, and visiting [RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com](#). For additional information or to make reservations, vacationers should call their travel agent; visit [RoyalCaribbean.com](#); or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN.

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