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ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S NEWEST QUANTUM ULTRA-CLASS SHIP TO SAIL FROM ASIA-PACIFIC IN 2019 Global Cruise Line Reveals China, Singapore and Australia 2018-19 Deployment Lineup

MIAMI, April 26, 2017 – <u>Royal Caribbean International</u> has unveiled future plans for the first Quantum Ultraclass ship to be based in the Asia-Pacific region. Set to be launched in spring 2019, the yet-to-be-named ship will be the next evolution of the groundbreaking Quantum class and will join her sister ships, *Quantum of the Seas* and *Ovation of the Seas*. The announcement was made as Royal Caribbean unveiled its full roster of 2018-19 China, Singapore and Australia itineraries.

With nearly a decade since Royal Caribbean's first cruise in China, the cruise line further bolsters its commitment to the market by dedicating a lineup of its most technologically advanced ships to the rapidly growing market. The new ship will specifically be designed for guests in the region, featuring even more cutting-edge and unprecedented experiences and amenities.

As part of the deployment plans for 2018-19, *Mariner of the Seas* will reposition to a new home in Miami, Florida embarking on a "Global Odyssey" from Asia that features three long sailings from Singapore to Dubai; Dubai to Barcelona; and Barcelona to Miami. The "Global Odyssey" opens for sale on May 2, 2017. *Voyager of the Seas* will have her first full season in Singapore in 2018-19, offering 3- to 7-night adventures throughout Southeast Asia with stops that include ports in Thailand and Malaysia.

The new 2018-19 deployment season presents additional highlights, including an expanded offering of open-jaw itineraries for adventure-seekers traveling down under with new 10-night open-jaw itineraries between Auckland, New Zealand and Melbourne or Sydney, Australia on *Radiance of the Seas*. During the winter, *Ovation of the Seas* will reposition to Sydney for her longest season in Australia, reclaiming the title as the largest ship based in the region.

Royal Caribbean's China 2018-19 itineraries for *Quantum* and *Voyager* will be available to book beginning April 26, 2017, followed by *Ovation* on April 27. Australia and Singapore sailings will be open as of May 16, 2017.

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2018-19 China, Singapore, Australia Deployment Highlights

Adventures from China and Singapore

Available to book April 26 and April 27

- **Quantum of the Seas** will continue to sail from Shanghai for the fourth consecutive season, offering 78 sailings to and from Japan, beginning January 2018. Highlights include:
 - 6-night Japan itinerary: Visiting the historic city of Nagasaki and overnighting in Okinawa,
 Japan, guests can dive into the unique culture of the nation's southernmost prefecture
 - **8-night Ultimate Japan itinerary:** Showcasing the best of the nation with stops in Kobe, Tokyo and Nagasaki, Japan
- **Ovation of the Seas** will return to Tianjin, China for its second season, offering a rich lineup to explore the best of Japan, including two new ports for the ship: Sasaebo and Shimonoseki. The season begins April 2018. Highlights include:
 - **5-night Japan itinerary:** Sailing to Sasaebo and Shimonoseki, Japan, travelers will venture to what many know as "The Gateway to Japan."
 - **7-night Ultimate Japan itinerary**: Guest uncover far-flung locales in Japan, including the scenic ports of Sakaiminato, Maizuru and Nagasaki, Japan
- Voyager of the Seas will offer a combined total of 77 sailings from Singapore, Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China, offering countless adventures across Southeast Asia, beginning April 30, 2018. Itinerary highlights include:
 - 4-night Malaysia itinerary: Sailing from Singapore and visiting Penang and Phuket, Malaysia, a hub of vibrant neighborhoods and heritage architecture
 - 5-night Vietnam itinerary: From Hong Kong to far-flung destinations, including Chan May and Nha Trang, Vietnam, guests will discover a country of breathtaking beauty and a storied past

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Journeys in Australia and South Pacific

Available to book May 16

- Ovation of the Seas the largest and most technologically advanced ship to sail in Australian waters will sail from Sydney, Australia for its third and longest season in the country, offering 13 sailings beginning November 2018. Highlights include:
 - **10-night New Zealand itinerary:** Departing Sydney, featuring the country's endemic wildlife and Maori heritage with stops in Milford Sound, Napier and Picton, New Zealand
 - 14-night Singapore to Sydney, open-jaw itinerary: Setting sail this Fall to ports of call including Adelaide and Hobart, Tasmania
- **Radiance of the Seas** will have an expanded open-jaw program with three new itineraries venturing out into Australia in 2019. Highlights include:
 - New 10-night, open-jaw itinerary: Departing from Auckland, New Zealand to Melbourne, Australia, travelers will visit various captivating destinations throughout the Tasman Sea.
- **Explorer of the Seas** will join Ovation of the Seas for her fourth season based in Sydney with 23 sailings exploring the island destinations of the South Pacific and Fiji. The ship's cruises range from 3- to 14-night itineraries, and will begin in October 2018. Highlights include:

12-night South Pacific and Fiji itinerary: Visiting a lineup of exotic destinations, including Noumea, Caledonia; Port Vila, Vanuatu; Lautoka and Suva, Fiji.

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, Broadwaystyle 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 24 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

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