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## THE NEW SOUND OF ADVENTURE IS HERE: ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS MAKES U.S. DEBUT Miami Welcomes World's Largest Cruise Ship for the Very First Time

MIAMI, Nov. 9, 2018 – <u>Royal Caribbean International's</u> *Symphony of the Seas*, the new sound of adventure, made her highly anticipated debut to the cruise capital of the world today, forever changing the status quo on vacations for adventure-seekers everywhere. Fresh from her inaugural Europe season, the world's largest cruise ship sailed into her permanent, year-round home at Royal Caribbean's new, state-of-the-art Terminal A at PortMiami, the largest cruise terminal in the U.S.

*"Symphony* takes family vacationing to a whole new level with energy and options never before found in one place. This ship is the perfect blend of our greatest hits we know guests love and a lineup of vibrant, new restaurants, activities and unparalleled entertainment – all purposefully designed around vacationers' preferences." said Michael Bayley, President and CEO, Royal Caribbean International. "With her U.S. homecoming this week, *Symphony* is changing the game for how travelers of all ages vacation on our biggest and boldest adventure yet."

The ultimate family vacation, <u>Symphony of the Seas</u> will sail 7-night Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries from Miami beginning Saturday, Nov. 17, and will add visits to the cruise line's new private island destination in The Bahamas, Perfect Day at CocoCay, opening May 2019. Featured in *TIME* magazine's first annual "World's Greatest Places" list (Sept. 2018), *Symphony* features a next-level collection of new experiences including:

- The two-story **Ultimate Family Suite** for eight guests includes an in-suite slide, air hockey table, building block wall and "Royal Genie" concierge
- The high-energy Boardwalk, with activities for the whole family, offers gameday favorites at
  Playmaker's Sports Bar & Arcade, the Sugar Beach specialty candy and ice cream shop, face painting,
  caricature artists, live music and more
- New restaurants, including Hooked Seafood with fresh, New England-style favorites, and made-to-order Mexican "street fare" at El Loco Fresh
- A glow-in-the-dark laser tag adventure called Battle for Planet Z
- An always-evolving **Royal Caribbean app**, designed to be a gamechanger for the guest experience, enables expedited arrival, more personalization and interactive onboard features

*Symphony of the Seas* also features a playlist of the greatest hits that Royal Caribbean guests know and love from the iconic Oasis Class ships:

- The Ultimate Abyss, the tallest slide at sea, a 10-story test of courage
- The Perfect Storm, a trio of thrilling multistory waterslides named Cyclone, Typhoon and Supercell
- Two FlowRider surf simulators, where adventurers can hang ten
- Twin rock-climbing walls, standing at 40 feet tall and boasting stunning sea views
- A zip line nine decks high, speeding riders 82 feet across an open-air atrium
- AquaTheater, an open-air theater with jaw-dropping, high-diving acrobatic and aquatic performances set at the deepest pool at sea
- Central Park, a green sanctuary lush with more than 20,000 living plants and trees.

The official naming ceremony for *Symphony of the Seas* will take place on Thursday, Nov. 15, hosted by the industry's first-ever Godfamily – actors and avid Royal Caribbean fans Alexa and Carlos PenaVega, along with their toddler son Ocean.

The 25<sup>th</sup> ship in Royal Caribbean's fleet, *Symphony of the Seas* encompasses 228,081 gross registered tons, measures 238 feet tall and spans 1,188 feet in length. Each week, *Symphony* will welcome 5,518 guests at double occupancy in 2,759 staterooms, including 28 additional balcony rooms that overlook the ocean or the ship's signature Boardwalk neighborhood.

Royal Caribbean International is an award-winning global cruise brand with a 49-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, state-of-the-art entertainment and industry-acclaimed programming that appeals to families and adventurous vacationers alike. On board, guests are catered to with the cruise line's world-renowned friendly and engaging service by every staff and crew member. Royal Caribbean has been voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 15 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.