



ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL IS NAMED BEST CRUISE LINE AT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER AWARDS 2018

RUSSIA, Dec. 10 2018 – Royal Caribbean International is a winner of the 2018 National Geographic Traveler Awards Russia in the ‘Best Cruises’ category. It is the second time in three years that the cruise line has taken home the award.

The National Geographic Traveler (NGT) Awards is National Geographic Traveler magazine’s annual awards, based on an all-Russian vote for the best tourist destinations among the most popular types of vacation. This year, the NGT Awards were presented in 25 major categories: various types of vacations, resorts, hotels, airlines, cruises, travel programs and more. Over 250,000 voters chose the best companies, regions and countries.

Natalya Bentas, Sales Manager of IR in Europe, Middle East and Africa said “We are truly delighted with this award. It is a confirmation of the positive direction Royal Caribbean is taking in Russia with our focus on creating incredible vacations for our guests on their cruise holiday. Russia is a very important market for us, and together with our Russian representatives we are working on introducing our product to the Russian consumer.”

2018 was a very important year for Royal Caribbean as *Symphony of the Seas* – the largest cruise ship in the world – sailed her inaugural season in the Mediterranean. *Symphony* is the Ultimate Family Vacation with a plethora of amenities including the Ultimate Family Suite, FlowRider, Ultimate Abyss, Adventure Ocean, AquaTheater and more.

In addition, Royal Caribbean also launched a Russian-speaking service on board *Symphony*, which means the Cruise Compass and menus of all on board restaurants will be translated into Russian. A nice bonus was the news that the operation of this program will continue in 2019 on European itineraries of *Symphony’s* sister ship, *Oasis of the Seas*, as well as Dubai itineraries on *Jewel of the Seas*.

[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. Onboard, guests are catered to with the cruise line’s world-renowned friendly and engaging service by each and 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.

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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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