



## ROYAL CARIBBEAN HONORS STANDOUT ADVISORS AS TRAVEL PARTNERS OF THE YEAR

**MIAMI, Jan. 23, 2019** – Following a record-breaking year of new, industry-leading ships and innovations, [Royal Caribbean International](#) reveals the 17 top-performing travel advisors for the 2018 Travel Partners of the Year Awards of North America and Puerto Rico. Newcomers and returning winners are being recognized for their dedication to the cruise line, demonstrated by their ability to sell Royal Caribbean in the industry’s most competitive year to date.

The winners for the coveted awards include 2017’s Chairman’s Award recipient, Cruise Planners – an American Express Travel Representative, securing the coveted spot once again; Expedia Group, chosen for the President’s Award, and first-time honorees throughout North America: Cruises & Tours Unlimited (Southeast Partner of the Year), Magical Vacation Planner (Central Partner of the Year), MEI Travel (West Partner of the Year) and The Travel Agent Next Door (Canada Partner of the Year).

“Each year it is an honor to recognize our partners who have consistently shined with their skills, tremendous knowledge and passion for Royal Caribbean,” said Vicki Freed, senior vice president, Sales, Trade Support and Service, Royal Caribbean International. “As we gear up for another memorable year with the May 2019 opening of our new [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#) private island in The Bahamas, it is exciting to see a mix of new and familiar faces in our lineup of winners. This not only shows the strength among our longtime advisors but also the great growth we continue to see in the industry overall. We thank the travel advisor community for their support, and many congratulations to our 2018 winners.”

### **The 2018 Royal Caribbean Travel Partners of the Year:**

*\*First-time winner*

<b>Chairman's Award for Overall Achievement</b>	Cruise Planners – an American Express Travel Representative
<b>President's Award for Overall Achievement</b>	Expedia Group
<b>New to Cruise Partner of the Year</b>	World Travel Holdings
<b>Southeast Partner of the Year</b>	Cruises & Tours Unlimited*

<b>Northeast Partner of the Year</b>	Crown Cruise Vacations
<b>Central Partner of the Year</b>	Magical Vacation Planner*
<b>West Partner of the Year</b>	MEI Travel*
<b>Canada Partner of the Year</b>	The Travel Agent Next Door*
<b>Home-Based Partner of the Year</b>	CruiseOne/Dream Vacations and Cruises Inc.
<b>Online Partner of the Year</b>	WMPH
<b>Consortia Partner of the Year</b>	Ensemble Travel Group
<b>Corporate Incentive Partner of the Year</b>	Buy the Sea
<b>Host Agency Partner of the Year</b>	Nexion Travel Group
<b>Marketing Partner of the Year</b>	ICE Enterprise
<b>Top Overall Producer – Puerto Rico</b>	A & A Tours Network
<b>Top Independent Producer – Puerto Rico</b>	Travel Planners Inc/Expedia CentrodeCruceros
<b>Automation Partner of the Year</b>	Vacations To Go

[Royal Caribbean International](#) is an award-winning global cruise brand with a 50-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 16 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 advisor; visit RoyalCaribbean.com; or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN.

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