



## ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL RETURNS TO BRISBANE

*2400-guest Radiance of the Seas to sail from Brisbane International Cruise Terminal from Nov 2020*

**19 March 2019:** Royal Caribbean International has announced it will return to home porting in Queensland with the 2400-guest *Radiance of the Seas*, to be based at the brand new Brisbane International Cruise Terminal at Luggage Point from November 2020, offering bold adventure and easy access to Queensland's stunning beaches the idyllic South Pacific.

She will be the largest ship home ported in the sunshine state. During her inaugural Queensland season from November 2020 to April 2021, *Radiance of the Seas* will offer over 20 cruises and inject more than AUD \$20million into the Queensland economy in passenger spend alone.

Known as Royal Caribbean's culinary ship, *Radiance of the Seas* features nineteen restaurants, cafes, lounges and bars – including favourites such as Chops Grille for perfectly cooked steaks, Giovanni's Table for Italian served family-style as well as Izumi, where talented chefs create Japanese-infused delights in an open kitchen. At 293m long, she boasts features like a rock-climbing wall, 9-hole mini golf course, self-levelling pool tables, indoor cinema and a sports court.

*Radiance of the Seas* will arrive to Queensland fresh from a multi-million makeover following a drydock in 2020, which will see a range of enhancements. More details to be announced.

Susan Bonner, managing director of Royal Caribbean International in Australia and New Zealand, said that returning to Brisbane was a central component of the company's Queensland growth plans, which include increasing calls to the state by 20% for the 2020/21 summer cruise season.

"There's a reason why Brisbane is the fastest growing homeport for cruising in Australia. With unrivalled new infrastructure, we believe Queensland-based cruising has an enormous future for local, interstate and international guests," Susan said.

"Our company ethos has always been to bring Australians our world-class style of cruise holidays direct to their doorstep. So when we said we would return to the sunshine state, we meant it," she continued.

"We're thrilled to be returning to Queensland with our newer and larger megaliner, with even more features for families and couples alike," she concluded.

Port of Brisbane Chief Executive Officer Roy Cummins welcomed Royal Caribbean's announcement.

"The Brisbane International Cruise Terminal opens up a whole new world of opportunities for cruising in Queensland," Mr Cummins said.

"Providing capacity for mega cruise liners like *Radiance of the Seas* means more investment in the region and more tourism jobs. RCI's decision to homeport *Radiance* in Brisbane is a wonderful vote of confidence in our brand new facility, and we look forward to working with them further into the future."



The development of the new International Cruise Terminal by the Port of Brisbane means all of Royal Caribbean's fleet will be able to call at a dedicated cruise berth in the capital of the Sunshine State.

*Radiance of the Seas* arrives to Brisbane after a three year interval for Royal Caribbean International.

Stay tuned, full deployment details to be revealed soon. For more information about Royal Caribbean International, visit [www.royalcaribbean.com.au](http://www.royalcaribbean.com.au).

#### **Radiance of the Seas: By the Numbers**

3 pools  
9 hole mini golf course  
12 guest decks  
19 cafes, restaurants, bars & lounges  
293m long  
894 crew  
1071 staterooms  
2143 capacity at double occupancy  
2466 total guest capacity  
90,090 GRT

#### **Highlights:**

Rock climbing wall  
Mini golf course  
Sports court  
Indoor pool/solarium  
Self-levelling pool tables  
Indoor cinema  
Nursery & Adventure Ocean kids club

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**Telephone interview opportunities** available with Susan Bonner, Royal Caribbean managing director.



**Royal Caribbean International** is the world's largest global cruise line, delivering innovation at sea for more than 50 years. Each successive class of ships is an architectural marvel featuring the latest technology and guest experiences for today's adventurous traveller. The cruise line continues to revolutionise holidays with itineraries to more than 260 destinations in 72 countries on six continents, including Royal Caribbean's highly anticipated Perfect Day Island Collection including the first private island in The Bahamas, Perfect Day at CocoCay. Media can stay up-to-date by following @RCAustraliaandnz on Facebook, and visiting [RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com](http://RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com). For additional information or to make reservations, holiday-makers should call their travel advisor; visit [RoyalCaribbean.com.au](http://RoyalCaribbean.com.au); or call 1800 754 500.

**RCL Cruises Ltd Australasia** commenced operation in December 2008 as the Australian arm of global cruise holiday company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. The company offers three cruise brands in Australia and New Zealand: Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises and Azamara Club Cruises. In the 2018/2019 cruise season Royal Caribbean International retains its position as NTIA's Best Domestic and International Cruise Operator in Australia, with a fleet of three incredible ships homeported in Sydney: Australia's largest and most technologically advanced cruise ship, US\$1 billion *Ovation of the Seas*, *Explorer of the Seas*, and *Radiance of the Seas*. Australia's highest rated cruise ship, *Celebrity Solstice*, sails her seventh local season out of Sydney, while Azamara Club Cruises' has returned for a fourth season, with boutique *Azamara Quest* making maiden calls to Nelson, Gisborne, Kaikoura, and Oban in New Zealand.