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ROYAL CARIBBEAN ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL SINGAPORE SEASON FOR QUANTUM OF THE SEAS TILL 2021

Cruise line deepens commitment to the region with an additional 180,000 guests



Quantum of the Seas at Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore

SINGAPORE, MAY 22, 2019: Royal Caribbean International today announced that one of Asia's largest and most revolutionary ships, *Quantum of the Seas*, will add a new homeporting season in Singapore, sailing in the region till April 2021. The additional season of seven months will be the cruise line's longest ever Singapore deployment for a Quantum Class ship. Sailings onboard *Quantum of the Seas* for the 2020/21 season will open for sale the week of 3 June 2019.

The announcement was made during a celebration for the arrival of the cruise line's newest and largest cruise ship in Asia, *Spectrum of the Seas*. The first in Royal Caribbean's newest Quantum Ultra class of ships, purposefully designed for the Asia market, her arrival marks the start of Royal Caribbean's *Double Quantum Year* in the region, with both *Spectrum* and *Quantum of the Seas* sailing from Singapore in 2019.

Royal Caribbean's Senior Vice President International, Gavin Smith, said that Royal Caribbean's commitment to bring in two of the world's largest and most innovative ships in

2019 alone – along with the decision to sustain the presence of a Quantum Class ship in the region till 2021 – underscores Royal Caribbean's confidence in the region's thriving cruise industry, with Singapore playing a major role as a cruise hub.

"Royal Caribbean has big ambitions for Asia – and Singapore sits at the heart of our growth in this region. The additional homeporting of *Quantum of the Seas* in the 2020/21 season announced today will add some 180,000 guests to the Singapore cruising scene, and we are excited for them to experience our world-class, innovative ships.

"We mark a new era of cruising for both Royal Caribbean and the region in 2019. We're celebrating 50 years of bold innovation as a global brand, and ships like *Spectrum of the Seas* and our additional capacity with *Quantum of the Seas* shows that we are poised to continue riding on Asia's astounding growth. Singapore plays an important role as one of the region's most significant cruise destinations, and we look forward to growing the cruise industry here and in the region."

"We are pleased to welcome Royal Caribbean International's *Spectrum of the Seas*, and look forward to *Quantum of the Seas'* new homeport season in Singapore, both of which add to the diverse cruise offerings in the region. The latest deployments are also a testament to years of strong partnership with Royal Caribbean, and its confidence in the region's growing demand for cruising as a holiday option," said Ms Jeannie Lim, Assistant Chief Executive, Policy and Planning Group, Singapore Tourism Board.

Spectrum of the Seas' Highlights

Spectrum of the Seas kicks off her inaugural Singapore season this month, with three sailings out of 3 to 9 nights to destinations such as Penang, Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Ho Chi Minh City (Phu My) and Hong Kong. She will be based in Shanghai from this June.

The ship comes with first-at-sea features such as Sky Pad, a virtual reality, bungee trampoline experience, and the two-level Ultimate Family Suite with an in-room slide, as well as new innovative dining and entertainment concepts, on top of the iconic *Quantum* Class favourites, such as the North Star elevated glass capsule, skydiving simulator and bumper cars.

To celebrate the maiden call, plaque exchanges were conducted between *Spectrum of the Seas*' Captain Charles Teige and Chairman of Singapore Tourism Board, Mr Chaly Mah, as well as Mr Lionel Wong, CEO of SATS-Creuers Cruise Services Pte. Ltd.

Quantum of the Seas' Homeporting Seasons in Singapore

Scheduled to return in November 2019, *Quantum of the Seas* will first see 34 sailings during the six months from November 2019 to April 2020. The ship will then return for a longer season in October 2020, with a total of 40 sailings over seven months till April 2021– the cruise line's longest ever Singapore deployment for a Quantum Class ship.

The smart ship *Quantum of the Seas* currently offers the 'North Star', an observation capsule that rises 92 metres over the ocean; 'Two70' – a hi-tech entertainment venue; cocktails

served by robots at the 'Bionic Bar'; skydiving and surfing experiences; and 'SeaPlex', the largest indoor activity space at sea – housing a basketball court, roller-skating, bumper cars and more. The ship also boasts 18 dining venues with cuisines from around the globe, including imaginative cuisine at Wonderland and Jamie's Italian by celebrity chef Jamie Oliver.

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Note to editors: Additional information, event pictures, and images of Spectrum of the Seas and Quantum of the Seas can be downloaded here.

About Royal Caribbean International

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, Broadway-style 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 Gold Anchor 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 and entered into TTG Travel Awards' Travel Hall of Fame in 2018 after being "Best Cruise Operator" for 10 consecutive years. It is also named "Best Cruise Line" of the Travel Weekly Asia's Reader's Choice Awards since 2015.

The cruise line sails 26 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, Australia and New Zealand. Media can stay up-to-date by following <u>@RoyalCaribPR</u> on Twitter, and visiting <u>RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com</u>.

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