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## **ROYAL CARIBBEAN OPENS EPIC LINEUP OF EUROPEAN ADVENTURES FOR SUMMER 2023**

*Vacations for the Whole Family: Nine Ships to Sail to More Than 25 Countries in the Mediterranean, Scandinavia and the Holy Land*

**MIAMI, Jan. 6, 2022** – Royal Caribbean International revealed the 2023 European summer lineup of **nine award-winning ships** that will visit landmark destinations in more than 25 countries, from the Amalfi Coast to the Holy Land, plus the Adriatic islands of Croatia, British Isles, Canary Islands and Greek Isles. Beginning in May 2023, vacationers of all ages can experience the region’s timeless beauty on a variety of cruises that range from **five to 12 nights** and visit iconic locales, from Reykjavik, Iceland, to Tel Aviv, Israel, and everything in between. **The cruise line’s new [summer 2023 Europe cruises](#) are now open.**

Travelers with their sights on Europe can choose from **35 unique itineraries** and a diverse set of ships, a matchup that makes for memories galore. Royal Caribbean’s [Odyssey of the Seas](#) in Rome, following up its 2021 debut, and [Anthem of the Seas](#) in Southampton, England, are two returning favorites set to offer the whole family a combination of signature features and standout experiences. Highlights include Playmakers Sports Bar & Arcade and bumper cars in **SeaPlex**, the largest indoor and outdoor activity complex at sea, **North Star** – the highest viewing deck on a cruise ship – and the gravity-defying skydiving simulator, **RipCord by iFly**. From Rome and Barcelona, Spain, Oasis Class ship [Symphony of the Seas](#) will bring all types of vacationers together with thrilling experiences across seven distinct neighborhoods only found on Royal Caribbean, like the **Ultimate Abyss**, the tallest slide at sea; famed Broadway shows and original productions across ice, water, stage and air; and more than 20 different restaurants, bars and lounges.

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### Itinerary Highlights

- ***Odyssey of the Seas* – Cruising from: Rome**

Headlining the European summer lineup is one of Royal Caribbean's newest additions, *Odyssey*, returning for an encore after its first summer in the region in 2022. Vacationers have a choice of **7- to 9-night cruises** from **Rome to Naples, Italy**; the idyllic **Greek Isles and Turkey**, as well as **12-night Holy Land sailings** to the historic, bustling cities of **Limassol, Cyprus; Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey**; and **Jerusalem, Israel**. From the iconic whitewashed homes of **Santorini, Greece**, to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – a world from centuries past is within reach.

- ***Symphony of the Seas* – Cruising from: Barcelona and Rome**

One of *Time's* World's Greatest Places in 2018 and Royal Caribbean's renowned Oasis Class ships, *Symphony* heads to the **Western Mediterranean**. Travelers can set course on **7-night cruises**, from **Barcelona or Rome**, to bucket list destinations like **Naples, Palma de Mallorca, Spain**, and **Provence, France**. Whether exploring 14th-century castles and cathedrals in Mallorca or marveling at the Duomo in **Florence, Italy**, travelers can expect days filled with rich culture and history.

- ***Serenade of the Seas* – Cruising from: Barcelona**

*Serenade* will call the warm shores of Barcelona home and sail **8-night itineraries** to the **Western Mediterranean**, **12-night cruises** to the **Greek Isles** and **5-night sailings** to **Italy and France**. Beaches and beats await in **Ibiza, Spain**, home to a legendary electronic music scene, while the **Cote d'Azur** offers a glamorous getaway in iconic **Cannes, France**.

- ***Explorer of the Seas* – Cruising from: Venice (Ravenna), Italy**

New to **Ravenna, Italy**, *Explorer* will explore the Aegean Sea and visit **Olympia, Greece** – the birthplace of the Olympic Games – for the first time, among several picturesque destinations. The **7-night cruises** will sail to the **Greek Isles** and beyond to **Adriatic and Mediterranean** gems such as **Kotor, Montenegro**, and **Chania, Crete**.

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- ***Brilliance of the Seas* – Cruising from: Rome and Venice (Ravenna), Athens, Greece; and Barcelona**

Sailing open-jaw itineraries from **Italy, Greece** and **Spain**, *Brilliance* will offer vacationers a choice of four epic European cities to start and complete their adventures in the **Western Mediterranean, Greek Isles** and **Adriatic Sea**. The **7-night cruises** will sail from Rome to Athens, Greece; Athens to Venice; Venice to Barcelona; and Barcelona to Rome. Bucket list-worthy sites like the Diocletian’s Palace in **Split, Croatia**, St. Mark’s Basilica in **Venice** and Praetorian Palace in **Koper, Slovenia** – a new destination for *Brilliance* – are just a few of the top spots awaiting travelers.

- ***Rhapsody of the Seas* – Cruising from: Haifa, Israel, and Limassol, Cyprus**

*Rhapsody* will be the first Royal Caribbean ship to sail from **Limassol** and **Haifa, Israel**, all in one season. The new summer combination consists of **7-night sailings** to ports of call in **Turkey, Israel** and **Greece**, including first-time destinations for the cruise line, like **Skiathos** and **Thessaloniki, Greece**. Starting in September, the ship will take off on short **4- and 5-night getaways** from Haifa and visit **Cyprus** and the **Greek Isles**.

- ***Anthem of the Seas* – Cruising from: Southampton, England**

A returning favorite, *Anthem* will call **Southampton, England**, home for the third consecutive year. Adventure seekers can have their choice of **7-night adventures** to **Spain** and **France**, or the **Norwegian Fjords**. They can visit destinations new to *Anthem*, including **Maloy** and **Haugesund, Norway**, and **Cork, Ireland**. Longer, **11- and 12-night vacations** will go further to places such as **Lisbon, Portugal; Vigo, Spain**; and the **Canary Islands**. Between sampling lutefisk in **Stavanger, Norway**, and shopping for locally made goods in **Lanzarote, Canary Islands**, there are culture-rich experiences and outdoor explorations in store.

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- ***Voyager of the Seas* – Cruising from: Copenhagen, Denmark, and Stockholm**

*Voyager* returns to Northern Europe, sailing from **Copenhagen, Denmark**, and **Stockholm** to offer a mix of **7- to 11-night itineraries** around **Scandinavian** countries, **Estonia** and **Russia**.

There will be stunning sites to behold, like the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood in **St. Petersburg, Russia**, and the Suomenlinna fortress in **Helsinki, Finland**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the country's most popular landmarks. Guests looking for a longer vacation can cruise from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Copenhagen on a 14-night sailing that features an overnight in Bermuda and visits to St. Thomas, France and Belgium.

- ***Jewel of the Seas* – Cruising from: Amsterdam, the Netherlands**

All summer, *Jewel* will cruise roundtrip from **Amsterdam, the Netherlands**, welcoming travelers on **12-night sailings** to the **Arctic Circle**, the **British Isles**, **Iceland** and **Ireland**. Picturesque destinations, including the Blue Lagoon in **Reykjavik** and the White Cliffs of Dover in **England**, will be just a night's rest away.

### **About Royal Caribbean International**

[Royal Caribbean International](#) has been 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 traveler. The cruise line continues to revolutionize vacations with itineraries to more than 270 destinations in 72 countries on six continents, including Royal Caribbean's private island destination in The Bahamas, [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#), the first in the Perfect Day Island Collection. Royal Caribbean has also been voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 19 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers' Choice Awards.

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