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**IT'S A CELEBRATION: ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S *UTOPIA OF THE SEAS* FLOATS FOR THE FIRST TIME**  
*The World's Biggest Weekend Reaches the Next Phase of Construction Ahead of its July 2024 Debut*



*September 2023 – Royal Caribbean International's new Utopia of the Seas is one step closer to delivering the world's biggest weekend in July 2024. The game-changing Oasis Class ship floated for the first time as it reached its next major construction milestone at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in Saint-Nazaire, France.*

**MIAMI, Sept. 18, 2023** – It was a big weekend for the world's biggest weekend: Royal Caribbean International's [\*Utopia of the Seas\*](#) is now one step closer to its debut in Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida, in **July 2024**. The **game-changing Oasis Class ship floated for the first time** over the weekend, marking a major milestone and the next phase of construction at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in Saint-Nazaire, France.

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Known as the float out, the key moment in the construction of *Utopia* took 17 months to reach. The process itself took nearly **15 hours**, beginning with filling the new ship's dry dock with more than **46 million gallons of water** overnight. *Utopia* was then moved into an outfitting dock, where it will be completed in summer 2024. Since construction on the next Oasis Class ship started in April 2022, the new vacation has taken shape with more than **74 blocks of steel** that have been lifted and assembled into place. *Utopia* will now begin to come to life as its highly anticipated features are installed, from the **longest dry slide at sea** – the 295-foot-long Ultimate Abyss – to a **first-of-its-kind immersive train car dining experience**.

*Utopia* will introduce unmatched weekend energy across a combination of more than **40 ways to dine and drink, more pools than the days to count, thrills, ways to chill** and more. Friends and families celebrating any occasion can create their ultimate weekend and memories with their pick and mix of new signature adventures and reimagined experiences, like **newly designed resort-style pools**, a **new Caribbean tiki bar** – the Pesky Parrot – a **reimagined Izumi restaurant**, now in Central Park, with a **new convenient pick-up window** for fresh sushi and Japanese street food, and al fresco dining; and showstopping nightlife and entertainment.

The ultimate **3-night weekend** and **4-night weekday getaway** will be the first in the revolutionary Oasis Class to offer short escapes when it debuts in July 2024. Every vacation will feature visits to Nassau, The Bahamas, and **Perfect Day at CocoCay** – Royal Caribbean's award-winning private island – that will feature its first adults-only slice of paradise, **Hideaway Beach**, starting in January 2024.

*Utopia* will also make waves when it debuts in July 2024 as the first Oasis Class ship powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG), the cleanest-burning marine fuel to date. As the cruise line's second LNG-powered ship – following *Icon of the Seas* – *Utopia* will advance Royal Caribbean's decades-long commitment to the environment by combining LNG technology with a lineup of the brand's already-established environmentally friendly initiatives and features, from waste heat recovery systems to shore power connection.

More details about *Utopia* are available at [www.RoyalCaribbean.com/Utopia](https://www.RoyalCaribbean.com/Utopia).

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[Royal Caribbean International](#), owned by Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), has been delivering innovation at sea for more than 50 years. Each successive class of ships is an architectural marvel that features the latest technology and guest experiences for today's adventurous traveler. The cruise line continues to revolutionize vacations with itineraries to 240 destinations in 61 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 20 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers Choice Awards.

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