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QUANTUM OF THE SEAS RETURNS TO QUEENSLAND FOR ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S BIGGEST AUSTRALIAN SEASON YET

The Ultimate Family Holiday Will Welcome More Than 115,000 Holidaymakers on 3- to 9-night Getaways from Brisbane, Australia

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA, Oct. 28, 2023 – Australian families can pack their bags, as the ultimate family holiday has arrived. Royal Caribbean International's [*Quantum of the Seas*](#) is **back in Brisbane, Australia**, for the summer with a line-up of **3- to 9-night holidays** to the **South Pacific** and **Queensland's stunning coast**. The homecoming of Queensland's most innovative getaway follows the arrival of *Brilliance of the Seas* in Sydney, marking the start of Royal Caribbean's **biggest season ever in Australia**, with **30% more holidaymakers** and counting ready to set sail.

From the gateway to the idyllic islands of the South Pacific, families, friends and couples can enjoy adventure, relaxation and everything in between while on a weekend getaway or longer holiday on *Quantum*. Travellers can island hop and explore a variety of destinations that range from local favourites, including **Airlie Beach** and **Cairns, Australia**; as well as the welcoming South Pacific locales of **Mystery Island** and **Port Vila, Vanuatu**; and **Noumea, New Caledonia**.

Royal Caribbean's bumper 2023-2024 season will set new records, and *Quantum* will be at the top of the list. More than **115,000 holidaymakers** have planned to take their summer holidays from Brisbane with the cruise line, a **15% increase** from the 2022-2023 summer. More than **two-thirds** (64%) of these travellers are local Queenslanders while **1 in 10** have flown in from **New South Wales** (14%) and **Victoria** (11%), supporting Queensland's already buoyant tourism economy. With three award-winning Royal Caribbean ships Down Under, including *Ovation of the Seas* set to arrive in Sydney next week, more than **250,000 guests** will get away on the ultimate summer holidays from Australia this summer.

The world's largest cruise line will also continue to bring locally sourced produce to the table at *Quantum's* 20-plus restaurants, bars and lounges as well as those on *Brilliance* and *Ovation*. This includes more than **74,800 kilograms of Queensland bananas**, **112,000 kilograms of Queensland pineapples**, **341,400 kilograms of Australian potatoes** as well as a new partnership with Australian-owned **Ponting Wines**, which serves a range of locally and sustainably sourced wines blends from South Australia and Tasmania.

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Gavin Smith, vice president and managing director of Australia and New Zealand, Royal Caribbean International said: "With the highly anticipated return of *Quantum of the Seas* to Brisbane, Royal Caribbean's biggest and boldest season in Australia is in full swing. *Quantum* and its signature line-up of experiences for all ages and types of travellers became a fan favourite right away during its first season in Queensland, and in response to that popularity, now there are 25 itineraries to choose from that vary in length and destinations. This unprecedented response to the idea of the ultimate family holiday is why we'll see one-third more holidaymakers join us for a summer getaway like no other."

From one-of-a-kind thrills and entertainment to flavours from around the world, there are endless ways for holidaymakers of all ages to make memories together and on their own adventures while sailing from one idyllic island to the next on *Quantum*.

Adrenaline-fuelled activities and firsts on board the Queensland favourite include the **RipCord by iFly** skydiving simulator, **FlowRider** surf simulator, a **rock climbing wall** and **SeaPlex** – the largest indoor activity complex at sea – which features **bumper cars, basketball, roller-skating** and more. To refuel in between memory-making, there are more than 20 restaurants, bars and lounges to choose from. The tasty line-up includes **Chef's Table**, the most exclusive and elevated dining experience on board that serves five courses, and **Jamie's Italian** for family-style Tuscan classics. And ways to cap off the day can range from enjoying full-scale productions in the **Royal Theatre** or at **Two70**, where robotics, performers and physical scenery create a multisensory experience; and live music in Music Hall, Schooner Bar and more. With so much to see and do on *Quantum*, holidaymakers can then kick back at the **Vitality Spa** or find balance with state-of-the-art equipment and panoramic ocean views at the **Fitness Center**.

Royal Caribbean Down Under

Royal Caribbean's biggest and boldest season has already kicked off with **Brilliance's** arrival in **Sydney** on Sunday Oct. 22. The ship's debut in Australia marks the start of a six-month season of 20 immersive itineraries visiting 40 sun-soaked and culture-rich destinations, including **Fiji**, the **Loyalty Islands** and locales in **Australia** like **Port Douglas, Melbourne** and **Kangaroo Island**.

For a seventh season from the iconic Sydney Harbour, **Ovation** will complete the trifecta of Australia's ultimate summer holidays when it **returns to Sydney on Friday, Nov. 3**. Travellers can get away on **20 3- to 11-night holidays** that will visit destinations along New Zealand's rugged coastline like **Wellington, Dunedin** and **Christchurch**.

Holidaymakers can book their next memorable holiday on Royal Caribbean's [website](#).

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About Royal Caribbean International

[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 traveller. 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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