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**A STANDING OVATION: OVATION OF THE SEAS BACK IN SYDNEY
FOR ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S BIGGEST AUSTRALIAN SEASON EVER**

*The Ship's Sixth Season in Sydney Will Welcome More Than 90,000 Travellers on
3- to 11-Night Getaways*

SYDNEY, Nov. 3, 2023 – It's the encore of encores for Royal Caribbean International's [Ovation of the Seas](#) as the action-packed holiday experience returned to Sydney Harbour today for a sixth season Down Under. With a line-up of **3- to 11-night getaways** this summer to **New Zealand, Australia** and the **South Pacific**, the arrival sees the **cruise line's biggest and boldest season in Australia** now fully underway.

Holidaymakers can choose from as many as **20 itineraries** when they get away on *Ovation*. Adventures await along New Zealand's rugged coastline in destinations like **Milford Sound, Wellington** and **Bay of Islands** or on the idyllic islands of the **South Pacific**, including **Noumea, New Caledonia**; and **Mystery Island** and **Port Vila, Vanuatu**. Travellers seeking to uncover the breathtaking beauty of Australia can set their sights on **Hobart, Adelaide** and **Eden** as well as a wide range of experiences on land, from wine tasting to city tours and nature hikes.

Ovation's arrival completes Royal Caribbean's line-up of three award-winning holiday experiences Down Under for the summer, which include **Brilliance** and **Quantum of the Seas**. Of the more than **250,000 holidaymakers** from across the globe joining Royal Caribbean in Australia this season, the cruise line will welcome **90,000 travellers** on *Ovation* alone. Additionally, ingredients sourced from NSW will be served up in many dishes across *Ovation's* 20-plus restaurants, bars and lounges as well as those on **Brilliance** and **Quantum**, including more than **4,950 kilograms of bok choy**, **53,000 kilograms of oranges** and **85,360 organic, free-range eggs**. Also in the mix is a new partnership with Australian-owned **Ponting Wines**, which serves a range of locally and sustainably sourced wine blends from South Australia and Tasmania.

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Gavin Smith, vice president and managing director, Australia and New Zealand, Royal Caribbean International, said “*Ovation of the Seas*’ sixth season in Sydney’s iconic harbour underscores just how much Australians are seeking a holiday that has experiences for everyone in the family and all ages. It’s exciting to see all of our three award-winning holidays now in Australian waters for what is Royal Caribbean’s biggest and best season yet! In fact, 30% more holidaymakers compared to last summer have set out to join us for their summer getaways, where they’ll enjoy everything from show-stopping entertainment to the ultimate in relaxation for a lifetime of memories.”

Travellers can maximize every minute of their getaway with *Ovation*’s line-up of memorable experiences as they sail from one idyllic destination to the next. To take adrenaline and sightlines to an all-time high, there’s the one-of-a-kind **North Star** – the all-glass observation capsule that holds a world record as the highest viewing deck on a cruise ship – and the signature **RipCord by iFly** skydiving experience. The list goes on, from catching waves on the **FlowRider** surf simulator to scaling the rock climbing wall and enjoying bumper cars, a full-size sports court, roller-skating and more at **SeaPlex** – the largest indoor activity complex at sea. In between quality time spent together, adults can enjoy the **Vitality Spa** or the adults-only **Solarium** – one of several **indoor and outdoor pools** – while the kids take on the award-winning **Adventure Ocean** youth programme and teens kick back at their dedicated escape.

When it comes to recharging, holidaymakers can unwind over a cocktail or mocktail and a bite to eat at a variety of restaurants, bars and lounges that range from laidback family dining to a classy date night. There is a world of flavours to explore for breakfast, lunch and dinner, like sushi and sashimi at **Izumi**, family-style Tuscan favourites at **Jamie’s Italian** and imaginative cuisine at **Wonderland**. And to end every night on a high note, there is live music of all genres and show-stopping original entertainment in the **Royal Theater** and **Two70**, the transformational multilevel venue that merges artistry and cutting-edge technology.

Holidaymakers can book their next adventure 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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