

## ROYAL CARIBBEAN SETS SIGHT ON MOST THRILLING AUSTRALIAN SUMMER YET

Fan-favourite Quantum of the Seas makes its return Down Under in October 2026, joining Anthem of the Seas for Royal Caribbean's most action-packed Australian summer yet

SYDNEY, 1 May 2025 – Adventure is arriving ahead of schedule as Royal Caribbean reveals its most thrilling summer Down Under in 2026-2027. Joining *Anthem of the Seas* in Sydney, fan-favourite *Quantum of the Seas* will make its highly anticipated return to Brisbane in October, packed with more short getaways and weekend departures than ever before. Between October 2026 and April 2027, the two top-rated holiday experiences have in store a combination of 3- to 11-night getaways to an array of destinations across *Australia*, the sun-soaked *South Pacific*, and breathtaking *New Zealand*. The new lineup of holidays, along with a showstopping **25-night bucket list adventure** from *Los Angeles*, are available to book now.

"Australians know they can trust Royal Caribbean for getaways that combine convenience with nonstop adventure. This season, we're continuing to raise the bar with more short getaways, weekend departures, and more ways to maximise island time across the top destinations of the South Pacific," said Gavin Smith, vice president and managing director, Australia and New Zealand, Royal Caribbean International. "With the variety of short and more frequent getaways in 2026 and 2027, every type of holidaymaker can make the most of their travels and without compromise."

Doubling down on Quantum Class energy with *Quantum* and *Anthem*, there are even more ways to maximise every moment at sea with next-level thrills. Holidaymakers can defy gravity on the **RipCord by iFly skydiving simulator**, hang ten on the **FlowRider surf simulator** and soak up record-breaking views from the **North Star observation capsule**. When it's time to refuel, there's a variety of ways to dine, including fresh sashimi at **Izumi**, premium steaks at **Chops Grille** and family-style Tuscan favourites at **Jamie's Italian**. As the sun sets, the excitement continues with deck-defying entertainment taking centre-stage with *Anthem's* Olivier Award-winning phenomenon, "**We Will Rock You**", and on both ships, world-class entertainment at the **Royal Theatre** and **Two70** and live music across **Music Hall**, **Schooner Bar** and more. When it's time to unwind, holidaymakers can retreat at the serene **Vitality Spa**, adults-only Solarium and the state-of-the-art **Fitness Center** with panoramic ocean views.

## Quantum of the Seas – From Brisbane, Australia

After introducing a whole new holiday experience to the Queensland market, *Quantum* will make a triumphant comeback to Brisbane in October for its fourth year as the largest ship in the region. Sunseekers can choose from 28 holidays ranging from three to eight nights of exploring sun-soaked South Pacific locales across **Noumea**, **New Caledonia**; **Port Vila**, **Mystery Island**, **Vanuatu**, featuring two 8-night tropical getaways over Christmas and the New Year. Closer to home, holidaymakers can choose from **4- to 7-night getaways** including **Airlie Beach** and **Cairns**, **Australia**, putting Queensland's own tropical gems at their fingertips.

Flexibility is at the heart of *Quantum*'s 2026-27 lineup, featuring even more **7-night getaways** departing over the weekend. These adventures offer the perfect chance for families and holidaymakers of all ages to celebrate any occasion and maximise their island time like never before, with longer 7- to 8-night adventures to the South Pacific.

## Anthem of the Seas – From Sydney, Australia

Back for an encore unforgettable summer, *Anthem* will continue to shine in the iconic Sydney Harbour starting October 2026 with **21 escapes** ranging from **three to 11 nights**. Holidaymakers can explore sparkling southern coastlines with two **4-night getaways** to **Hobart** or venture further to discover the crystal-clear waters of the **South Pacific** and picturesque **New Zealand** landscapes.

All-new **9-night New Zealand getaways** will join the bold summer lineup, making must-see jewels like **Wellington, Napier, Dunedin** and **Milford Sound** more accessible, so young families can experience the best of the region in one trip.

The showstopper of the summer is a spectacular **25-night bucket-list Pacific adventure** from **Los Angeles,** giving globe-trotters venturing north of the equator the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to Australia in style on *Quantum*. Holidaymakers can swap their plane ticket for a memorable adventure traversing the Pacific Ocean while exploring stunning destinations – from the lush islands of **Hawaii** to the turquoise waters of **French Polynesia**. In an exciting first, adventurers can also visit a brand-new destination for Australian holidays by soaking up the coastal charm of California's **Catalina Island**.

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More details on the 2026-27 holidays are available on Royal Caribbean's website.

## **About Royal Caribbean International**

Royal Caribbean International, part of Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), has delivered memorable vacations for more than 50 years. The cruise line's game-changing ships and private destinations revolutionize vacations with innovations and an all-encompassing combination of experiences, from thrills to dining and entertainment, for every type of family and vacationer. Voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 22 consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards, Royal Caribbean makes memories with adventurers across more than 300 destinations in 80 countries on all seven continents, including the line's top-rated private destination, Perfect Day at CocoCay in The Bahamas.

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