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STAR OF THE SEAS OFFICIALLY JOINS ROYAL CARIBBEAN AS THE NEXT ICONIC VACATION

The ultimate family vacation has completed construction and is one step closer to its August debut in Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida



*July 2025 – Royal Caribbean welcomed the ultimate family vacation, *Star of the Seas*, to the family in a star-worthy celebration at the Meyer Turku shipyard in Turku, Finland. Alongside more than 1,250 crew members and partners, Royal Caribbean Group President and CEO Jason Liberty, Royal Caribbean President and CEO Michael Bayley, and Meyer Turku CEO Casimir Lindholm marked the moment just a few weeks ahead of *Star's* August debut in Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida.*

MIAMI, July 10, 2025 – Royal Caribbean kicked off the countdown to a new era of family vacations, officially welcoming ***Star of the Seas**** into the family. After nearly two years of construction at the Meyer Turku shipyard in Turku, Finland, the keys to the next revolutionary Icon Class ship were officially handed over to Royal Caribbean just a few weeks ahead of its **August debut in Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida**.

In a ceremony truly fit for a star, 1,250-plus crew members and partners gathered to mark the milestone in the ship's next-level AquaTheater. Royal Caribbean Group President and CEO Jason Liberty and Royal Caribbean President and CEO Michael Bayley, along with Meyer Turku CEO Casimir Lindholm, hosted the event, recognizing the hard work and innovation that brought *Star* to life and celebrating the team of

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engineers, designers and architects who made it all possible. From the first steel cut to the final delivery, the highlights of how it all came together can be seen [here](#).

“The delivery of *Star of the Seas* marks another bold step forward in Royal Caribbean Group’s journey to reimagine the future of vacations. *Star* and the Icon Class are a symbol of what’s possible when innovation, imagination and our relentless focus on delivering exceptional experiences come together, ultimately creating unforgettable memories for millions of families and vacationers,” said Jason Liberty, president and CEO, Royal Caribbean Group. “We’re proud to bring this next-generation vacation experience to life with our valued partners at Meyer Turku.”

The delivery of the new ship marked the transfer of ownership between Royal Caribbean and Meyer Turku and celebrated the incredible feats of engineering accomplished during construction, like the installation of the glass-and-steel AquaDome, the development of six record-breaking waterslides and more. Soon, *Star* will make its way from Turku to Cadiz, Spain, where Royal Caribbean will put the finishing touches before *Star* sets sail on **7-night Eastern and Western Caribbean adventures** to top-rated destinations, including the vacation brand’s fan-favorite [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#) in The Bahamas.

“We’re incredibly proud to welcome *Star of the Seas* to the Royal Caribbean family as we continue to revolutionize how families and adventurers vacation,” said Michael Bayley, president and CEO, Royal Caribbean. “It’s a true team effort with so many talented individuals coming together to make the new Icon Class vacation a reality, and we’re excited to debut this incredible achievement with a star-studded celebration this August.”

Star will double the world’s best vacation count with record-breaking thrills, unrivalled ways to chill, and more than 40 ways to dine, drink and be entertained across eight neighborhoods that are destinations in themselves, including:

- **Thrill Island** – Adrenaline lovers can find thrills of all kinds at **Category 6**, the largest waterpark at sea with **six record-breaking waterslides** including family raft slides, a drop slide and dueling mat racers; **Crown’s Edge**, the **part skywalk, part thrill ride 154 feet above the ocean**; and fan favorites, such as the FlowRider surf simulator and rock-climbing wall.

- **Chill Island** – The three-deck slice of paradise is the ultimate spot for vacationers to kick back at four pools, including **Royal Bay**, the largest pool at sea. Vacationers can enjoy live bands and DJs while they party poolside and sip on tropical drinks from the **Swim & Tonic** swim-up bar or at **The Lime & Coconut** just steps away.
- **Surfside** – Designed for young families, Surfside is the place to stay and play all day together. Kids and tots have more ways to splash at **Splashaway Bay** and **Baby Bay**, while adults relax at the nearby **Water’s Edge**. When it’s time for a bite, **Surfside Eatery** and **Pier 7** have menu options for all ages.
- **AquaDome** – With **wraparound ocean views**, the tranquil oasis by day and vibrant hot spot at night features **deck-defying shows** at the marquee **AquaTheater** with high divers, aerialists, robots and more. AquaDome is also home to a variety of food and drink spots including the **AquaDome Market** food hall, the **Rye & Bean** bar, **Hooked Seafood** and **The Overlook** bar for unparalleled views.
- **The Hideaway** – Tucked away at 135 feet above the ocean, the **adults-only spot** features a **suspended infinity pool** – the only other pool of its kind having been first introduced on *Icon* – a **DJ, bar, a terrace with whirlpools** and vast ocean views.

Fleet favorites reimaged for the Icon Class round out vacationers’ experience, including the **Royal Promenade** complete with floor-to-ceiling ocean views and the **Pearl, the world’s largest kinetic art sculpture**; the open-air **Central Park** with more than **30,500 real plants**; the new 1930’s Chicago-inspired **Lincoln Park Supper Club**; convenient **pick-up windows for sushi, champagne, sparkling wine** and more. Plus, vacationers have more ways to stay across four decks at the **Suite Neighborhood** and amenities at the **Grove Suite Sun Deck** and two-level **Coastal Kitchen**.

Star will also be the vacation company’s third ship powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG) and feature a proven lineup of industry-leading environmental programs. With applications ranging from waste heat recovery systems to shore power connection, *Star* will advance Royal Caribbean Group’s journey toward introducing a net-zero cruise ship by 2035. The vacation brand is also set to deliver their fourth ship powered by LNG with [*Legend of the Seas*](#), the third Icon Class vacation set to debut in 2026.

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In addition to *Star*, Royal Caribbean continues to expand upon its lineup of vacation experiences across the ultimate destinations with the December 2025 debut of [Royal Beach Club Paradise Island](#) in The Bahamas, delivering the ultimate beach day. The adventures continue with **Royal Beach Club Cozumel in 2026, Perfect Day Mexico in fall 2027** and an exclusive beach destination in **Lelepa in the South Pacific in 2027**.

Vacations on *Star* are available to book on Royal Caribbean's [website](#).

***NOTE TO EDITOR:**

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