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AN ICON HEADS TO THE LONE STAR STATE: ROYAL CARIBBEAN ANNOUNCES BOLD 2027-28 VACATIONS FROM TEXAS, CALIFORNIA AND THE NORTHEAST

The vacation brand is ramping up on memory-making with adventure-filled lineups, including the world's best family vacation, Icon of the Seas, delivering unforgettable vacations from Galveston

MIAMI, Nov. 12, 2025 – The ship that revolutionized family vacations is set to deliver the biggest adventures yet from Texas. The show-stopping *Icon of the Seas* will sail from Galveston for the first time starting August 2027, joining Royal Caribbean's new action-packed lineup of unforgettable getaways for the 2027-28 season. The adventures start from Texas, California and the Northeast and visit picturesque destinations across the **Caribbean and more. The highly anticipated vacations are now available to book on the Royal Caribbean [website](#) for Crown & Anchor Society loyalty members ahead of the official opening on Thursday, Nov. 13.**

From coast to coast, vacationers have a range of **4- to 12-night adventures on nine Royal Caribbean ships to choose from starting April 2027**. Families and travelers of all ages can have their ultimate beach day at the vacation brand's signature beach club destinations, including [Royal Beach Club Paradise Island](#) in The Bahamas opening December 2025 and [Royal Beach Club Cozumel](#), Mexico, debuting 2026. Adding to the bucket list are all kinds of ways to explore the gems of the Caribbean like **Oranjestad, Aruba; Willemstad, Curacao; and Castries, St. Lucia**; sail along the pristine coastlines of Mexico at places such as **Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta**; and venture through scenic towns in **Portland, Maine; Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia; Boston, Massachusetts**, and more.

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2027-28 Texas, California & Northeast Highlights

Bold Vacations from Texas

- [Icon of the Seas](#) – From Galveston

The record-breaking *Icon of the Seas* will make its star-studded debut in Galveston in August 2027, after kicking off the season in Miami in April. Taking vacationers on the boldest adventures from Texas, *Icon* will deliver **6- to 8-night Eastern and Western Caribbean getaways** to Royal Caribbean’s award-winning destination **Perfect Day at CocoCay in The Bahamas**, along with **Roatan, Honduras, and Cozumel**, where vacationers can visit **Royal Beach Club Cozumel** after the ultimate beach day destination opens late 2026. From thrills like **Category 6**, the largest waterpark at sea, to unmatched chill across seven pools on board and **more than 40 places to dine and drink**, families are in for a combination of the best of every vacation with experiences for all ages.

- [Liberty of the Seas](#) – From Galveston

Beginning April 2027, vacationers can enjoy **4- to 9-night* adventures** to the **Caribbean** on the newly amplified *Liberty of the Seas*. Guests can spend the day snorkeling in the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef in **Roatan**, immerse themselves in ancient history at the Mayan Ruins in **Costa Maya, Mexico**, and more. Following its [2026 amplification](#), *Liberty* will be decked out with new experiences from a completely reimagined pool deck with **The Lime & Coconut** for tropical cocktails to **new casitas** with the best ocean views and an **all-new Royal Escape Room** for family bonding.

- [Symphony of the Seas](#) – From Galveston

Symphony will homeport in Texas for the first time, from April to August 2027, to deliver **6- to 8-night** Western Caribbean** vacations to **Nassau, The Bahamas**, where vacationers can experience the ultimate beach day at **Royal Beach Club Paradise Island**; as well as **Perfect Day at CocoCay; Cozumel** and **Costa Maya**. On deck, guests can experience the thrills of **The Ultimate Abyss**, the 10 story-tall dry slide, or choose from **more than 30 fan-favorite options to dine and drink** including **Jamie’s Italian, El Loco Fresh** or **Boleros**.

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Sun-Soaked Adventures from California

- [*Ovation of the Seas*](#) – From Los Angeles

Vacationers can go all out on short **3- and 4-night getaways** on the newly amplified *Ovation of the Seas* to bucket-list destinations like **Ensenada, Mexico, and Catalina Island, California**. On board, adventurers can celebrate with friends at the **Pesky Parrot** tiki bar, dance the night away at the brand-new **Sound Cellar** or play big at the expanded **Casino Royale**. Adventurers can take in scenic 360-views on the all-glass **North Star** observation capsule or ride bumper cars at **SeaPlex**, the largest indoor and outdoor activity center at sea. Dining options range from a quick slice of pizza at **Sorrento's** to Italian favorites at **Giovanni's Italian Kitchen** and more.

- [*Navigator of the Seas*](#) – From Los Angeles

After returning from Singapore, the Voyager Class favorite will sail from Los Angeles for another year of unforgettable **7-night vacations to the Mexican Riviera**, where vacationers can gaze at Land's End while swimming in the Sea of Cortez in **Cabo San Lucas**, savor authentic Mexican tacos and tequila in **Ensenada**, explore the historic towns of **Mazatlán**, and venture into the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountain in **Puerto Vallarta**. The adventures continue on board with the **FlowRider surf simulator**, a **rock-climbing wall** and more. *Navigator* also boasts **more than 20 food and drink venues** including **Chops Grille, Hooked Seafood** and **El Loco Fresh**.

Scenic Getaways from the Northeast

- [*Oasis of the Seas*](#) – From Cape Liberty

Starting May 2027, travelers can have the perfect vacation with **7-night getaways to Perfect Day at CocoCay and Nassau, The Bahamas**. *Oasis* offers **more than 30 places to dine, drink and party**, where guests can sing along to classic tunes at **Spotlight Karaoke**, dance into the night at **Boleros** or enjoy Mediterranean cuisine at **Coastal Kitchen**.

- [*Odyssey of the Seas*](#) – From Cape Liberty

Odyssey of the Seas will take vacationers to sun-drenched Caribbean destinations with **7- to 12-nights vacations**. Beginning November 2027, guests can explore **Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis**, on the only active railway in the West Indies; venture to underground caves and lagoons in **Bridgetown, Barbados**; and immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the Piton Mountains and botanical gardens in **Castries, St. Lucia**. On board, guests can watch movies under the stars,

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vibe out at **Music Hall** or dine and drink at favorites like **El Loco Fresh**, **Giovanni's Italian Kitchen**, **Schooner Bar** and **Wonderland**.

- [Independence of the Seas](#) – From Cape Liberty

Vacationers have in store **4- to 9-night getaways** to **Bermuda, Canada, New England** and the **Eastern Caribbean** during the 2027 spring and summer seasons. On this Freedom Class favorite, guests can explore the pristine, blue waters of **Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos, and Willemstad** or embark on outdoor adventures in **Halifax; Portland;** and more. On *Independence*, kids can max out on thrills at **Splashaway Bay** while guests of all ages put their surfing skills to the test on the **FlowRider**. Bold flavors include **Fish & Ships, Izumi, Chef's Table** and **Chops Grille**.

- [Vision of the Seas](#) – From Baltimore

In the summer, *Vision of the Seas* will deliver **5- and 9-night vacations** to **Bimini, The Bahamas** and **Bermuda**. In the fall, guests can explore the adventures of **Halifax; Saint John, New Brunswick;** and more on **9-night vacations**. After a long day of adventuring, vacationers can recharge at Vitality Spa, indulge in mind-blowing Italian flavors at **Giovanni's Italian Kitchen** or Asian-inspired cuisine at **Izumi** and end the day with jaw-dropping performances of **Broadway Rhythm & Rhyme** or an original Royal Caribbean production of **Boogie Wonderland**.

Vacationers can learn more about the upcoming Caribbean, Mexico and Northeast adventures on the Royal Caribbean [website](#).

*April 2026 update: This release has been updated to reflect the redeployment of *Liberty of the Seas*. *Liberty* will now sail 4- to 9-night Western Caribbean sailings out of Galveston from April 2027 to April 2028.

** April 2026 update: This release has been updated to reflect the redeployment of *Symphony of the Seas*. *Symphony* will now sail 6- to 8-night Western Caribbean sailings out of Galveston, Texas, from April to August 2027, before homeporting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from August 2027 to February 2028.

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