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ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S *HERO OF THE SEAS* INTRODUCES THE NEXT EVOLUTION OF FAMILY VACATION EXPERIENCES

Arriving August 2027 in Miami, the new Icon Class vacation levels up family time with more ways to splash, adventure, dine and more

MIAMI, March 30, 2026 – Introducing the hero of family vacations: Royal Caribbean has revealed [*Hero of the Seas*](#), the fourth Icon Class ship and bold evolution of family adventure **arriving in Miami in August 2027**. As part of the game-changing Icon Class that combines beach retreats, resort escapes and theme park thrills, *Hero* will raise the bar with more records and iconic ways for families to make lifelong memories. *Hero's* **eight neighborhoods** will be home to the **most pools at sea**, a **record-breaking 28 dining venues** and **cooking classes for all ages**, **brand-new family raft slides**, **new accommodations for multigenerational families** – including the **three-story Ultimate Family Treehouse** – and more. **Vacations on *Hero* will soon open on Royal Caribbean's [website](#)**, and Crown & Anchor Society loyalty members can book starting Wednesday, April 1, ahead of the **official opening on Thursday, April 2**.

“Icon Class truly set a new standard for family vacations, and *Hero of the Seas* takes that vision even further,” said Michael Bayley, president and CEO, Royal Caribbean. “With more water, more thrills and more choices for all ages, we’re continuing to build on what our guests love about Royal Caribbean and delivering the experiences families are looking for when vacationing together.”

More Ways to Splash

Vacationers can dive into **nine distinct pools** – the most at sea – including family-friendly spaces, a new Caribbean-inspired pool, three adults-only options, the largest swim-up bars at sea and more.

- *Hero* will introduce **Coconut Cove**, an all-new pool steps away from the tropical Caribbean bar, The Lime and Coconut. With in-water loungers and poolside service for refreshing drinks, vacationers can kick back with views of the Central Park neighborhood’s lush greenery.

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- **The Hideaway** adults-only oasis will now feature two pools, including the largest swim-up bar at sea for tropical cocktails and an in-water DJ booth for nonstop party vibes.
- Familiar favorites will be revamped with more room to splash and unwind at the expanded **Swim & Tonic** pool and swim-up bar for adults, plus new water features at **Splashaway Bay**, the aquapark designed for young kids in the Surfside family neighborhood.

More Adventure

Adventure will reach new heights on *Hero of the Seas* with more action-packed thrills for the whole family to experience together.

- At **Category 6** – the largest waterpark at sea – adventurers can take on **two new family raft slides**, including **the first funnel raft slide at sea**, along with **new twists on the mat-racing Storm Chasers duo**.
- Vacationers can test their courage on **Crown's Edge** – part skywalk, part zip line experience 154 feet above the ocean – or catch waves on the **FlowRider** surf simulator.
- Families can challenge one another to friendly competition at the **Adrenaline Peak rock-climbing wall**, **Lost Dunes mini-golf course** and **sports courts** for pickleball, basketball, soccer and more.

More Dining

Hero serves up the most family-favorite eats in the fleet with **28 dining spots**, bringing world flavors and immersive experiences to the table.

- The newest supper club experience, **Orleans Parish Supper Club**, is a multi-course dining venue with live jazz, craft cocktails, and gourmet Cajun and Creole dishes inspired by the early 20th century elegance of the French Quarter.
- **Royal Railway – Hero Station** will bring to life the most immersive dining experience at sea that transports adventurous diners by train car to new destinations through a combination of entertainment, food and technology.
- The family-friendly Surfside neighborhood will host **hands-on cooking classes in a new venue to be revealed**. Families of all ages can learn kitchen skills together, from fun recipes for little ones to more advanced courses focused on chopping and baking.
- The **AquaDome Market** food hall will return with four new stall concepts, plus desserts at Crème de la Crêpe and freshly squeezed juices at Simply Pressed.

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- The all-encompassing dining lineup will also include fleet favorites like sushi at **Izumi** and the walk-up window **Izumi in the Park**; family-style dishes at **Giovanni's Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar**, premium steaks at **Chops Grille** and fresh catches at **Hooked Seafood**. Plus, families can refuel throughout the day at grab-and-go spots with everything included like **Basecamp** for burgers and tater tots, **El Loco Fresh** for Mexican plates and **Sorrento's** for pizza.

More Family Stays

Hero is decked out with more options than ever for families to stay in style and celebrate any occasion.

- The **Ultimate Family Treehouse** is a dream come true for kids and kids at heart with a **three-deck treehouse** featuring a rooftop terrace and private whirlpool, a two-deck teen space, and two main bedrooms each with their own bathroom and balcony.
- Families can stay in rooms designed just for them at the three-level **Ultimate Family Townhouse** with direct access to Surfside; **Surfside Family Suites** and **Family Infinite Ocean View Balconies**.
- For leveled-up accommodations, vacationers can unwind in style at the **Royal Loft Suites** and **Icon Loft Suites** for spacious comfort with prime ocean views. Plus, **Interior Plus** and **Sunset Suites** offer comfortable stays for vacationers resting up for the next big day of adventure.

Signature Icon Class favorites will return on *Hero*, from the Royal Promenade neighborhood's restaurants, bars, floor-to-ceiling ocean views and the jaw-dropping Pearl – the world's largest kinetic art sculpture – to the open-air Central Park lined with more than 30,500 real plants, restaurants, and pick-up windows for sushi, champagne and more. Plus, the boldest entertainment takes center stage with new productions at the Royal Theater, the marquee AquaTheater and Absolute Zero – the largest ice arena at sea – along with spots for live music day and night.

Hero will take vacationers on **7-night Eastern** and **Western Caribbean adventures from Miami**, with every vacation visiting Royal Caribbean's top-rated exclusive destination at [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#) in The Bahamas. Guests can choose between weeklong Caribbean vacations wandering Western Caribbean spots like **Roatan, Honduras**, and **Cozumel** and **Costa Maya, Mexico**, or explore crystal-clear waters in Eastern Caribbean locales at **Philipsburg, St. Maarten**, and **Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas**.

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