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ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S *LEGEND OF THE SEAS* SETS SAIL ON SEA TRIALS IN PREPARATION FOR JULY 2026 DEBUT



April 2026 – Royal Caribbean's newest vacation, Legend of the Seas, has officially taken to the ocean for the first time during a series of sea trials. Over the next 10 days, Legend will go through various technical examinations on the open water to prepare for its highly anticipated European debut this summer.

MIAMI, April 20, 2026 – Royal Caribbean's [Legend of the Seas](#) has reached a major construction milestone, officially beginning **sea trials*** in **Turku, Finland**, ahead of its **July 2026 debut**. The third ship in the revolutionary Icon Class has sailed the open ocean for the first time, marking one of the final phases of construction before welcoming its first vacationers.

Over the next **10 days**, more than **2,000 engineers and specialists** will put *Legend* through a comprehensive series of technical tests to evaluate its systems, from testing how the ship moves in the open water to pushing its engine performance to the limits and more. *Legend* will cover **approximately 2,400 nautical miles** before returning to the Meyer Turku shipyard for its final stages of construction.

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Building on the record-breaking Icon Class lineup, *Legend* will deliver the world's best family vacation with **eight distinct neighborhoods** for every mood, more than **40 ways to dine, drink and be entertained**, and experiences for vacationers of all ages. After its inaugural European summer season, the new ship will head to **Fort Lauderdale, Florida**, and take vacationers on **6-night Western Caribbean getaways** and **8-night Southern Caribbean adventures**, including visits to the vacation brand's **top-rated destination at [Perfect Day at CocoCay in The Bahamas](#)**.

***NOTE TO EDITOR:**

Media can access images and videos of *Legend's* sea trials at www.RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com/legend/.

About Royal Caribbean

[Royal Caribbean](#), part of Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), has delivered memorable vacations for more than 50 years. The cruise line's game-changing ships and exclusive destinations revolutionize vacations with industry-leading innovations and an all-encompassing combination of experiences, from thrills and ways to chill, to dining and entertainment, for every type of family and vacationer. Voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 23 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 vacation brand's Perfect Day at CocoCay and Royal Beach Club Paradise Island in The Bahamas, plus four new signature destinations joining the growing lineup by 2027.

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