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## ROYAL CARIBBEAN ANNOUNCES NEW 2011-12 DEPLOYMENT FOR MARINER OF THE SEAS Mariner of the Seas to Augment Record-setting Europe Deployment in 2011

**MIAMI, April 22, 2010** – Royal Caribbean International today announced the redeployment of *Mariner of the Seas*, which will take effect in January 2011. *Mariner of the Seas* will offer a short South America season before debuting in the Mediterranean as Royal Caribbean's record-setting 11<sup>th</sup> ship in the region for summer 2011. *Mariner of the Seas* will homeport at Rome (Civitavecchia) from March through October 2011, replacing *Splendour of the Seas*, which will now homeport in Venice, offering 10- and 11-night Greek Isles and Turkey itineraries for the season. *Mariner of the Seas* will then return to North America for the 2011-12 winter season, offering seven-night Western Caribbean itineraries from Galveston, Texas, replacing *Voyager of the Seas*. As a result, *Voyager of the Seas* will herald Royal Caribbean's return to New Orleans in winter 2011-12, offering vacationers another Gulf Coast port to embark on a memorable seven-night Western Caribbean cruise.

The Mexican Riviera has traditionally been an important market for Royal Caribbean International, with the Port of Los Angeles and Mexican local, state and federal government agencies, and their private sectors playing a supportive role as valued partners. While Royal Caribbean International looks forward to returning to the region in the future, *Mariner of the Seas* will sail its final round-trip Mexican Riviera itinerary from Los Angeles on January 9, 2011.

Guests currently booked on *Mariner of the Seas*' Mexican Riviera sailings from January 16, 2011, and onward will be contacted with the following offer. Until May 6, 2010, affected guests can opt for a full refund of any fares paid, or enjoy \$200 onboard credit per stateroom (\$400 per suite category stateroom) when they rebook their vacation, at the same fare or lower prevailing fare, on a *Mariner of the Seas* sailing before January 16, 2011, or on the same 2011 departure date aboard *Voyager of the Seas*, sailing from Galveston. Travel agents also will receive a \$50 bonus commission for rebooking affected clients, whose names and deposits have been submitted, to these *Mariner of the Seas* sailings. More information is available at www.RoyalCaribbean.com/MarinerOfTheSeasRedeployment.

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On January 16, 2011, *Mariner of the Seas* will reposition from Los Angeles on a 16-night itinerary to Valparaiso, Chile, followed by a 14-night voyage that cruises the Straits of Magellan and Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America to Sao Paulo (Santos), Brazil. The ship will then offer a short Brazilian cruise season, before crossing the Atlantic to debut in Europe at its new seasonal homeport of Rome (Civitavecchia), where *Mariner of the Seas* will sail seven-night Western Mediterranean and 12-night Mediterranean Holy Land and Mediterranean Egypt itineraries. In November 2011, *Mariner of the Seas* will debut at Galveston to offer Texas vacationers two roundtrip seven-night Western Caribbean itineraries through April 2012. *Mariner of the Seas*' new 2011 Europe and South America, and 2011-12 Western Caribbean itineraries, *Splendour of the Seas*' new 2011 Europe itineraries, and *Voyager of the Seas*' new 2011-12 Western Caribbean itineraries will be opened for booking in the near future.

Guests aboard *Mariner of the Seas*' new 2011 Holy Land itineraries can choose a variety of shore excursion options, at an additional charge, that visit some of the most sacred sites in Israel, including Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and many others. "Grand Overland" takes guests on the most comprehensive overview of this fascinating region with an overnight stay in Jerusalem. On the Egypt cruises, "Grand Egypt Tour" offers guests a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the awe-inspiring Pyramids and mysterious Sphinx at Cairo, and the Valley of the Kings in Luxor. Guests also should not miss the largest collection of Roman ruins in the eastern Mediterranean and the iconic Library of Celsius on "Best of Ephesus."

Voyager-class *Mariner of the Seas* and *Voyager of the Seas* are two of the world's 10 largest and most innovative cruise ships at sea. Both ships feature the cruise line's iconic rock-climbing wall, the Studio B ice-skating rink, nine-hole mini-golf course, an in-line skating track, a full-size basketball court, and the Royal Promenade, a boulevard of boutiques, restaurants and lounges and bars. *Voyager of the Seas* features the cruise line's signature Portofino Italian restaurant, while *Mariner of the Seas* offers a second specialty restaurant option, Chops Grille steakhouse.

Royal Caribbean International is a global cruise brand with 21 ships currently in service and one under construction. The line also offers unique cruise tour land packages in Alaska, Canada, Dubai, Europe, and Australia and New Zealand. For additional information or to make reservations, call your travel agent, visit www.royalcaribbean.com or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN. Travel professionals should go to <u>www.cruisingpower.com</u> or call (800) 327-2056.