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MIAMI, Mar. 6, 2012 – Royal Caribbean International is celebrating an addition to its summer 2013 deployment in the U.K. - in May 2013, the 3,114-guest *Adventure of the Seas* will offer cruises from Southampton alongside the 3,634-guest *Independence of the Seas*, based in Southampton for its fifth season. Royal Caribbean International first based a ship in Southampton in 2005 with the 2,435-guest *Legend of the Seas* and this has since steadily increased with larger and larger ships calling the cruise city home. The year 2013 is the first that two Royal Caribbean International cruise ships will be based from Southampton. *Independence of the Seas* and *Adventure of the Seas*' summer 2013 U.K. cruises will be open for booking on March 20, 2012.

In 2008 the world's largest cruise ship at the time – *Independence of the Seas* – launched from Southampton and has remained based from the port during the spring and summer months of the year ever since. The addition of *Adventure of the Seas* to Royal Caribbean International's U.K. deployment sees the cruise line offering more Mediterranean, Northern Europe, Iceland, Baltics and Canary Island cruises than ever before.

When *Adventure of the Seas* arrives in Southampton on May 24, 2013, the ship will offer a series of seven-, 12-, 13-, 14- and 16-night cruises. Itinerary highlights from the new *Adventure of the Seas* U.K.-based summer 2013 season include:

- A seven-night France and Spain cruise departing Southampton on May 24, 2013 and calling at Vigo, Gijon and Bilbao in Spain, and Le Havre for Paris in France.
- A 12-night Baltic cruise, featuring destinations such as Oslo, Copenhagen, Tallinn, Helsinki and an overnight stay in St. Petersburg, departing on a May 31.
- A 14-night Mediterranean Cities cruise departing on July 7 and October 13, with ports of call in Malaga, Cannes, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Cartegena, Lisbon and Vigo.

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Adventure of the Seas features an in-line skating track, an ice-skating rink, a rock-climbing wall, a boulevard of restaurants, boutiques and lounges, running through the center of the ship, extensive family facilities, and a host of restaurants from fine Italian dining to casual burger bars.

On May 2, 2013 Independence of the Seas will arrive in Southampton, following a dry dock enhancement, and offer a series of new itineraries, including three short cruises aboard the Freedom-class ship: a two-night cruise to Le Havre for Paris, and a three- and four-night cruise to Zeebrugge for Bruges, Belgium and Le Havre. Independence of the Seas also will offer a six- and eightnight cruise to Norway, 14-night Norway and Cork cruises, various 14-night Mediterranean cruises, and 12 night Canary Islands cruises.

Royal Caribbean International is a global cruise brand with 22 innovative ships, calling on more than 270 destinations in 72 countries across six continents. The line also offers unique cruise tour land packages in Alaska, Canada, Dubai, Europe, and Australia and New Zealand.

Royal Caribbean provides a world-class vacation experience with a wide range of signature onboard amenities, entertainment, and award-winning family programming. The cruise line has a 40year history of giving guests the Royal Advantage – the most innovative cruise ships, exciting itineraries to popular destinations, and world-renowned friendly and engaging Gold Anchor Service. Royal Caribbean has been voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for nine consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers' Choice Awards. For additional information or to make reservations, call your travel agent, visit <u>www.RoyalCaribbean.com</u> or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN. Follow Royal Caribbean on Facebook at <u>www.Facebook.com/RoyalCaribbean</u> or on Twitter, @RoyalCaribbean. Travel professionals should visit <u>www.cruisingpower.com</u> or call (800) 327-2056.

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