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OVATION OF THE SEAS TO SAIL AUSTRALIA IN WINTER 2016-17
World's most advanced cruise ship to sail adventures Down Under
after inaugural China Season

MIAMI, April 14, 2015 – Royal Caribbean International, the world’s largest cruise brand, announced today that Australia will welcome its very own brand new cruise ship for the first time when *Ovation of the Seas* homeports in Sydney for winter 2016-17. Currently under construction in Germany, *Ovation of the Seas* will not only claim the title of the largest cruise ship to ever call Australia home but also the most technologically advanced in the region.

“Royal Caribbean has been breaking the boundaries in Australian cruising since we arrived in 2007 but today, we have completely changed the face of the cruise industry, making the single largest investment in Australia by any cruise line,” said Gavin Smith, regional vice president, Royal Caribbean, Asia Pacific. “*Ovation of the Seas* will completely redefine the idea of cruising in Australia, taking the industry to the next level by offering a host of incredible never-before-seen features and technologies. This demonstrates our belief in, and long term commitment to, the Australian cruising market.”

Ovation of the Seas will be the fifth ship in the Royal Caribbean Australian fleet for winter 2016-17, joining four other Royal Caribbean ships – *Voyager of the Seas*, *Explorer of the Seas* and *Radiance of the Seas* in Sydney and *Legend of the Seas* in Brisbane – offering an expansive range of the newest, most modern and exciting style of cruising Australians have ever experienced. Additional details for the Royal Caribbean’s winter 2016-17 season will be revealed at the end of April.

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When *Ovation of the Seas* arrives, Australians will experience the first Ripcord by iFLY at sea down under, where the thrill and excitement of skydiving comes to life from onboard a cruise ship. The North Star aerial observatory offers breathtaking 360 degree views more than 90 meters above the sea. In a jewel-like capsule, a robotic arm elevates guests high into the sky, taking in the sights from a bird's eye view wherever in the world the ship happens to be. In Sydney Harbour, the North Star will reach higher than the pylons of Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The Bionic Bar lets guests place an order for their favorite cocktail via a tablet, before two incredible bionic arms create the perfect mix in tune to the resident DJ, shaking and stirring great cocktails without any human assistance.

Two70° is a multipurpose, transformative space; an expansive lounge boasting 270-degree ocean views by day, and an immersive, multimedia entertainment spectacular at night, fusing technology with entertainment using robotic video-screens, dramatic digital projection and high-flying aerialists and performers. Meanwhile, SeaPlex will be the largest indoor sports and entertainment complex at sea, offering bumper cars, a basketball court, roller skating, circus school and more.

Guests onboard the SmartShip will be more connected than on any other cruise ship in the region, with high speed wi-fi allowing them to stay in touch and share more of their experiences with friends and family onshore.

Ovation of the Seas also features cuisine as vast and varied as the world itself. These dining destinations range from fun to formal settings, including partnerships with world renowned chefs, such as the much-loved "Jamie's Italian" from Jamie Oliver at sea.

Jamie Oliver said, "I'm super-excited that *Ovation of the Seas* will be sailing out of Australia, and with a Jamie's Italian on board! This will be our third restaurant with Royal Caribbean, and it's been a real honor to work with their team. The response we've had to *Quantum of the Seas* – our first restaurant at sea – has been brilliant, so it just makes me even more excited for this one to open."

Royal Caribbean International is an award-winning global cruise brand with a 45-year legacy of innovation and introducing industry “firsts” never before seen at sea. The cruise line features an expansive and unmatched array of features and amenities only found on Royal Caribbean including, jaw-dropping, Broadway-style entertainment and industry-acclaimed programming that appeals to families and adventurous vacationers alike. Onboard, guests are catered to with the cruise line’s world-renowned friendly and engaging Gold Anchor Service by every staff and crew member. Royal Caribbean has been voted “Best Cruise Line Overall” for 12 consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards. The cruise line sails 23 of the world’s most innovative cruise ships to the most popular destinations in Bermuda and the Caribbean, Europe, Canada and New England, Alaska, South America, Asia, and Australia and New Zealand. Media can stay up-to-date by following @RoyalCaribPR on Twitter, and visiting RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com. For additional information or to make reservations, vacationers should call their travel agent; visit RoyalCaribbean.com; or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN.

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