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## **THE HOLIDAYS COME ALIVE ONBOARD ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL**

*December 2015 Kicks Off A Holiday Extravaganza at Sea with an Array of New Festive Celebrations, Offerings and Memorable Adventures*

**MIAMI, October 5, 2015** – This December, Royal Caribbean International invigorates the holidays with festive activities and entertainment aboard all ships sailing in the Caribbean. Whether you're looking forward to rockin' around the Christmas tree with your favorite DreamWorks character or simply spending some quality time with family and friends, the cruise line is inviting cruisers of all ages to immerse themselves in a diverse lineup of holiday celebrations during their vacation.

"We are all about bringing friends and family together to share an amazing vacation experience and what better time to do that than during the holidays. We are excited to be introducing many new onboard festivities that will further inspire holiday cheer," said Mark Tamis, senior vice president, hotel operations, Royal Caribbean International. "With a wide range of innovative onboard amenities and immersive holiday themed experiences, Royal Caribbean cruises are primed to provide distinct experiences that are ideal for families looking to take the stress out of holiday planning by letting them enjoy a memorable Christmas, Hanukkah or New Year's holiday at sea."

Guests sailing on a Royal Caribbean cruise this holiday season will experience new amenities and activities that are sure to excite guests of all ages. Holiday festivities that will get families into the spirit include: classic movie screenings, guest and crew caroling, family arts and crafts and cookie decorating, special holiday-themed Adventure Ocean youth program, upgraded stateroom experiences—including themed and adorned towel animals – a commemorative seasonal souvenir cup from Coca-Cola as well as holiday ice skating aboard select ships.

On ships featuring the DreamWorks Experience guests will have the chance to take holiday photos with Po of "Kung Fu Panda;" Shrek, Fiona and Puss In Boots of "Shrek;" and Alex the Lion, Gloria the Hippo and King Julien from "Madagascar " who will be adorned in festive holiday outfits. In addition, families can enjoy a special holiday character breakfast where kids of all ages can interact with this special cast of characters.

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A special offer for the holiday season, guests can book December sailings through the BOGOHO HOHO! holidays promotion and gift their travel companion in the same stateroom with half off their cruise fare on all open North American sailings. For all eligible sailings departing December 15-31, 2015 or December 15-31, 2016, vacationers also can receive pre-paid gratuities for the first and second guests in the stateroom in addition to half off cruise fare for their second guest. These special holiday itineraries will be featured on cruises departing from nine easy-to-reach domestic home ports, including: Bayonne, NJ; Baltimore, MD; Port Everglades (Fort Lauderdale), Miami, Port Canaveral, and Tampa, Fla.; Galveston, TX and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Royal Caribbean International is an award-winning global cruise brand with a 46-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](http://RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com). For additional information or to make reservations, vacationers should call their travel agent; visit [RoyalCaribbean.com](http://RoyalCaribbean.com); or call (800) ROYAL-CARIBBEAN.

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