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**RECOGNIZING THE BEST OF THE BEST,
ROYAL CARIBBEAN HONORS TRAVEL PARTNERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2016**

MIAMI, Jan. 13, 2017 – [Royal Caribbean International](#) kicks off the New Year by honoring valued travel agents with its annual Travel Partners of the Year Awards for North America. Commending unwavering loyalty and commitment to the global cruise brand, the esteemed accolades recognized more than 10 top performers. The 2016 lineup includes Vacations To Go, winning the most coveted Chairman’s Award; returning winners Cruise Planners – an American Express Travel Representative – with the President’s Award, its tenth consecutive honor; and Expedia CruiseShipCenters as National Account Partner of the Year – for displaying impressive growth in North America in the last year, after receiving the Canada Partner of the Year title in 2015.

“2016 was a standout year, and that has everything to do with our travel partners and their incredible dedication to planning unforgettable Royal Caribbean adventures for our guests,” said Vicki Freed, senior vice president, Sales and Trade Support and Service, Royal Caribbean International. “Passion, commitment and innovation are three of our guiding principles, values that travel agents appreciate and embody, making for some of the most meaningful partnerships in our industry. Recognizing these experts, who continue to work with us and go above and beyond to achieve success for their businesses, is an honor every year. Huge congratulations go to our well-deserved returning and first-time Travel Partners of the Year recipients.”

Royal Caribbean’s 2016 Travel Partners of the Year winners are as follows:

Chairman's Award for Overall Achievement	Vacations To Go
President's Award for Overall Achievement	Cruise Planners – American Express Travel Representative
National Account Partner of the Year	Expedia CruiseShipCenters
Home-based Partner of the Year	Travel Planners International <i>*First-time winner</i>
Online Partner of the Year	World Travel Holdings
Consortia Partner of the Year	Travel Leaders Network
Corporate Incentive Partner of the Year	Morris Meetings & Incentives

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Marketing Partner of the Year	WMPH <i>*First-time winner</i>
Southeast Partner of the Year	Palm Coast Travel/SmartCruiser.com <i>*First-time winner</i>
Northeast Partner of the Year	Cruise Brothers <i>*First-time winner</i>
Central Partner of the Year	Magical Moments Vacations <i>*First-time winner</i>
West Partner of the Year	Montrose Travel
Canada Partner of the Year	Expedia CruiseShipCenters Montreal <i>*First-time winner</i>

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 14 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers Choice Awards.

The cruise line sails 25 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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