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**ROYAL CARIBBEAN ANNOUNCES TRAVEL PARTNERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2017**

**MIAMI, Jan. 23, 2018** – Following a record-breaking year of unforgettable vacations, global cruise line [Royal Caribbean International](#) reveals the lineup of 16 valued travel partners that shined in 2017. The annual Travel Partners of the Year Awards for North America commends travel agents’ unwavering commitment to the cruise line. The standout stars include last year’s President’s Award frontrunners, Cruise Planners – an American Express Travel Representative, securing the coveted Chairman’s Award; and returning winners Expedia CruiseShipCenters, chosen for the President’s Award, and World Travel Holdings as the National Account of the Year for their significant growth and success in North America.

“These are extremely exciting times for the cruise industry – cruise lines and travel partners alike. The sky’s the limit at Royal Caribbean, and the strong performance we’ve seen is thanks in large part to our valued travel professionals and their incredible knowledge when it comes to planning inspiring vacations on our ships,” said Vicki Freed, senior vice president, Sales, Trade Support and Service, Royal Caribbean International. “I’m very proud to honor these experts who consistently work with us and continue to see success with their businesses. Congratulations to the returning and first-time Travel Partners of the Year award recipients.”

**Royal Caribbean’s Travel Partners of the Year:**

- Chairman's Award for Overall Achievement**      Cruise Planners – an American Express Travel Representative
- President's Award for Overall Achievement**      Expedia CruiseShipCenters
- National Account Partner of the Year**              World Travel Holdings
- Host Agency Partner of the Year**                      Travel Planners International
- New-to-Cruise Partner of the Year**                  International Cruise & Excursions, Inc. (ICE) *\*First-time winner*
- Home-Based Partner of the Year**                      CruiseOne, Dream Vacations & Cruises Inc. *\*First-time winner*
- Online Partner of the Year**                              Cruise.com
- Rising Star Partner of the Year**                        Cruises-N-More *\*First-time winner*

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<b>Consortia Partner of the Year</b>	Virtuoso
<b>Corporate Incentive Partner of the Year</b>	Buy the Sea
<b>Marketing Partner of the Year</b>	Travel Leaders Network
<b>Southeast Partner of the Year</b>	Tourico Holidays <i>*First-time winner</i>
<b>Northeast Partner of the Year</b>	Autism on the Seas
<b>Central Partner of the Year</b>	KHM Travel Group
<b>West Partner of the Year</b>	Morris Murdock
<b>Canada Partner of the Year</b>	Maritime Travel – LeGrow’s Travel <i>*First-time winner</i>

[Royal Caribbean International](#) is an award-winning global cruise brand with a 48-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 service by every staff and crew member. Royal Caribbean has been voted “Best Cruise Line Overall” for 15 consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards.

The cruise line sails 24 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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