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### ***ODYSSEY OF THE SEAS REACHES KEY CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE***

**MIAMI, March 1, 2021\*** – The game-changing [\*Odyssey of the Seas\*](#), Royal Caribbean International’s brand-new ship under construction at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg, Germany, has completed its 10-plus-hour, 20-mile (32-kilometer) conveyance. The conveyance is a process unique to ships built at Meyer Werft, as the shipyard is situated inland along the Ems River, and the ship must make the journey backward and down the river to get to the North Sea.

A sight to behold, maneuvering a 169,000-gross-ton ship that measures 1,138 feet (347 meters) long and 135 feet (41 meters) wide is no mean feat. The milestone naturally draws local residents to the riverbanks to marvel at this impressive technical and operational moment.

Boasting all-new and first-to-brand experiences, *Odyssey* will raise the bar when it comes to all aspects of the cruise experience. The innovative Quantum Ultra Class ship’s combination of iconic Quantum Class favorites and new-to-class features include:

- **SeaPlex**, the largest indoor activity center at sea that will now offer guests an indoor and outdoor activity complex. Think sports courts, bumper cars, laser tag, digital interactive games, jumbo screens, a DJ booth and more; this is the ultimate, high-adrenaline playground for all ages. The two-level venue will also be home to the first-in-class **Playmakers Sports Bar & Arcade**, where guests can catch their team on dozens of screens and enjoy a menu of game-day favorites and icy-cold drafts on tap.
- *Odyssey’s* **pool deck** is a vibrant oasis with additional uncovered pool space to optimize sun-soaked vacation experiences. Guests can lounge on the Caribbean-inspired pool deck, unwind in the four whirlpools or shady hammocks and casitas on decks 14 and 15, and cool off with freshly made cocktails at the two-level signature bar, **The Lime & Coconut**.
- **Dedicated spaces for kids and teens** have been amplified with technology to offer interactive, personalized and unexpected experiences. Teens have access to their exclusive area, **Social180**, which also includes an outdoor wraparound deck, **The Patio**, to hang out with ocean views. With a gaming lounge, movies, music and outdoor games, 13- to 17-year-olds have everything they need and can socialize without kids and grownups cramping their style.
- Bringing guests a taste of Italy is Royal Caribbean’s first **Giovanni’s Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar**. From hand-tossed pizzas delivered straight from the pizza oven to a wine list that ranges from Sangiovese to Super Tuscan, travelers can enjoy traditional, rustic Italian dishes and fresh Mediterranean flavors.

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- Hunger pangs will be alleviated with *Odyssey's* diverse range of dining options. Never before seen in North America is **Teppanyaki**, the restaurant serving authentic Asian flavors cooked in one of Japan's traditional styles. Travelers can also expect to find Royal Caribbean favorites, including sushi and sashimi at **Izumi**, hand-cut steaks at **Chops Grille**, the **Chef's Table** epicurean, intimate experience and imaginative cuisine at **Wonderland**.
- Whether it's surfing the waves on the signature **FlowRider** surf simulator or feeling the freedom of freefall on **RipCord by iFly** – the skydiving simulator – *Odyssey* will satisfy any adrenaline seeker. Not forgetting the **40-foot rock wall** and gravity-defying **SkyPad**, the virtual reality and bungee trampoline experience that transports guests to another world. Those looking for unrivaled 360-degree views have the **North Star** glass observation capsule that extends 300 feet (91 meters) above the ocean.
- Guests can expect Royal Caribbean's **signature productions and famed Quantum Class entertainment** in teched-out venues, complete with immersive technology, unparalleled special effects and world-leading talent. Fusing art and technology, **Two70** boasts 270-degree panoramic windows with sweeping ocean views in an expansive open-area living room, which transforms in plain sight into a 135-foot-wide (41 meters) and 22-foot-tall (6 meters) screen powered by Vistarama technology. At night, the iconic venue becomes a multidimensional theater, where a troupe of six agile Roboscreens come to life in sync with music, special effects and live performers and aerialists. Guests can then head to **Music Hall** for an ever-changing setlist of live performances and epic cover bands, but not before grabbing a drink served by robots at the **Bionic Bar**.

In a Royal Caribbean first, *Odyssey* will debut in [Haifa, Israel](#) this May. Residents of Israel will be the first to experience the ship on a mix of 3- to 7-night escapes visiting the Greek Isles and Cyprus, roundtrip from Haifa. *Odyssey* will then cross the Atlantic to begin its inaugural North American season in November, offering 6- to 8-night itineraries from Fort Lauderdale and visiting far-flung destinations, including Curacao and Aruba.

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***\*June 2021 Update*** *Odyssey of the Seas* will now debut in July when it sets sail as the first Quantum Ultra Class ship to cruise from the U.S. The brand-new ship will cruise roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale, Florida on a series of 6- and 8-night Caribbean itineraries. For more details, visit [www.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-ships/itinerary-updates](#).

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