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**SPECTACULAR SUMMER ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ARE BACK**  
*Jewel of the Seas Departs from Limassol, Cyprus for the First Time Ever*



**MIAMI, July 6, 2021** – Today, [\*Jewel of the Seas\*](#) embarked on a 2-night preview sailing from Limassol, Cyprus ahead of an **inaugural cruise on Saturday, July 10** that will mark the start of the limited summer series of 7-night itineraries to the sun-soaked shores of the Greek Isles. This is the first time Royal Caribbean International calls Cyprus home, offering vacationers and their families adventure and relaxation as they visit a combination of culture-rich cities and idyllic islands, including Limassol, and Athens, Rhodes, Crete, Mykonos and Santorini, Greece.

*Jewel* will sail with fully vaccinated crew and guests 18 years of age and older, along with children under 18 who are ineligible for the vaccine. As a requirement of the Cypriot government, non-vaccinated vacationers between 12 and 18 must provide negative PCR test results taken within 72 hours of arrival in Cyprus. All guests over the age of 2 must participate in complimentary testing on the day of boarding.

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These measures are specific to sailings from Cyprus aboard *Jewel* this summer, and they will be continuously evaluated as health circumstances evolve. The many layers of health and safety measures, including the vaccination policy and testing requirements, can be viewed [here](#).

“*Jewel of the Seas*’ first sailing out of Cyprus marks the beginning of an exciting return to cruising in Europe for Royal Caribbean,” said Ben Bouldin, vice president, EMEA, Royal Caribbean International. “Cyprus is a beautiful country with a multitude of must-visit regions, and it is an extremely popular destination among our European guests – we know they are ready and waiting to enjoy a Cyprus and Greek Isles getaway this summer.”

*Jewel* is one of two Royal Caribbean ships to return to cruising in Europe this week with ***Anthem of the Seas*** setting sail from the UK on Wednesday, July 7. The world's largest cruise line is planning for more award-winning ships to return through August, including ***Harmony of the Seas*** from Barcelona, Spain. The complete 2021 lineup to date is available [here](#). In the coming weeks, Royal Caribbean will announce plans to reintroduce its full fleet around the globe by year’s end.

### **About Royal Caribbean International**

[Royal Caribbean International](#) has been delivering innovation at sea for more than 50 years. Each successive class of ships is an architectural marvel featuring the latest technology and guest experiences for today’s adventurous traveler. The cruise line continues to revolutionize vacations with itineraries to more than 270 destinations in 72 countries on six continents, including Royal Caribbean’s private island destination in The Bahamas, [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#), the first in the Perfect Day Island Collection. Royal Caribbean has also been voted “Best Cruise Line Overall” for 18 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers’ Choice Awards.

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*\*Note: For the complete details on Royal Caribbean's vaccine policies, click [here](#).*

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