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¡BUENOS DÍAS, BARCELONA! ROYAL CARIBBEAN MAKES LONG-AWAITED RETURN TO WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Harmony of the Seas is the first Oasis Class Ship Back in Europe, Sailing 7-night Cruises from Barcelona, Spain

MIAMI, Aug. 16, 2021 – [Harmony of the Seas](#) set sail from its new summer home in Barcelona, Spain yesterday, marking Royal Caribbean International’s harmonious return to Western Europe. Joining *Jewel* and *Anthem of the Seas* in getting back to delivering the memorable Europe vacations families have missed, *Harmony* rings in the next milestone in the cruise line’s global return to sailing. Vacationers can book their next vacation on board *Harmony* [here](#).

The Oasis Class ship – Royal Caribbean’s largest class of ship – embarked with guests on the first of a series of 7-night breathtaking cruises around the Western Mediterranean. Exploring Europe has never come with so many opportunities for excitement, culture and relaxation than with *Harmony*. From August to October, the innovative ship will whisk away families to the scenic Spanish isle of Palma De Mallorca, Spain before sailing to Italy, where they can explore art and culture in Florence, visit world-renowned landmarks in Rome and experience the beauty of Naples with its iconic skyline defined by the towering Mount Vesuvius. Guests can also choose to begin their vacation in Italy and sail roundtrip from Rome.

Ben Bouldin, vice president for EMEA, Royal Caribbean International commented “We are delighted to welcome back another ship to our European lineup this summer with the return of the award-winning *Harmony of the Seas*. *Harmony* is an incredibly popular ship and one of the most revolutionary in our fleet, so families are in for a summer of adventure.”

On *Harmony*, vacationers have a bold and unexpected lineup of thrilling experiences found nowhere else on land or at sea. *Harmony* combines the distinct seven-neighborhood concept for which the revolutionary Oasis Class is known, featuring a varied lineup of restaurants serving up a world of flavors, adrenaline-fueled activities, the latest technology and unparalleled original entertainment across stage, water, ice and air.

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Highlights include a 10-story plunge down the tallest slide at sea, the **Ultimate Abyss**; the high-flying zip line nine decks above the Boardwalk neighborhood; the signature **FlowRider** surf simulators; more than 20,000 real plants at the **Central Park** neighborhood; as well as deck-defying high diving, aerialists and more at the **AquaTheater**.

Health and Safety Measures for *Harmony of the Seas*

Travelers can plan their cruise with peace of mind knowing that Royal Caribbean requires all crew members and guests 18 years of age and older to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Children younger than the eligible age can sail with a negative test result and must follow other health and safety protocols. The cruise line's health measures, such as vaccine and testing requirements, are available [here](#) on the Royal Caribbean website and listed by point of departure.

The vaccine policy is one of the cruise line's multilayered measures that safeguard the well-being of all guests, crew members and the communities at each port of call. These protocols include the ships' robust ventilation systems, enhanced cleaning and sanitization, and cruising at reduced occupancy as ships initially return to sailing.

Royal Caribbean is in ongoing discussions with multiple national, state and local health and government authorities around the world regarding the various requirements for all upcoming sailings. Independent of the port of departure, the cruise line will continue to follow the guidelines as recommended by health experts. Health and safety measures will be evaluated as public health circumstances evolve, and guests and travel partners will be notified of updates.

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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Royal Caribbean International is applying the recommendations of its [Healthy Sail Panel](#) of public health and scientific experts to provide a safer and healthier cruise vacation on all of its sailings. Health and safety protocols, regional travel restrictions and clearance to visit ports of call, are subject to change based on ongoing evaluation, public health standards, and government requirements. U.S. cruises and guests: For more information on the latest health and travel alerts, U.S. government travel advisories, please visit [www.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-ships/itinerary-updates](#) or consult travel advisories, warnings or recommendations relating to cruise travel on applicable government websites.

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