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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW ROYAL CARIBBEAN SHIP, *UTOPIA OF THE SEAS*
Coming Spring 2024, the Sixth Oasis Class Ship Will be the First of its Class Powered by LNG



On April 5, Royal Caribbean International began construction on the next ship in the revolutionary Oasis Class at a steel-cutting ceremony held at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in Saint-Nazaire, France. Debuting spring 2024, the sixth Oasis Class ship will be named Utopia of the Seas and the first of its class powered by LNG (liquefied natural gas).

MIAMI, April 8, 2022 – A new adventure has begun: Construction on the sixth ship in Royal Caribbean International's revolutionary **Oasis Class** is now underway in Saint-Nazaire, France. The cruise line revealed the name of the upcoming ship, [*Utopia of the Seas*](#), at the steel-cutting ceremony that took place in the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard. Come spring 2024, the **first Oasis Class ship powered by LNG** (liquefied natural gas) will be a bold evolution of the class of ships that changed the industry more than a decade ago.

"We are excited to begin construction on *Utopia of the Seas*," said Michael Bayley, president and CEO, Royal Caribbean International. "On the sixth Oasis Class ship, vacationers can look forward to the signature combination of Royal Caribbean experiences and many brand-new adventures that has and will continue to make the Oasis class of ships the ultimate vacation for guests of all ages."

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At the ceremony, *Utopia's* first piece of steel was cut to mark the start of the 30-month journey that is the construction process. Representatives from Royal Caribbean and Chantiers de l'Atlantique attended the milestone event, including Jason Liberty, president and CEO, Royal Caribbean Group; and Laurent Castaing, General Manager, Chantiers de l'Atlantique.

Royal Caribbean's game-changing Oasis Class redefined cruising with the introduction of *Oasis of the Seas* in 2009. Today, these ships are known as the ultimate vacations for families and travelers of all ages. With the recent debut of *Wonder of the Seas*, the renowned class continues to push what is possible with innovations across every aspect of the cruise experience – from unparalleled thrills to original entertainment, and now a transition to cleaner energy.

By introducing the first LNG-powered Oasis Class ship, the cruise line will take yet another step toward a clean-energy future after its first LNG ship, *Icon of the Seas*, debuts in fall 2023. The use of the cleanest fossil fuel available to cruise ships today and additional environmentally friendly applications on board *Utopia* will boost energy efficiencies and further reduce emissions overall.

Learn more details about *Utopia* at a later date on Royal Caribbean's [website](#).

About Royal Caribbean International

[Royal Caribbean International](#), owned by Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), has been delivering innovation at sea for more than 50 years. Each successive class of ships is an architectural marvel that features the latest technology and guest experiences for today's adventurous traveler. The cruise line continues to revolutionize vacations with itineraries to 240 destinations in 61 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 19 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers Choice Awards.

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