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ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S *ICON OF THE SEAS* SETS SAIL FOR THE FIRST TIME

*The First-of-its-kind Vacation Returns from its Initial Sea Trials,
the Next Construction Milestone Ahead of its Debut in January 2024*



June 2023 – Royal Caribbean's Icon of the Seas has reached the next construction milestone in Turku, Finland, after returning from its initial sea trials. The first-of-its-kind vacation sailed the open ocean for the first time to run four days of preliminary tests on the engines, hull, brake system, noise and vibration levels, and more ahead of its second round of sea trials later this year, where it will be pushed to its limits.

MIAMI, June 22, 2023 – The results are in: Royal Caribbean International's highly anticipated ***Icon of the Seas*** is in ship shape. Today, the all-new vacation reached the **next construction milestone** after successfully **completing** its **initial round of sea trials** and sailing the open ocean for the first time.

Icon returned to the Meyer Turku shipyard, where it is under construction, after four days of preliminary tests on a lineup of its latest technologies and equipment. From the main engines to the hull, to the brake system, to steering as well as noise and vibration levels, the hundreds of workers on board covered an extensive check list of key technical areas.

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Between preparations and the trials, the important step in the journey to bring *Icon* to life involved more than 2,000 specialists, hundreds of miles traveled, four 37- to 67-ton tugboats and more than 350 hours of work. Next up will be a second round of sea trials later this year, which will be when the first Icon Class ship is pushed to its limits ahead of its debut in Miami in January 2024.

As the first-of-its-kind combination of the best of every vacation, *Icon* will introduce a new era of vacations for years to come. From the resort getaway to the beach escape and theme park adventure, every type of family and kind of adventurer can make memories together and on their own terms without compromise across record-breaking thrills, relaxing ways to chill, a neighborhood designed for young families, more than 40 ways to dine, drink and be entertained, and more.

Icon will sail 7-night Eastern and Western Caribbean vacations from Miami all year. Vacationers on board will island hop from destinations like Royal Caribbean's award-winning private island destination, Perfect Day at CocoCay, The Bahamas; Cozumel, Mexico; Philipsburg, St. Maarten; and Roatan, Honduras. More details about what *Icon* has in store are available at www.RoyalCaribbean.com/Icon.

About Royal Caribbean International

[Royal Caribbean International](http://www.RoyalCaribbean.com), 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 20 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers Choice Awards.

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