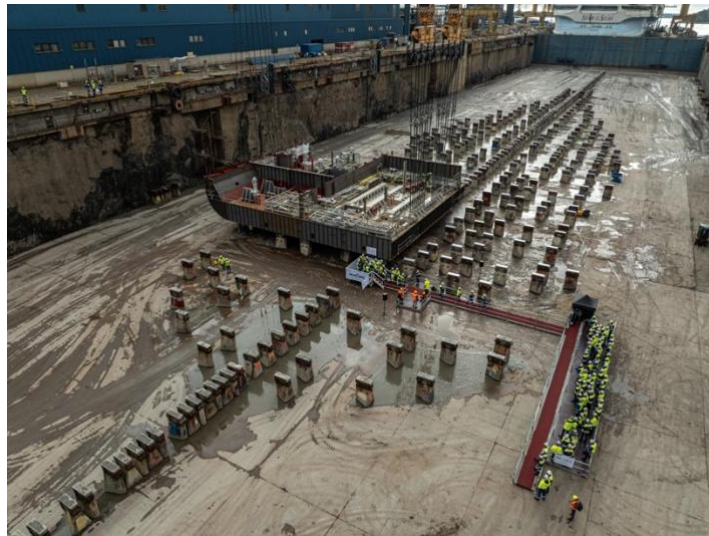


**CONSTRUCTION ON ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S THIRD ICON CLASS VACATION BEGINS**

*The keel-laying milestone kicks off physical construction for the next ship in the record-setting lineup, which is set for a 2026 debut*



*Royal Caribbean International kicked off the start of physical construction on the third Icon Class vacation, which debuts in 2026. A keel-laying celebration took place at Finnish shipyard Meyer Turku, where the first block of the soon-to-be-named ship was lifted and placed onto a layer of freshly minted coins.*

**MIAMI, Oct. 11, 2024** – Three cheers for vacations: This week, Royal Caribbean International marked the next milestone for the third revolutionary combination of the best of every vacation. The **physical construction of the soon-to-be-named Icon Class vacation\* is officially underway**, and the moment was marked at a **keel-laying celebration** at the Meyer Turku shipyard in Turku, Finland. The upcoming ship is well on its way to making its **debut in 2026**, and more will be revealed in the coming months.

At the celebration, the **first building block was placed** in the dry dock where the next up in the record-setting Icon Class will take shape. The **keel**, known as **the backbone of a ship**, is what lies at the bottom and center of its hull. The Royal Caribbean and Meyer Turku teams that will bring the new vacation to life witnessed the milestone and sealed the deal – and good fortune – by **placing a layer of freshly minted coins** before the massive steel block was lifted and placed.

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Building on the new era of vacations that made headlines with the introduction of [Icon of the Seas](#), the next bold adventure in the lineup will follow the summer 2025 debut of [Star of the Seas](#) in Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida. The vacation that is still to be revealed will deliver more of the unmatched combination of experiences that defines the game-changing Icon Class roster, which will continue with a fourth ship in 2027 and options for a fifth and sixth in the future.

Each bold adventure in the lineup is an all-encompassing **combination of the best of every vacation** – from **the beach retreat to the resort escape and the theme park adventure**. There are ways for **every type of family and vacationer to make memories** together and on their own adventures, without compromise, from diving into **adrenaline-pumping thrills** and **unrivaled ways to chill**, like six of the fastest and tallest waterslides at sea and seven pools, to enjoying **more than 40 ways to dine, drink and be entertained**.

More details about what’s in store for the third Icon Class vacation are to come.

**\*NOTE TO EDITOR:**

Media can find videos and photos of *Icon* and *Star of the Seas* at [www.RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com/Icon](http://www.RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com/Icon) and [www.RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com/Star](http://www.RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com/Star).

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