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NEWLY AMPLIFIED *FREEDOM OF THE SEAS* MAKES SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN DEBUT

*Royal Caribbean's Year-round Southern Caribbean Season Begins with
First Look at \$116 Million Transformation*

MIAMI, March 9, 2020 – A new wave of island flair has arrived in the Southern Caribbean. With a crowd-pleasing combination of new thrills, guest favorites and top-rated destinations, [Royal Caribbean International's](#) newly amplified [Freedom of the Seas](#) has debuted its \$116 million transformation in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The transformed ship unveils new adventures from bow to stern, including **The Perfect Storm** duo of high-speed waterslides, a vibrant **Caribbean poolscape**, the cruise line's first **Giovanni's Italian Kitchen** and **new, dedicated spaces for kids and teens**. Now sailing, *Freedom* offers travelers 7-night Southern Caribbean cruises that visit a new, idyllic island each day, from Barbados and Antigua, to the ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao).

Thrills on Deck

- **The Perfect Storm** – At three stories high, guests can choose Cyclone or Typhoon to go head to head through winding twists and turns in a heart-pumping faceoff.
- **A resort-style Caribbean poolscape** – Featuring a whole new look, signature poolside bar **The Lime & Coconut**, live music and a wider variety of seating and shade with the addition of casitas, in-pool loungers and daybeds, the reimagined pool deck is where pool days become an all-day affair. The youngest of travelers can enjoy the new kids aqua park, **Splashaway Bay**, and adults looking for soothing downtime can head to the renewed Solarium.

Amped-up Flavors

- **Giovanni's Italian Kitchen** – New to Royal Caribbean, Giovanni's Italian Kitchen serves up a reimagined menu of authentic Italian dishes with a contemporary flair, from fresh pastas to custom pizzas hand tossed high in the air. The cruise line's take on "Sunday supper" is complete with limoncello and a wide selection of wines.

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- **El Loco Fresh** – Guests can enjoy a poolside fiesta of flavors, including tacos, burritos and quesadillas, at the casual grab-and-go spot. The venue is the first El Loco Fresh that includes a full-service bar with a wide selection of tequilas.
- **Izumi Hibachi & Sushi** – From sushi to sashimi and hibachi, Izumi offers an Asian-inspired dining experience. The menu spans a variety of hot and cold appetizers, entrees and desserts – each made to order with fresh ingredients and impeccable presentation.
- **Playmakers Sports Bar & Arcade** – At this hangout, all ages can have a seat at the table to catch live games on more than 100 TVs, make legendary plays on arcade classics and refuel on classic bar fare and ice-cold brews.

Adventures for Everyone

- **Clash for the Crystal City** – Two clans, the Yetis and Snowshifters, collide in this glow-in-the-dark laser tag adventure for control of a mystical frozen city.
- **Adventure Ocean** – The award-winning youth program reveals a 360-degree transformation. Its new layout encourages kids to choose their own immersive adventures across several rooms: **Play Place**, the whimsical space with climbable creations; **Arena**, where there's friendly competition; and **Hangout**, a space to chill and call their own. Three- and 5-year-olds and the tiniest of travelers at 6-36 months old each have dedicated spaces with **AO Juniors** and **AO Babies**, respectively.
- **Social033** – Teens will rejoice in their exclusive hangout, entirely redesigned to feature the latest in movies, gaming and music, plus a new, private outdoor deck.

The top-to-bottom transformation also adds *Freedom* to the lineup of ships now available on the **Royal Caribbean International mobile app**. Guests can check in for their cruise from their personal device and arrange Expedited Arrival, prior to setting sail, for a seamless boarding experience at the port. On board, it is an effortless transition into vacation mode with the app's easy-to-use features such as the ability to plan activities for each day, view onboard expenses and make reservations for dining, shore excursions as well as shows, and the in-app TV remote available for each stateroom.

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Extending the adventure to shore, the amplified Freedom Class ship is sailing week-long Southern Caribbean itineraries that are rich in destinations. Guests can set course for the ultimate, island-hopping vacation to discover many idyllic locales, including Oranjestad, Aruba; Willemstad, Curacao; Bridgetown, Barbados; Saint Johns, Antigua; and Kralendijk, Bonaire.

Freedom joins her sister, *Independence of the Seas*, as part of the Royal Amplified fleet modernization effort. An investment of more than \$1 billion across 10 ships in four years, Royal Caribbean’s program touches every facet of the guest experience and introduces a wide range of new adventures spanning one-of-a-kind attractions and experiential dining and nightlife.

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 17 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers’ Choice Awards.

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