

ROYAL CARIBBEAN SETS SIGHTS ON CYPRUS FOR CONSECUTIVE SUMMER SEASONS

Rhapsody of the Seas to Welcome Guests in Limassol, Cyprus, in 2022 and 2023

CYPRUS, LIMASSOL, Jan. 7, 2021 – Following a successful summer sailing from Limassol, Cyprus, Royal Caribbean International has announced two more seasons of cruising from Cyprus are on the horizon. In 2022 and 2023, *Rhapsody of the Seas* will call Cyprus home for the first time and welcome holidaymakers of all ages to set course for adventure and must-see destinations, such as the Greek Isles, Greece, Israel, Egypt and Turkey. Royal Caribbean's new 2022 and 2023 cruises from Limassol are now open.

Adventurers can choose from a lineup of **7-night Greek Isles cruises** that sail roundtrip from Limassol in **August and September 2022**. From island-hopping to exploring ruins of centuries past, guests will take in the stunning Greek Isles of **Rhodes** and **Santorini** and the vibrant, culture-rich cities of **Athens, Greece**, and **Haifa, Israel**. The unparalleled summer holiday that combines memorable experiences with convenience and much more for Cypriot holidaymakers and their families will also offer experiences tailored for the local region. These include unique dining and beverage menus, live music and a Greek version of Royal Caribbean's daily activity planner, the Cruise Compass.

In May-August 2023, *Rhapsody* will return to the city to set sail on new **7-night Israel and Egypt cruises** as well as **Greece and Turkey itineraries**. Then the stunning Vision Class ship will head to Haifa until early November 2023, sailing a mix of **2- to 7-night itineraries** to **Greece**, the **Greek Isles** and **Cyprus**.

Continuing the cruise line's commitment to growing its presence in the region, 2022 will also see new ways for Cypriot holidaymakers to book their Royal Caribbean getaway. Cruises departing from Limassol will be exclusively available through the following travel companies that are experts in the local market:

- Top Kinisis Travel
- Let's Go Tours by Amathus
- Century Travel
- Louis Travel

The cruise line will also continue working with existing partner Navigator Travel & Tourist Services Ltd.

Ben Bouldin, vice president of Europe, Middle East and Africa, Royal Caribbean International comments: "Cyprus is a key and growing market for Royal Caribbean and presents the perfect gateway for our guests to explore the eastern Mediterranean. We look forward to returning to this beautiful island for the next two consecutive summers and welcoming more Cypriot guests on board. I have no doubt that with the ongoing support from the Cyprus Ministry of Tourism and our new sales representatives we are in an excellent position to grow in Cyprus and continue to offer memorable holidays in the region."

Savvas Perdios, Deputy Minister of Tourism Cyprus comments, "It has been an honour to host Royal Caribbean in 2021, which was another challenging year for global tourism. We are proud of what has been achieved by both sides and delighted that our collaboration will be enhanced further in 2022 and 2023!"

While sailing from one iconic destination to the next on board *Rhapsody*, guests can relax and recharge in the Vitality Spa and Fitness Center, pamper themselves in the beauty salon and find their zen in the adults-only Solarium. The two pools and six whirlpools are also the perfect places to cool down after a day of exploring. And holidaymakers looking for even more adventure can go to new heights for endless ocean views by scaling the signature 40-foot-tall rock climbing wall.

Younger guests can enjoy Royal Caribbean's award-winning kids' program at Adventure Ocean before catching a film on the outdoor movie screen and under the stars with the whole family. Hunger pangs will be kept at bay, thanks to a varied combination of complimentary and speciality restaurants, including all-time favourites Izumi, serving up fresh sushi and sashimi; Chops Grille, an American steakhouse, and Giovanni's Table, for Italian classics.

More details on Royal Caribbean's 2022 and 2023 cruises from Cyprus and more are available at RoyalCaribbean.com.

About Royal Caribbean International

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