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Royal Caribbean Acquires New Ship, *Wonder of the Seas*

Royal Caribbean International acquired a newly built ship on January 27. *Wonder of the Seas* will make its debut on March 4, launching from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The ship was officially delivered to Royal Caribbean during a flag-changing ceremony with shipyard Chantiers de l'Atlantique in Marseille, France. *Wonder of the Seas* is designated part of Royal Caribbean's Oasis Class ships.

Jason Liberty, president and CEO of Royal Caribbean Group, says "*Wonder of the Seas* will energize cruising in a bolder and bigger way. Adding this ship to our already best-in-class fleet elevates the company in continuing to lead the industry with new features and innovation."

In March, the new ship will begin cruises to the Caribbean from Fort Lauderdale. In May, *Wonder of the Seas* will sail from Barcelona and Rome, offering 7-night Western Mediterranean cruises. Destinations include cities and regions in Italy, Spain, and France.

Much later this year, *Wonder of the Seas* will begin cruising to the Caribbean from Port Canaveral. This starts in November and includes destinations such as Perfect Day at CocoCay (a Royal Caribbean private island in The Bahamas), St. Maarten, St. Thomas, and Mexico.

Royal Caribbean touts *Wonder of the Seas* as remarkable for its innovation. Laurent Castaing, General Manager, Chantiers de l'Atlantique, remarks that "*Wonder of the Seas* represents a new step forward in the Oasis Class ships. Our teams have worked under difficult conditions but in a very united way to finally make major changes that enhanced the ship performance."

MarineLink reports that "At 236,857 GT, the new cruise ship takes the title of world's largest from its 228,081 GT sister ship *Symphony of the Seas*, in service since 2018." The construction of *Wonder of the Seas* began in April 2019. Its original expected date for completion was 2021, but the COVID-19 pandemic caused a delay.

Royal Caribbean International is owned by Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL). In 2019, Royal Caribbean International was among the winners of the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards.