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PORT OF BALTIMORE WELCOMES BACK ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES

Enchantment of the Seas Sets Sail Today On Eight-Night Holiday Cruise

BALTIMORE (Dec. 23, 2021) – Just in time for Christmas, the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore is welcoming back Royal Caribbean Cruise Line for their first cruise from Maryland since the cruise industry-wide, COVID-19 pause in operations ended earlier this year. Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas* will depart today on an eight-night cruise to the Bahamas, also visiting their famous private island Coco Cay.

"The return of Royal Caribbean to the Port of Baltimore is great way to celebrate the holiday season!" said Maryland Port Administration Executive Director William P. Doyle. "People love to cruise from Baltimore for so many reasons starting with our location. Our cruise terminal is directly off Interstate 95 and BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport is only 15 minutes away. We're located right alongside Baltimore's world-famous Inner Harbor, as well as Federal Hill, Fort McHenry, and Fells Point with plenty of sightseeing, dining, and shopping options. Come cruise from Baltimore, enjoy our great city, and sail to some of the most incredible tropical paradises in the world."

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line has sailed from Baltimore since 2004. It began offering year-round sailings from Charm City in 2010. The *Enchantment of the Seas* ship replaces Baltimore's former Royal Caribbean ship, the *Grandeur of the Seas*.

Royal Caribbean offers a wide array of cruise options from Baltimore, including:

- 11- and 12-night sailings to the Caribbean
- Seven, eight, and nine-night voyages to Bermuda, Bahamas, Canada, and New England
- Five-night sailings to Bermuda

The Port of Baltimore is the closest East Coast drive-to port from several states including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Baltimore is also within a three-hour drive from the New York City metro area. Maryland's median household income is one of the largest in the U.S. The Baltimore-Washington DC-Northern Virginia region is also recognized as one of the most affluent in the nation.

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