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## TOP-PERFORMING TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS WIN HIGHEST HONORS WITH ROYAL CARIBBEAN

Cruise Line Announces Travel Partners of the Year, Representing North America and Puerto Rico

MIAMI, Feb 12, 2020 – Celebrating a successful 50<sup>th</sup> year of partnerships marked by game-changing industry milestones, including the introduction of revolutionary destinations such as Perfect Day at CocoCay in The Bahamas and new ship *Spectrum of the Seas*, Royal Caribbean International has revealed the coveted list of 2019'sTravel Partners of the Year. The 17 standout travel advisors, spanning newcomers to repeat winners, have demonstrated unwavering dedication and the keen ability to sell Royal Caribbean cruises in the biggest year to date for the industry and cruise line.

The winners recognized include 2018's Chairman's Award recipient, Cruise Planners – an American Express Travel Representative, securing the high honor once again; Dream Vacations, a Cruise One Company, with the President's Award; Travel Leaders Network as Marketing Partner of the Year, and first-time honorees including: International Voyager for Northeast Partner of the Year and 3D Cruise Partners, Charter Partner of the Year.

"The Travel Partner of the Year Awards are by far my favorite way to start every year by recognizing the strength in our partnerships and the incredible work and accomplishments we have achieved together," said Vicki Freed, senior vice president, Sales, Trade Support and Service, Royal Caribbean International. "Our 2019 winners have shown they have great skill, in-depth knowledge and passion for Royal Caribbean – characteristics that make for the most effective 'value interpreters' for any client. As we embark on 2020 with the November launch of our new ship *Odyssey of the Seas* in sight, we're excited to reach new heights the entire travel advisor community. Thank you for your support, and congratulations to our winners."

## The 2019 Royal Caribbean Travel Partners of the Year:

- Chairman's Award for Overall Achievement: Cruise Planners an American Express Travel Representative
- President's Award for Overall Achievement: Dream Vacations a Cruise One Company

Southeast Partner of the Year: WMPH

Northeast Partner of the Year: International Voyager\*

• Central Partner of the Year: KHM Travel Group

• West Partner of the Year: AAA Ace

• Canada Partner of the Year: Flight Center Travel Group\*

• Home-based Partner of the Year: Travel Planners International

• Online Partner of the Year: Vacations To Go

• Consortia Partner of the Year: Ensemble Travel Group

Corporate Incentive Partner of the Year: Buy the Sea

Host Agency Partner of the Year: Nexion Travel Group

Marketing Partner of the Year: Travel Leaders Network

• Top Overall Producer – Puerto Rico: A & A Tours Network

Top Independent Producer – Puerto Rico: Travel Planners Inc/Expedia Centro de Cruceros

• Automation Partner of the Year: The Cruise Web

• New-to-Cruise Partner of the Year: Expedia Group

• Charter Partner of the Year: 3D Cruise Partners\*

\*First-time winner

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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