



## Windstar Cruises

### *A Unique Concept in Cruising*

The privileged feeling of sailing on your own private yacht. The romance of being at sea under sail. The exclusivity of visiting rarely accessed ports of call. The unobtrusive graciousness of a friendly staff. It all adds up to a casually elegant award-winning vacation that is truly “180 Degrees from Ordinary”—Windstar Cruises.

Windstar is well known for traveling off the beaten path on itineraries from the Mediterranean, Amalfi Coast and Greek Isles to the Aegean Sea, the Caribbean and Costa Rica. The upscale line sails into the exotic locales and hidden harbors that larger ships simply cannot access—magical and mysterious places like Capri, Italy; Porto-Vecchio, France; or Mayreau, Grenadines. Every day aboard Windstar brings the promise of new cultures and horizons to explore.

In 2010, Windstar ships sail itineraries throughout the Mediterranean, Greek Isles, Caribbean, Costa Rica, and the Panama Canal. And, Windstar’s casual luxury, romantic sails and exotic itineraries combine to make the line a popular honeymoon and anniversary destination.

Created with a vision to offer a uniquely different alternative to the typical cruise or resort vacation, a voyage aboard Windstar is the essence of unregimented luxury offering a sea-side window on the world that combines the refinement of a sophisticated hotel with a moveable feast of cultural experiences.

Cradling guests in pampered comfort, the intimate ships of Windstar—the 148-guest *msy Wind Star* and *msy Wind Spirit*, and the 312-guest *msy Wind Surf*—exude a private yacht-like atmosphere allowing for sincere camaraderie and lasting friendships between shipmates. With more than one staff member for every two guests (94 crew aboard sister ships *Wind Star* and *Wind Spirit* and 191 on *Wind Surf*), service is attentive without being intrusive.

Windstar pioneered the concept of “casual elegance” in luxury cruising with a classic resort environment. Guests appreciate the understated attitude and relaxed feeling found on board Windstar’s luxury ships. Jackets, ties and cocktail dresses may be left at home. In the spirit of casual elegance, dining is free of seating assignments and strict dining times leaving guests the choice of when and with whom to dine.

With their sleek lines and computerized controls, Windstar’s ships are revolutionary in concept and design, while the towering sails echo a bygone era of explorers. Officially designated as motor-sail-yachts (*msy*), the label belies the vessels’ unique rigging. Unfurling in two minutes at the push of a button, billowing white sails reach to the sky. All functions are operated from the bridge by computer micro-chips and navigational devices.

Windstar’s ships have wide open, teak decks—quite unusual for small ships. With over 10,000 square feet of open deck space on the *Wind Star* and *Wind Spirit*, and over 22,000 square feet on the *Wind Surf*, guests will find hidden nooks for private moments giving them a feeling of being on their own private verandah.

A leader in defining the small ship luxury cruise experience for more than 20 years, Windstar has won the allegiance of a new generation of contemporary travelers who appreciate the line’s casual attire, alternative dining venues, rich mix of shore excursions, complimentary water sports program, progressive spa facilities, and luxurious accommodations. The line’s relaxed approach to enjoying time at sea free of scheduled events has become a benchmark for others in luxury travel to follow.

The all ocean-view staterooms on all three ships feature beds with luxury linens and mattresses, flat-screen TV and DVD player, Bose SoundDock speakers for Apple iPods, safe, mini-bar/refrigerator, direct dial phone, waffle-weave robes with slippers and sumptuous L'Occitane products. *Wind Surf* suites also include an extra bath, TV and sitting area while *Wind Surf* bridge suites give guests the additional luxury of a spacious private living room and relaxing whirlpool spa.

In June 2010, *Wind Surf* will begin offering Spa Suites which include all the amenities of a suite along with luxurious microfiber linens, lush spa robes, an elegant orchid flower arrangement, a specialty pillow menu, rich emollient WindSpa products from O SPA London, an aromatherapy essence which will be refreshed daily and a nightly turn down gift such as organic lavender hand night cream, eye gel, or body cream from WindSpa. Three unique tea collections by Tea Forté will be presented to guests to choose from for in-suite tea service. Guests will also be able to indulge in a sumptuous platter of fresh fruit delivered daily to each spa suite. To welcome spa suite guests, a festive cocktail party will be held in their honor in WindSpa's reception area. They will also receive an invitation to Windstar's signature "Spa Under the Stars" evening event which showcases a sampling of spa experiences with complimentary refreshments on deck under the stars. For the ultimate in pampering, an array of decadent WindSpa treatments are included. Spa suite guests will also have the service of a private spa concierge in WindSpa and receive unlimited fitness, Pilates and Yoga classes.

Fresh, gourmet menus are prepared by Windstar's expert culinary team, catering to the varied lifestyles of savvy travelers in The Restaurant on all three ships and in Degrees on *Wind Surf*. Romance is under sail as guests enjoy water views, exquisite sunsets and star-filled skies while dining alfresco on 5-star cuisine at poolside grill Candles on all three ships and at the seafood bar Le Marché on *Wind Surf*.

Water sports enthusiasts will appreciate the up-close and personal views of the world's most dramatic coastlines with Windstar's complimentary waterskiing, windsurfing, sailing, ski-tubing and kayaking from the ship's aft Marina Deck. Guests can also check out complimentary snorkeling gear to use at local beaches. Snorkeling and scuba diving excursions are also available for a fee.

The library stocks an array of international newspapers, books and games, and a multi-media selection of more than 500 DVD titles and compact discs available for complimentary use.

Minimizing the impact on the environment is one of Windstar Cruises' highest priorities. Through environmental efforts, the company is working to ensure that while our guests enjoy the luxury and comfort of their stay, Windstar does its part to preserve the environment.

### **About Windstar Cruises**

Windstar Cruises operates three sailing yachts known for their pampering without pretense and their ability to visit the hidden harbors and secluded coves of the world's most treasured destinations. Carrying just 148 to 312 guests, the luxurious ships of Windstar cruise to nearly 50 nations, calling at 100 ports throughout Europe, the Caribbean and the Americas. For more information including brochures, rates and itineraries contact Ask Mr Cruise at (+47) 23 62 82 00 or [post@askmrcruise.no](mailto:post@askmrcruise.no)

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