



Windstar Cruises' Commitment to Environmental Protection

***Encouraging crew, guests and partners to think green,
Windstar takes a team approach to safeguarding our environment***

Windstar Cruises operates three luxury sailing yachts which visit the hidden harbors and secluded coves of the world's most treasured destinations, cruising to nearly 50 nations, calling at 100 ports throughout Europe, the Caribbean and the Americas. Minimizing the impact on the environment is one of Windstar Cruises' highest priorities. Through conservation and safety efforts, we are working to ensure that while our guests enjoy the luxury and comfort of their stay with us, we do our part to preserve the environment.

Environmental Officers

To ensure that we meet the highest standards of environmental stewardship onboard our ships and at the ports we visit around the world, onboard each of our vessels a senior member of the crew is designated as the ship's Environmental Officer. These officers are responsible for maintaining our robust standards to preserve and protect the marine environment and its many inhabitants. Each crew member receives comprehensive environmental training each year.

Environmental Standards

Windstar Cruises is a member of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), an organization with its own environmental standards that bind their members to exceed international environmental regulatory requirements. CLIA's environmental standards can be found at <http://www.cruising.org/industry/environment.cfm>.

Recycling Efforts

As part of our recycling and safety efforts, Windstar ships collect and store all chemical and hazardous waste generated onboard for disposal with licensed contractors ashore. Waste from printer and photo copy cartridges are sent ashore for recycling, as is used cooking oil from the galleys.

Reducing Waste

As part of our reduction of waste efforts, Windstar Cruises focuses on ordering appropriate quantities of food and supplies for each cruise. We ask our suppliers to consider suitable and reduced packaging. Crew is also offered incentives for new and innovative ideas to aid in the reduction of waste and environmental efforts.

Fuel Conservation

Windstar Cruises aims at reducing fuel consumption through increased use of ship's sails and through itinerary revision. The ships use fuel that is cleaner-burning with lower sulfur content to minimize environmental impact.

e-Sail Docs Program

Windstar recently introduced an e-Sail Docs program which delivers cruise documents to guests electronically instead of on paper. e-Sail Docs include the same information as traditional paper documents; however, they are delivered as a PDF file through email.

Water Conservation

Implementing water conservation initiatives such as special flow restrictive shower heads are part of Windstar Cruises' continued compliance of improvement of environmental procedures.

Environmentally-Friendly Cleaning Supplies

On the ships, biodegradable, environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies are used which balance efficiency and minimize environmental impact.

Guests and Partners Efforts

We welcome the support of our guests in recycling and pollution prevention by encouraging the proper disposing of trash onboard the ships and ashore. We ask guests to conserve energy by turning off lights, TV and sound system in their stateroom when not in use. A sign is posted in each stateroom bathroom for guests who wish to participate in our towel reuse program. Our Port Agent partners are vital to our efforts in ensuring that all local port and national regulations are followed, and by conveying any special legislation or requirements.

At Windstar Cruises, we pledge to persist in continually assessing and improving the standards of our environmental practices.