



MEDIA ALERT

Windstar's 'Star Legend' Successfully Transited The Ballard Locks in Seattle on Wednesday, Making History as the Largest Cruise Ship to Ever Sail Onto Lake Union



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Event Marked the First Time a Windstar Ship Visited the Seattle Cruise Line's Headquarters in 27 Years; New Zodiacs Were Named During the Festivities

Seattle, WA, June 28, 2018 – On June 27, 2018, *Star Legend* became the largest cruise ship ever to transit the Ballard Locks and sail onto Lake Union in Seattle, Washington. *Star Legend's* inaugural visit to Seattle was especially significant, as the 212-passenger ship is owned by Seattle-based Windstar Cruises, a small ship cruise line with a fleet of six ships sailing worldwide but that had not had a ship in Seattle in nearly three decades.

Images of the event may be [viewed and downloaded here](#).

Star Legend called on Seattle as a special detour from its summer series of inaugural Alaska cruises, running from May through September.

The ship carried Windstar employees, VIPs, travel partners and media on board for the day, which was a grand homecoming for the company with hundreds of people lining the locks and shoreline for the event and local media covering the spectacle live on board and from helicopters above. The ship had roughly 12 feet to spare as the 63-foot wide and 440-foot-long vessel made its way through the locks.

Beginning at Pier 66 in Seattle, *Legend* first took a scenic cruise of Elliott Bay before transiting through the Ballard Locks, as well as through the Lake Washington Ship Canal and under the Ballard and Fremont Bridges. On board, catering was provided by Seattle's own Renee Erickson, a James Beard award-winning chef who has sailed with Windstar as part of its unique partnership as the official cruise line of the James Beard Foundation.

While on Lake Union, Zodiac rides were given to guests, highlighting the new fleet of six inflatable rugged boats that are a key part of Windstar's new Signature Expeditions program in Alaska. During an official ceremony on board, the Zodiacs were named after prominent Seattle figures including Chef Renee Erickson and Bonnie Elgin, brand advisor and the wife of Seattle advertising guru who penned Windstar's tagline, 180 degrees from ordinary.

Visit www.windstarcruises.com for more information on the cruise line and ship.

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About Windstar Cruises

Windstar Cruises operates a six-ship fleet of small sailing and all-suite ships sailing throughout Europe, the Caribbean, Costa Rica and the Panama Canal, Asia, Alaska and British Columbia, Canada and New England, and cruising year-round in Tahiti. Windstar's fleet is the market leader in small ship cruising with a total of 1,242 passenger berths calling on off-the-beaten-path and popular ports in nearly 80 countries. The boutique cruise line carries 148 to 310 passengers on six small ships and takes travelers on cruises that are 180 degrees from ordinary. Windstar is known for immersive experiences and destination authenticity, port-intensive itineraries, exceptional award-winning service, and an innovative culinary program with culinary-themed cruise as the Official Cruise Line of the James Beard Foundation. Windstar Cruises is a part of Xanterra Travel Collection, an award-winning, globally diversified travel company offering once in a lifetime experiences in some of the most beautiful and iconic places on earth.

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