



***Porthole Magazine & Windstar Cruises Team Up to Offer a
“Caribbean Celebration” Cruise onboard Wind Surf in February 2019***



***Caribbean Celebration Cruise Heralds Local Culture
& Supports the Caribbean Community***

Seattle, WA, October 30, 2018 – [Windstar Cruises](#) is partnering with *Porthole Cruise Magazine*, the definitive authority on all things cruise, to reveal the indulgent Caribbean in a way no other cruise line can. Windstar President John Delaney and *Porthole* Founder and Publisher Bill Panoff are teaming up to provide guests onboard the *Wind Surf's* February 23, 2019 sailing with an exclusive opportunity to celebrate the indelible culture, vibrancy, and joy of the Caribbean islands. The trade winds of resiliency after last year's storms have energized these havens of natural beauty to rebound with welcoming arms.

The Caribbean's paradisaical appeal coupled with the amazing rejuvenation is the underlying theme for the week-long celebration. Delaney and Panoff share a mutual enthusiasm for the Caribbean and anxiously render their support by personally hosting this one of a kind cruise event. By collaborating with cruise colleagues in St. Maarten, St. Bart's, the B.V.I's and elsewhere, the duo will escort personalized shore excursions and host unexpected activities for cruise guests.

A key highlight of the cruise will be the opportunity to sail with renowned artist Marc Lipp, whose vibrant pop art echoes the colors and eclectic character of the Caribbean. Guests will have a chance to engage with and learn from the artist along with a bonus art show and auction with proceeds going back to the community.

Other surprises include a celebration at legendary Foxy's Bar, trunk shows with Caribbean batiks, spices and rum, promising animated enjoyment for all. "Our goal is to humbly give back to the islands that have provided such joy to so many over the years, but in a non-traditional way," said Windstar President John Delaney.

Panoff notes, “The endemic allure of the Caribbean has been a driving force in making *Porthole Cruise Magazine* the predominant publication of the cruise community. I look forward to sharing my appreciation and passion of the region with our readers and Windstar guests on this uniquely designed cruise.”

The focal ports on the [Caribbean Celebration Cruise](#) include smaller islands and harbors such as Antigua, Norman Island, St. Barthélemy, Tortola, and Jost Van Dyke, B.V.I. The *Wind Surf* will be anchored at each island, exemplifying the yacht-infused style of cruising that Windstar excels in. Guests will enjoy two overnights and two late nights in port, as well as complimentary water sports and the line’s Signature Deck Barbecue, popular Windstar cruise highlights. The cruise takes place aboard the award-winning line’s flagship, *Wind Surf*, the world’s largest sailing ship that is sporting new sails and will welcome 310 guests, ready for exploration, camaraderie, and adventure.

The Windstar and *Porthole Cruise Magazine*’s [Caribbean Celebration Cruise](#) sets sail Saturday, February 23 and concludes Saturday, March 2, with rates starting at \$2,999 per person, based on double occupancy. To learn more about authentic small ship cruising with Windstar, contact your travel advisor or Windstar Cruises by phone at 877-958-7718, or visit www.windstarcruises.com. For more information on *Porthole Magazine* go to porthole.com.

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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 cruises 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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