



CHRISTOPHER PRELOG
NAMED PRESIDENT OF WINDSTAR CRUISES
A storied career from onboard to onshore leadership

SEATTLE, WA, September 25, 2020 – “Welcome aboard.” Christopher Prelog is now President of [Windstar Cruises](#) reporting into Andrew N. Todd, CEO of Windstar Cruises and of Xanterra Travel Collection (the Colorado-based group of companies that includes Windstar). Prelog knows “welcome aboard” well given he began his career in the cruise industry with Seabourn, working first as a waiter, then in onboard hotel operations and finally as head of all ship operations before joining Windstar nearly four years ago. Prelog will now chart a course for the award-winning small ship cruise line, Seattle-based Windstar Cruises.

Prelog has a long and distinguished career in the cruise industry and world of hospitality. While he began his career at various Hilton Hotels in Austria, he entered the world of cruise vacations when he signed aboard the *Seabourn Legend*. From that vital front-line guest relations position, he rose through the ranks and held the positions of Headwaiter, Restaurant Manager, and Hotel Director (all on the *Legend*) before advancing to Manager of Hotel Operations, Director of Hotel Operations and Vice President of Hotel Operations and Purchasing for Seabourn Cruise Line.

He has earned a degree from the Florida International University in Miami in Hotel Management and Accounting, as well as certificates from Harvard’s Kennedy School, Cornell University and the Higher Tourism Institute in Austria.

“Chris is the perfect person for this role,” stated Todd, “As Windstar’s Chief Operating Officer, he has led the \$250 million dollar Star Plus investment in expanding and renovating our three all-suite yachts in addition to managing our operations through this pandemic. His in-depth knowledge and expertise of the small ship cruise business combined with his collaborative leadership style have won the hearts, minds and respect of the Windstar crew and corporate team alike.”

“I am excited and humbled to lead this tremendously talented team at Windstar,” added Prelog. “I know this has been the most challenging year for the cruise industry and our teams at Windstar and Xanterra have worked together across all disciplines to implement Our Beyond Ordinary Care program and numerous plans in response to the pandemic. I am so proud of the work that we have delivered as a team and honored to be chosen for this important role.”

Windstar operates a fleet of six small yachts carrying 148 to 342 guests on voyages around the world. In fall 2020, *Star Breeze* will be the first of three yachts to emerge from a \$250 million Star Plus Initiative with a lengthened/renovated/re-engineered ship featuring two new restaurants, a larger spa and fitness center, expanded pool, all new bathrooms and fifty new suites. *Star Legend* and *Star Pride* follow in 2021. The 342-guest *Wind Surf* – one of the largest yachts under sails - underwent a major refurbishment in fall 2019.

2021 Sailings and Beyond Ordinary Care Program

Windstar has cancelled all sailings through 2020 and plans to resume sailing operations in January of 2021, instituting a new [Beyond Ordinary Care program](#) that focuses on key hospital-grade elements: HEPA filters and UV-C ultraviolet germicidal irradiation to filter and disinfect the air, plus EvaClean with PurTab to sanitize all surfaces throughout the yachts. Windstar offers itineraries in Tahiti, Alaska, Greece, the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, and more. See all 2021 voyages in the new [digital Atlas brochure](#). To learn more about authentic small ship cruising with Windstar, visit www.windstarcruises.com.

About Windstar Cruises

Windstar Cruises operates a fleet of six boutique all-suite and sailing yachts carrying 148-342 guests. Small ship cruises sail throughout Europe, the Caribbean, Costa Rica and the Panama Canal, Asia, Alaska and British Columbia, Canada and New England, Tahiti and the South Pacific, Mexico and U.S. Coastal and Australia. Windstar launched the *\$250 Million Star Plus Initiative* to transform three Star Class ships with new suites, restaurants, and a world-class spa and fitness center. The award-winning line is known for immersive experiences, destination authenticity, port-intensive itineraries, exceptional service, and an innovative culinary program. Windstar Cruises is part of the Xanterra Travel Collection, a group of hospitality and travel companies, one of which traces its history back over a hundred years of operating our country's iconic national parks, including Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Glacier, Death Valley, Zion and others. Xanterra Travel Collection is owned by The Anschutz Corporation, the ultimate owner of the Broadmoor, Sea Island and entertainment giant AEG, Anschutz Entertainment Group.

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