



Small Ship Cruise Line Windstar Cruises Resumes Operations in Islands of Tahiti with Vaccinated Guests and Crew



Above: Windstar's reimagined, all-suite Star Breeze yacht will begin sailings in the region on September 19 and will remain on a limited engagement in Tahiti until March of 2022

SEATTLE, WA, July 16, 2021 – U.S. headquartered small ship cruise line [Windstar Cruises](#) has resumed cruising this week in French Polynesia/the Islands of Tahiti with vaccinated guests + crew aboard the line's 148-passenger *Wind Spirit* sailing ship. Half of the line's six yacht fleet is now back in the water cruising.

To celebrate *Wind Spirit's* return, the line has added free drinks to its already enticing bundled pricing.

Windstar offers a convenient [Air + Hotel package](#) from Los Angeles International Airport that includes the round trip Air Tahiti Nui flight from Los Angeles, pre-cruise accommodations and a post-cruise day room, ground transfers in Tahiti, and a seven-, 10- or 11-night boutique cruise in French Polynesia. Now on cruise vacations including air and hotel booked during the promotional period ending July 30, 2021, guests also receive the promise of a free beverage package (with unlimited select spirits, wine, beer, cocktails, and minibar items), guaranteeing an extra Mai Tai or three beneath a palm tree. If guests don't imbibe, they can alternately choose shipboard credit to put towards other experiences, like a relaxing onboard spa treatment or shore excursions such as SCUBA diving, reef snorkeling, or even harvesting Tahitian black pearls.

Windstar typically sails year-round from [Tahiti](#), where cruises take place on *Wind Spirit*, a 148-guest motorized sailing yacht specifically designed for the region and capturing the South Pacific

trade winds in its billowing sails. However, Windstar's reimagined, new all-suite *Star Breeze* yacht carrying 312 guests will begin sailings in the region on September 19 and will remain on a limited engagement in Tahiti until March of 2022, giving guests a unique chance to sail on the larger, more amenity-intensive yacht in gracious ocean view 277 square foot suites. Windstar offers a complimentary private event on their Tahiti cruises: a private beach party and locally sourced feast on one of Bora Bora's tiny motus, followed by a kinetic fire-dancing performance. It is available on all sailings/both yachts.

"Windstar glides into small bays other cruise ships can't reach and drops anchor at some of the earth's most beautiful islands like Bora Bora and Moorea," says Windstar President Christopher Prelog. "Because French Polynesia is such a popular destination for romance, most guests book these itineraries quite far in advance, leading to lots of pent-up demand on a limited-space small yacht after a year of cancelled honeymoons and anniversary trips. These intimate cruises are filling fast."

Windstar is returning to operations in a phased manner, with its fleet of six yachts debuting on various dates through November, while requiring vaccines of all passengers amongst a host of health and safety precautions including testing, social distancing, masks, and high-tech air filtration. On June 19, Windstar's *Wind Star* yacht resumed revenue operations in Greece, and on July 10, Windstar's *Star Breeze* began sailing in the Caribbean, both with vaccinated guests and crew.

Windstar has plans to resume sailing on the following yachts in 2021 with vaccinated guests + crew:

Wind Surf – August 8, 2021 – Mediterranean

Star Legend – September 4, 2021 – Northern Europe

Star Pride – November 3, 2021 – Caribbean

For more details on Windstar Cruises, visit www.windstarcruises.com.

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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 the three all-suite Star Plus 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 global 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, and many 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.