

### Windstar Cruises to Renovate Staterooms

Small ship luxury cruise line follows \$18 million renovation with \$3 million enhancements to staterooms



A showcase stateroom of what the enhancements will be on Wind Star.

**Seattle, August 29, 2013** — Windstar Cruises, the leader in small ship cruising, continues to evolve its fleet with three million dollars of stateroom upgrades scheduled for *Wind Star* and *Wind Spirit*, the two smallest sister yachts of the fleet. *Wind Star's* 72 guest staterooms will be renovated in a dry dock this November (one stateroom was already completed as a model showcase room). *Wind Spirit* is scheduled to have its 73 staterooms completed in April of 2015.

"We have a company-wide commitment to ensuring our yachts are constantly evolving to give our guests the best luxury experience possible," said Hans Birkholz, chief executive officer and president of Windstar Cruises. "These latest enhancements, along with the renovations done in early 2012, will make our staterooms some of the best in the luxury market."

The current layout will be transformed with a sofa where guests can relax, watch TV or catch a cat-nap to replace the previous desk and vanity set-up. When room service is ordered, or if guests want a place to write, the middle section of the sofa converts into a table, with seats at each end. Additionally, the center dresser located next to the bed will be exchanged for a chic new dresser that will give guests more open room. Before and after pictures of the mock-up stateroom can be viewed on Windstar's [blog](#).

Staterooms on both yachts were previously enhanced as part of Windstar's \$18 million fleet-wide renovation project in 2012. Across the fleet, staterooms were enhanced with leather headboards, stately arm chairs, linen wall coverings, new lighting features, elegant window coverings, plush wool carpeting, art work, and stylish bed cushions. Corridors were completely renovated from floor to ceiling with new wall coverings, carpeting, ceiling finishes, lighting, and art work.

"Guests are staying in our model showcase stateroom on *Wind Star*, and the reviews so far have been outstanding," said Birkholz. "The new layout really exemplifies yacht-style cruising."

While Windstar's sailing yachts continue to constantly evolve with the latest trends in the luxury market, Windstar Cruises is also preparing for *Star Pride*, the first of the company's three new power yachts, to enter its month-long dry-dock in April 2014, before sailing the Mediterranean in May of 2014.

To learn more about Windstar Cruises, please visit [www.windstarcruises.com](http://www.windstarcruises.com).

### **About Windstar Cruises**

Windstar Cruises operates a fleet of small luxury cruise ships known for their intimate yacht-style experience and unique voyages to the world's best small ports and hidden harbors. Its three recently renovated sailing yachts carry fewer than 300 guests and cruise to 50 nations, calling at 100 ports throughout Europe, the South Pacific, the Caribbean, and Central America. In February 2013, Windstar entered into an agreement to purchase three all-suite motorized yachts with a capacity of 212 passengers each. Under the project name Global Windstar, the expansion will double the size of Windstar's fleet, making the company the market leader in small ship cruising with 300 or fewer passengers, with a total of 1,230 berths. For more information including rates and itineraries, contact a travel professional or call Windstar at 800-258-7245. Visit Windstar Cruises online at [WindstarCruises.com](http://WindstarCruises.com) or [Blog.WindstarCruises.com](http://Blog.WindstarCruises.com). Windstar Cruises can also be followed on Windstar's Facebook and Twitter fan pages.

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