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Windstar Cruises Announces 2015 Winter Voyage Collection

Luxury small ship line Caribbean and Panama Canal itineraries open for sale



Enjoy Windstar's Watersports Platform in the warm tropical waters.

Seattle, November 4, 2013 – Windstar Cruises 2014-2015 Winter Caribbean and Panama Canal voyages open for sale today. Windstar's three sailing yachts will explore the warm waters of the islands and Latin America with four unique voyages, including *Classic Caribbean,* a new seven-day round trip itinerary from St. Maarten. Windstar's 2015 Winter Collection, showcasing voyages from December 2014 – March 2015, is rounded out with the recently announced <u>Southeast Asia & Arabia</u> voyages on the all-suite *Star Pride.*

Yacht style cruising is the perfect way to explore the pristine beaches of the Caribbean, with every voyage offering Windstar's signature beach barbecue, an exclusive party on shore in Windstar's intimate and exclusive style. Guests can also enjoy the tropical waters right from the yacht, with Windstar's Watersports Platform which offers complimentary sailing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, kayaking, paddleboarding, and other water games.

The Caribbean and Panama Canal voyages include:

Classic Caribbean

From the stunning drama of the Pitons, to the captivating charm of Les Saintes, this seven-day cruise showcases the best of the Caribbean in one voyage. *Wind Surf* sails roundtrip from Philipsburg, St. Maarten, with visits to Barbuda, Antigua & Barbuda; Pigeon Island, St. Lucia; Roseau, Dominica; Les Saintes, Guadeloupe; Basseterre, St. Kitts; and Gustavia, St. Barthelemy. Highlights include the pink beaches of Barbuda and scenic cruising past the Pitons.

Jewels of the Windward Islands

Sail to little-known isles that are off the tourist radar such as the unspoiled Grenadines and the rugged natural beauty of St. Lucia. *Wind Star* offers seven-day sailings round trip from Bridgetown, Barbados with stops at Pigeon Island, St. Lucia; St. George's Grenada; Mayreau, Tobago Cays, St. Vincent & the Grenadines; Mayreau, St. Vincent & the Grenadines; and Bequia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Highlights include Grand Etang National Park on Grenada and scenic cruise past the Pitons.

Yachtsman's Caribbean

Experience a yachtsman's paradise while visiting exclusive ports like glamorous St. Barts and the enchanting British Virgin Islands. Sail on Windstar's flagship, *Wind Surf* on a seven day round trip from Philipsburg, St. Maarten, calling on Falmouth Harbour, Antigua (overnight); Soper's Hole, Tortola, B.V.I; Jost Van Dyke, B.V.I.

(overnight); Virgin Gorda, Prickly Pear Beach, B.V.I. (overnight); and Gustavia, St. Barthelemy. Highlights include local treasure at Soper's Hole Wharf and a sail by The Baths.

Passage Through Panama

Explore the natural and man-made wonders of beautiful Costa Rica and the impressive Panama Canal on this seven-day sailing from Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica or Colón, Panama. *Wind Spirit* will visit Bahía Drake, Costa Rica; Golfito, Costa Rica; Isla de Coiba, Panama; Panama Canal Transit; and San Blas, Panama. Highlights include Corcovado National Park and Golfito's rainforest.

Star Pride, Windstar's first all-suite power yacht, will spend its Winter season in Southeast Asia & Arabia, sailing the following voyages:

- *Wonders of Arabia* From Athens, Greece to Dubai, UAE this 18-day voyage showcases the Red Sea, the Nile, and the rose-colored ruins of Petra.
- *Pearls of the Indian Ocean* On this 15-day voyage from Dubai, UAE to Singapore guests enjoy everything from India's colorful cities to the tranquil beauty of Thailand's beaches.
- Singapore & the Malay Peninsula long days in port and blissfully beautiful destinations can be found on this 10-day round trip voyage from Singapore.
- *Treasures of Southeast Asia* This 14-day voyage roundtrip from Singapore explores the ancient trading city of Hoi An, My Son Sanctuary, Hue, and Halong Bay.
- *Vietnam Unveiled* Guests can visit Imperial Hue, ancient Hoi An, breathtaking Halong Bay, and amazing Ho Chi Minh City on this 10-day voyage from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to Hong Kong.

New 2014 Voyage Collection Brochure

Windstar Cruises recently unveiled its expanded, 128-page 2014 Voyage Collection brochure which features *Star Pride's* inaugural season and over 25 exciting itineraries.

For more information about these new itineraries, hotel and land packages, and to order Windstar's new 2014 Voyage Collection brochure, please contact a travel professional or Windstar Cruises at 800-258-7245. Windstar's brochure can also be viewed online and complimentary editions can be requested at <u>WindstarCruises.com</u>.

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 just 148 to 310 guests and cruise to 50 nations, calling at 100 ports throughout Europe, Southeast Asia, Arabia, the South Pacific, the Caribbean, and Central America. In May of 2015, Windstar will launch the first of its three all suite motorized sailing yacht, *Star Pride*. The power yachts, with a capacity of 212 passengers each, 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. In 2013, Windstar Cruises was ranked #2 Small Ship Cruise Line in Conde Nast Traveler's prestigious Readers Choice Awards, and #3 Small Ship Cruise Line in Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards. For more information including rates and itineraries, contact a travel professional or call Windstar at 800-258-7245. Visit Windstar Cruises online at <u>WindstarCruises.com</u> or <u>Blog.WindstarCruises.com</u>. Windstar Cruises can also be followed on Windstar's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> fan pages.

