

Windstar Cruises Offers New Promotion to Islands of Tahiti



As if we needed more reasons to dream of a vacation in paradise right now, the small ship line's popular air+hotel+cruise bundle now includes FREE DRINKS

SEATTLE, WA, November 16, 2020 – When Seattle-based small ship cruise line <u>Windstar Cruises</u> begins sailing again, the first destination it plans to resume operations is the storied <u>Islands of Tahiti</u>. And where better to forget the chaos and stress of daily life than on a small ship that glides into bays other cruise ships can't reach, dropping anchor at some of the earth's most beautiful islands like Bora Bora and Moorea?

Windstar offers a convenient <u>Air + Hotel package</u> from Los Angeles International Airport that includes the round trip 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 Tahiti. Now on cruise vacations including air and hotel booked through the end of this year, guests will 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 \$300 in 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. Guests choosing to book only the cruise still receive a \$100 shipboard credit.

"We expect Tahiti to be one of our first sailing destinations for our return to cruising in 2021," said Chris Prelog, president of Windstar Cruises. "I can't think of a better place to go after this

year of reduced travel, and in fact, I plan to go with my family. We hope this promotion spurs you to make plans to reunite with friends and family on vacation."

Windstar typically sails year-round in <u>Tahiti</u>, where cruises take place on *Wind Spirit*, a 148-guest motorized sailing ship that was specifically designed for the region and capturing the South Pacific trade winds in its billowing sails. In 2021, Windstar's *Wind Spirit* will travel from Tahiti to Asia (stopping at some of the smallest island nations on the planet along the route). Starting in November, the 312-guest *Star Breeze* will take over cruises in Tahiti for a limited engagement (through March of 2022), giving guests a unique chance to sail on the larger, all-suite, newly renovated yacht in this destination.

Windstar offers a complimentary private event on all of their Tahiti cruises: a private beach party and locally sourced feast on one of Bora Bora's tiny motus, followed by a kinetic firedancing performance.

Windstar plans to return to Tahiti when it is deemed safe, and is currently offering cruise dates starting in late March of 2021. However, should things change, Windstar's flexible Travel-Assurance Booking Policy allows for canceling 2021 cruises up to 48 hours prior to departure. Also, Windstar remains in close contact with Tahiti Tourism Officials and works to ensure guests are aware of and compliant with all travel-restrictions. Windstar has announced a new Beyond Ordinary Care program, which is a multi-layered strategy with key hospital-grade elements: HEPA filters and UV-C ultraviolet germicidal irradiation to filter and disinfect the air, plus electrostatic sprayers to sanitize all surfaces throughout the yacht, among a suite of planned operational changes when the line begins sailing again.

For updated information, reservations, and itineraries, 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 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 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

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