

## Small Ship Cruise Line Windstar Cruises Resumes Operations – First Cruise Underway in Romantic Greek Isles

## **Entire Fleet Will Sail with Vaccinated Crew & Guests**



Windstar Cruises' 148 maximum guest capacity Wind Star yacht resumes operations in Greece with vaccinated guests and crew

**SEATTLE, WA, June 22, 2021 –** U.S. headquartered small ship cruise line <u>Windstar Cruises</u> is cruising again with vaccinated guests and crew on board. The first voyage set sail on June 19 from Athens, with the 148-maximum guest, four-masted sailing yacht *Wind Star* embarking on a seven-day roundtrip voyage to the Greek Isles. With the opportunity to visit Nafplio, Monemvasia, and Patmos, as well as the legendary islands of Santorini and Mykonos, guests on board have a chance to explore ports both on their own as well as on Windstar shore excursions. Windstar plans for the yacht to sail the itinerary on near-weekly dates through October.

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. All of Windstar's crew aboard *Wind Star* have been vaccinated, and Windstar is ensuring that crew are vaccinated on all Windstar yachts when they begin sailing on revenue cruises with guests. Windstar was among the first cruise lines to require vaccinations for guests, with a goal of full crew vaccinations. Procuring doses for Windstar's primarily international crew has been

challenging, but line officials have now successfully sourced vaccinations for crew aboard all six yachts.

An image of *Wind Star* in Mykonos is available <u>here</u>.

Additional images and videos of *Wind Star's* return to service are available <u>here</u>.

For more details on Windstar Cruises, visit <u>www.windstarcruises.com</u>.

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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.