



Windstar Cruises Takes Delivery of *Star Pride* in Palermo, Italy



Pride is the third and final all-suite Star Plus Class yacht to emerge from a multi-year, \$250 million renovation project

PALERMO, ITALY, October 13, 2021 – U.S. headquartered [Windstar Cruises](#) has taken delivery of its all-suite Star Plus Class *Star Pride* today at Fincantieri’s shipyard in Palermo, Sicily, Italy. The yacht is the third and final of the line’s Star Plus Class yachts to be stretched and transformed over a multi-year, \$250 million project that is considered to be the most complex and comprehensive renovation project ever undertaken in small ship cruising.

“We are thrilled to have all three of our yachts completely reimaged, from the new, more environmentally-friendly engines to the gorgeous new restaurant spaces, spacious suites, and romantic spas,” said Windstar President Christopher Prelog. “We couldn’t be happier with the results. Our passengers who are already sailing with us on these transformed yachts are raving, giving us higher customer experience scores than we’ve ever received in our company’s history.”

Star Pride will remain in Italy until the yacht resumes guest operations in April in the Mediterranean. Sister yacht *Star Breeze* begins sailing in Tahiti next week, while *Star Legend* is completing a short season in the Mediterranean before sailing to the Caribbean in November.

All three yachts increased in maximum capacity from 212 guests to 312 and now provide more of what Windstar’s customers want, like additional dining experiences (one is an outdoor barbecue

concept with grilling guru Steven Raichlen and the other a Spanish small plates restaurant from Anthony Sasso, one of the youngest chefs to be recognized by the Michelin Guide), a true spa and fitness center, an elegant infinity pool, and more outdoor deck areas. These three all-suite yachts, together with Windstar's three classic sailing yachts, remain small enough to continue to visit the special small ports and waterways of the world.

In addition, due to the pandemic, *Star Pride* and all of Windstar's yachts received renovations to update HVAC systems, adding new hospital grade high-efficiency particulate (HEPA) filters along with a UV-C air zapping process (ultraviolet germicidal irradiation) to clean the air on board.

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 yachts 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.