

Windstar Cruises Ranked #1 by Celebrated Living for Second Year

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Celebrated Living's 2008 Platinum List Chosen by Readers Choice Poll Gives Windstar Cruises the Blue Ribbon for Small-Ship Cruising

Windstar Cruises, which operates a three-ship fleet of luxury yachts that explore hidden harbors and secluded coves of the world's most treasured destinations, was recognized for the second consecutive year as the best small-ship cruise vacation by the discerning readers of Celebrated Living. The prestigious honor was published in the 2008 Platinum List, an annual reader's choice guide to what the publication touts as the "best-of-the-best" travel and vacation experiences in the world.

"We are truly grateful to our guests and the readers of Celebrated Living for choosing to honor us once again with the top spot on the list of small-ship cruises," said Diane Moore, president, Windstar Cruises. "We take very seriously our commitment to ensure that our guests have unforgettable experiences aboard our ships and that keeps us continually striving to enrich our world-class itineraries and service standards."

The selection of itineraries for the 2009 and winter 2010 season aboard the 312-guest Wind Surf and 148-guest Wind Star and Wind Spirit include an extraordinary selection of voyages to the Caribbean, Cost Rica, Europe, Greek Isles and Transatlantic passages.

With the addition of a new Signature Collection Series, Venice roundtrip sailings and completed ship enhancements, Windstar Cruises has raised the bar for their loyal guests and fellow sailing enthusiasts. Guests interested in enchanting locales, fine dining, luxurious accommodations, or spending time with renowned wine makers, top chefs and acclaimed artists will all have something to look forward to aboard Windstar Cruises.

A leader in defining the small ship luxury cruise experience for the last 20 years, Windstar has won the allegiance of a new generation of contemporary travelers who appreciate the line's casual attire, alternative dining venues, rich mix of shore excursions, complimentary water sports program, deluxe spa facilities and luxurious accommodations.

Windstar's award-winning reputation for sophisticated, yet casual elegance has been recognized by some of the most notable names in the travel world including Porthole Cruise Magazine for Most Romantic Cruise Line and Best Tall Ship by readers in the 9th Annual Readers' Choice Awards. Windstar has also earned top honors in Travel + Leisure's World's 2007 Best Awards, was lauded among "The World's Best Small Ships" by Conde Nast Traveler readers in 2007, and was recognized as the best small-ship cruise vacation by readers of Celebrated Living.

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