

## Windstar Cruises Unveils 2009 and Winter 2010 Sailing Atlas

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### New Signature Collection Host Series, Venice Roundtrip Sailings and Ports

Windstar Cruises, which operates a three-ship fleet of luxury yachts that explore hidden harbors and secluded coves of the world's most sought-after destinations, releases its 2009 and Winter 2010 Sailing Atlas with artwork by award-winning New Zealand artist Sarah Wilkins. Highlights include a new Signature Collection Host Series, Venice roundtrip sailings and new ports of call in Rovinj, Croatia, L'Île Rousse, France, and Ischia, Italy.

"We are excited to present our 2009 and Winter 2010 Sailing Atlas which offers exceptional cruises with unique ports of call on our luxurious ships," said Diane Moore, President, Windstar Cruises.

Windstar's Signature Collection Host Series returns and offers the opportunity to cruise with distinguished hosts including top wine makers Greg Lill of DeLille Cellars and Gary Eberle of Eberle Winery, renowned Canadian artist Jody Hewgill, acclaimed chef and culinary expert David Shalleck, and gold medalist Rafer Johnson of the 1960 Rome Olympics.

European cruises offer guests the history, culture, charm and grandeur of some of the most exciting places in the world on an assortment of 6-, 7- or 8-day cruises aboard Windstar's luxury yachts. Due to frequent requests from guests on Windstar's European sailings, a new Venice roundtrip sailing will feature the picturesque, historical Croatian destinations of Rovinj, Split and Dubrovnik as well as Koper, Slovenia. Also debuting in 2009 on Wind Surf itineraries is the port of L'Île Rousse, France on the island of Corisca with its charming seaside villages, towers and citadels and Ischia Island, Italy with its rugged natural beauty and thermal spas. In summer through early fall, Wind Star and Wind Spirit return by popular demand to the Greek Isles where guests will experience beautiful blue waters, stunning white beaches and the romance of ancient gods.

In late fall, the ships depart Europe for the warm, whispering winds, sandy beaches and colorful tranquility of tropical waters where they will remain until early spring. Wind Surf offers 7-day sailings roundtrip from Barbados and a variety of vibrant ports of call on northbound and southbound itineraries. Wind Spirit's 7-day sailings roundtrip from St. Thomas offer guests dream-like island settings. Guests yearning for an exotic experience will enjoy lush rainforests, pristine beaches and underwater paradise on 7-day Costa Rican sailings roundtrip from Puerto Caldera. Wind Star's 14-day cruises features a transit through the Panama Canal with ports of call in Central America, South America and the Caribbean Islands.

Windstar's Connoisseur Collection offers back-to-back itineraries allowing guests one luxurious two-week sailing that rarely repeats a port. Guests who enjoy true tranquility and leisure that only time away at sea can bring, will be eager to book one of Windstar's 14-day transatlantic voyages.

A leader in defining the small ship luxury cruise experience for more than 20 years, Windstar has won the allegiance of a new generation of contemporary travelers who appreciate the line's luxurious accommodations, alternative dining venues, diversity of shore excursions, complimentary water sports program, deluxe spa facilities, and casual elegance. The recently completed multi-million dollar Degrees of Difference enhancements on all three ships focused on structural and technical operations along with upgrades to guest areas, remodeled bathrooms in staterooms and an expanded beauty salon and spa. In order to take the ship's comfort level to a new degree of luxury, Apple iPod Nanos and Bose SoundDock speakers, wireless Internet, flat screen televisions, luxury linens and mattresses as well as L'Occitane bathroom amenities were added in each stateroom across the fleet.

Windstar's award-winning reputation for sophisticated, yet casual elegance has been recognized by some of the most notable names in the travel world. Celebrated Living, American Airlines' prestigious publication for first class passengers, named Windstar Cruises "Best Small-Ship/Mid-Ship Cruise Line" on their 2008 Platinum List for the second time in a row. Readers of Porthole Cruise Magazine awarded Windstar "Most Romantic Cruise Line" and "Best Tall Ship" in the 9th Annual Readers' Choice Awards. Windstar has also earned top honors in Travel + Leisure's World's 2007 Best Awards and was lauded among "The World's Best Small Ships" by Conde Nast Traveler readers in 2007.

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