

**The Best Time to Score a Cruise Deal is Here:**

**Windstar Cruises’ Wave Season Offer is a Choice of Free Easy Stays Hotel Package or Onboard Credit**

**SEATTLE, WA, January 3, 2022 –** U.S. headquartered [Windstar Cruises](https://www.windstarcruises.com/) has released its deal for the annual phenomenon known as Wave Season, when companies roll out their best offers for the first few months of the year. It is arguably the best time for booking a cruise vacation and typically is when the majority of travelers plan their vacation for the year ahead.

Windstar’s [2022 Wave Season offer](https://www.windstarcruises.com/windstar-knows-the-way/) is valid through February 28, 2022, and the “Pick Your Perk” savings options include:

* Up to $1,000 onboard credit per stateroom or
* Up to two [free Easy Stay hotel nights](https://www.windstarcruises.com/voyage-plan/hotels/) with included transfer between hotel and yacht + full breakfast + Wi-Fi + resort fees & taxes

Guests may pick one complimentary perk, which vary in exact amount depending on the length of the cruise and room category. In addition, Yacht Club Members (Windstar’s returning guests) can earn double the referral credit of $200 when referring a friend. Travel Advisors booking new-to-Windstar guests will receive a $100 per booking bonus commission or a $100 Visa gift card.

Windstar’s [Beyond Ordinary Care](https://www.windstarcruises.com/health-safety/overview/) health and safety program requireseveryone aboard to be vaccinated. Upon arrival at the yacht, each guest is given a complimentary COVID-19 antigen test. Windstar’s fleet is outfitted with antigen and PCR testing systems and can deliver tests to meet current policies for all U.S. bound travelers to show a negative COVID-19 test result taken within a day of departure to U.S.

“We have been tracking consumer sentiment from the start of this pandemic, and one consistent theme is that people want to travel as soon as they feel safe,” said Windstar President Christopher Prelog. “Windstar guests are very comfortable in booking their favorite destination on our small ships. We see a tremendous pent-up demand for travel, particularly amongst those who are used to traveling internationally every year. Our cruises in the end of 2022 and into 2023 are booking extremely well, so my advice for travelers interested in smaller ships like Windstar’s, is to not wait to book. Space likely will be difficult to find.”

Windstar Cruises specializes in small ship cruising to waterways and ports where the mega ships can’t sail. Its three all-suite, Star Plus Class yachts and three classic Wind Class sailing yachts host between 148 and 342 guests in an unpretentious atmosphere while delivering a luxury experience. The line is known for its caring crew and fine dining and is the official cruise line of the James Beard Foundation.

These yachts have fewer people on them than a New York City subway car in rush hour, or less passengers than can fit into a lifeboat on a 200,000-ton cruise ship that holds up to 7,000 people. These are yachts where you can dine outside, rarely tie up to a major cruise port with dozens of other ships and tens of thousands of people on the piers, and where you can quite literally swim, kayak, or paddle board off the back of the yachts thanks to a Watersports Platform on the stern. While there are no Broadway shows, rock walls, or zero gravity flight simulators, there are nights under the stars with the deck lights turned off for star gazing; plenty of quiet space to be at peace with yourself, family, or friends; and evenings and overnight port calls where yours is likely to be the only ship in port.

For more details on Windstar Cruises, visit [www.windstarcruises.com](http://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.