

Christopher Prelog Marks Three Year Milestone as President of Windstar Cruises; Announces 2024 President's Cruise in Canary Islands



MIAMI, FL, September 26, 2023 – This week <u>Windstar Cruises</u> President Christopher Prelog celebrates three years of leading the small ship cruise line – commemorating a remarkable tenure that began in the depths of the pandemic.

From relaunching the fleet's operations in 2021 to debuting three completely reimagined ships by 2022 (via what is regarded as the most complex refurbishment and expansion project in the industry), along with moving the line's headquarters from Seattle to cruise-centric Miami, Prelog's time on the job has been anything but "business as usual."

After all, Prelog's background is anything but expected. He began his career on cruise ships as a waiter – transitioning from time onboard to onshore leadership with a style that keenly taps into the realities of what it's like to be part of a cruise ship crew.

He marks his third year as president with record-breaking sales, an expanded team (many of whom also climbed the Jacobs Ladder from ship's crew to the boardroom), new destinations including dozens of just-added cruise tours and air/hotel packages, exciting cultural and environmental partnerships, and a reinvigorated devotion to onboard excellence, as well as the travel advisor community.

"I always look forward to the yearly President's cruise," said Prelog. "It's a chance for me to sail with guests and crew and learn about their Windstar experiences."

Alongside the anniversary and in celebration of Prelog's accomplishments, Windstar is pleased to announce a new Windstar President's Cruise in April 2024 in the Canary Islands, a region where Windstar is greatly expanding operations and offerings kicking off next year. In addition to several new cruises in the <u>Canary Islands</u> in 2024, Windstar will sail there consistently from November 2025 through March 2026.

On the eight-day <u>Captivating Canary Islands President's Cruise</u> departing April 20 from Las Palmas and sailing to Lisbon, guests get a chance to get to know Prelog personally and spend time with him where he's most comfortable: at sea.

Video: Join Christopher Prelog in the Canary Islands

High resolution images of Prelog are available here:

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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, New England and Eastern Canada, the Middle East, and the South Pacific, including a ship year-round in Tahiti. 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.