

Windstar Cruises Announces Thrilling, First-Ever 'Mystery Cruise' Set to Depart in 2025

MIAMI, FL, March 1, 2024 - <u>Windstar Cruises</u>, a leader in small ship luxury cruising, is excited to announce its first-ever "President's Mystery Cruise" set to depart on April 19, 2025.

The eight-day voyage is aimed at Windstar Yacht Club members (the line's valued repeat guests) and their friends and will depart from and return to Athens. The rest of the port calls on the itinerary will remain a mystery to guests onboard Windstar's 312-passenger, all-suite *Star Legend*. The unannounced destinations will be kept a secret from guests until 24 hours ahead of arrival at each port. Once the exact locations are revealed, Windstar guests will be able to choose from a variety of different shore excursions at the destination.

So where will the *Star Legend* be docking? Windstar says travelers can expect lots of new, thrilling, and exciting experiences during this voyage.

"It's going to be a lot of places—the majority of them, if not all of them—we haven't been before," said Windstar's President Christopher Prelog.

Aboard the *Star Legend* guests will also have the opportunity to meet Prelog, as this "Mystery Cruise" will also double as the company's annual, popular President's Cruise, where guests get a chance to know the leadership of this personal, small cruise line that does things "180 degrees from ordinary."

"The team is keeping the itinerary secret even from me," confesses Prelog. "They know I get excited about things and can't help sharing; I'm looking forward to the anticipation of finding out where we're going along with the guests on board."

When speaking about this innovative new concept, Prelog says the idea was inspired by Windstar's recent *Tahiti & the Tuamotu Islands* sailing onboard the *Star Breeze*. Just two days into the 11-day itinerary, Tropical Cyclone Nat disrupted plans to travel on the ship's set course, resulting in swift action by the onboard team to craft a completely new itinerary to avoid the bad weather. The positive response from guests, including a keen sense of adventure, sparked leadership to lean into this idea, and so the "Mystery Cruise" concept was developed.

"It's sort of awakening the sense of adventure again, which is what travel should always do," said Prelog. "It's something different, something really interesting. It's a cruise for guests who like adventure, and who don't want to plan everything out."

For more details on Windstar Cruises, visit www.windstarcruises.com.

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