



Windstar Cruises Wins Coveted “Best Suites at Sea” at Cruise Ship Interiors Awards 2023

*The Broadmoor and Sea Island Specialty Suites Onboard Star Legend & Star Breeze
Take Top Honors for Best Suites on Small Ships*

MIAMI, FL, December 20, 2023 - [Windstar Cruises](#), a leader in small ship luxury cruising, proudly announces its latest triumph - securing the esteemed [Cruise Ship Interior Awards](#) 2023 “Best Suites at Sea” accolade for The Broadmoor and Sea Island specialty suites onboard two of its three Star Plus Class yachts. The suites were recognized as the best suites on small ships.

“We are thrilled that these suites have earned this prestigious recognition, not only because they are incredible spaces but also because they represent such an innovative partnership among our affiliated brands,” said Andrew Todd, President and CEO of Windstar’s parent company, the Xanterra Travel Collection. “Each suite includes nuanced details that authentically capture the essence of The Broadmoor and Sea Island experience, of course done in Windstar’s unique way. Hats off to Windstar President Christopher Prelog for bringing this vision to life and being duly recognized for the efforts.”

Introduced in 2022 and 2023 on all-suite, 312-passenger *Star Legend* and *Star Breeze*, the two speciality suites are inspired by Windstar’s Forbes Five-Star sister companies [The Broadmoor](#) and [Sea Island](#).

The Broadmoor, located in Colorado Springs, is known for endless adventures and European elegance paired with Western charm and mountain vistas. Guests who reside in The Broadmoor suite find an ambiance that mirrors this allure: a traditional space with classic furniture, floral motifs, white trim with gold finishes and wide crown molding. An exact replica of the wallpaper used at The Broadmoor Main Building, designed by Julie Penrose (wife of resort founder Spencer), is featured prominently in the suite.

“We are honored knowing that Julie’s wallpaper, which is instantly recognizable to our guests, and The Broadmoor’s classic style are part of a project receiving this prestigious award,” said Scott Flexman, The Broadmoor’s vice president of sales and marketing. “Julie’s love for travel inspired and influenced the décor of the Broadmoor, and now, a piece of that history is sailing around the world on Windstar Cruises. It’s a wonderful,

full- circle moment, crossing 105 years of history and our larger family of travel experiences at Xanterra.”

Sea Island is equally iconic: situated on the coast of Georgia and radiating Southern charm, the resort provides a picturesque backdrop for an array of outdoor activities. In the Sea Island suite, travelers find elegant touches that evoke the property’s Addison Mizner design including curved arches, light walls, and sophisticated wood furnishings. The overall look is quite coastal and airy – colors like sea-glass green are used throughout.

“It was our immense pleasure to bring a little southern hospitality to the high seas and are thrilled that the iconic Sea Island aesthetic has contributed to this win for Windstar Cruises,” said Scott Steilen, President and CEO of Sea Island. “Through our shared ownership, Sea Island is proud to be a part of a great family of hospitality offerings, including The Broadmoor - located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Windstar Cruises.”

While adhering to the International Maritime Organization rules and prioritizing safety at sea, Windstar brought these visions to life. For the wallcoverings, Windstar designed custom wallpapers for both suites on International Maritime Organization-certified paper. In The Broadmoor Suite, the striking wallpaper that adorns the suite’s bedroom and walk-in closet is an exact replica of the wallpaper used at The Broadmoor Main Building designed by Julie Penrose (wife of resort founder Spencer). Windstar’s third Star Plus Class yacht *Star Pride* will receive the two new suites during a drydock renovation in 2024.

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

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Images of The Broadmoor and Sea Island suites available here:

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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, New England and Eastern Canada, 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. In 2023 the line began a multi-million dollar initiative to redesign and update all three Wind Class sailing ships. 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.

About The BRO^DMOOR

Situated at the gateway to the Colorado Rocky Mountains in Colorado Springs, The Broadmoor and its Wilderness Experience properties, The Ranch at Emerald Valley, Cloud Camp and the Orvis-endorsed Fly Fishing Camp encompass 5,000 acres. The resort campus has 784 rooms, suites and cottages. It includes two championship golf courses, an award-winning spa and fitness center, a nationally recognized tennis staff and program, 20 retail boutiques, diverse restaurants, cafes and lounges. Other activities include falconry, mountain biking, hiking, rock-climbing tours, fly-fishing, Wild West Experiences and more. The Broadmoor Wilderness Experience properties are three unique, all-inclusive boutique facilities that highlight an authentic Colorado experience while offering mountain rustic luxury along with The Broadmoor's legendary service. In addition, The Broadmoor owns and manages three attractions, including The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Seven Falls and the Soaring Adventure zip-line courses. Colorado Springs Airport, 15 minutes from the resort, offers passengers over 4,900 seats daily via Southwest Airlines, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier and United. Denver International Airport, 70 minutes north of Colorado Springs, hosts more than 1,600 national and international flights daily with connections to worldwide destinations. Door-to-door shuttle or sedan service from both airports is available through Gray Line.

About Sea Island

Since 1928, Sea Island has been an exceptional destination appealing to those who appreciate gracious service and heartfelt hospitality. With three Forbes Five-Star experiences -- The Cloister at Sea Island, The Lodge at Sea Island, and The Spa at Sea Island -- Sea Island entices families, outdoor enthusiasts, and those simply wanting to refresh. Located on the southeastern coast of Georgia, Sea Island is spread across a sprawling 1,000 acres with three distinct stay experiences, and features five miles of private beach, a Beach Club, tennis center, Yacht Club, Shooting School, and children's programs, as well as three championship golf courses, including Seaside and Plantation, home of the PGA TOUR's RSM Classic. As the only U.S. resort to host a G-8 Summit of world leaders, Sea Island provides exceptional settings and service for conferences and executive retreats. Located on St. Simons Island, The Inn by Sea Island offers casual accommodations and is the perfect base to explore Georgia's beautiful Golden Isles. Broadfield, a Sea Island Sporting Club and Lodge, offers seasonal hunting and fishing opportunities.

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