



***Wind Surf* Readies for Major Renovations this Fall**
Windstar's flagship will emerge with lots of extra sparkle just in time for holiday sailings



Above: A rendering of Wind Surf's reimagined Compass Rose bar/lounge

MIAMI, FL, October 15, 2024 – *Wind Surf*, one of the world's largest sailing ships and the flagship of small ship cruise line [Windstar Cruises](#), is preparing for Phase 1 of [extensive renovations](#) taking place in Cadiz, Spain this November. The classic five-masted sailing yacht will emerge with a fresh look on its [Classic Caribbean](#) holiday cruise departing December 21 and just in time to celebrate New Year's on a [Beach Fun & Sun cruise](#) departing December 28, 2024. Sunseekers can also still book a stateroom for the ship's Grand Caribbean Adventure, a 55-day cruise from January 4 – February 28, 2025, sailing to 28 Caribbean islands and 39 ports.

The multi-million dollar project encompasses a full redesign of many public spaces with new layouts, furniture, wall and floor coverings, lighting, and custom art to name a few, as well as Premium Suite improvements. New technology will be added throughout including new interactive TVs in all guest staterooms.

Here's an overview of Phase 1 project highlights:

Lobby – A new, more welcoming location that's better able to serve guests with additional seating options, plus an updated and fresh (yet still nautical) vibe akin to a boutique hotel.

Boutique – A larger retail area with upscale details, reminiscent of a luxury brand store’s shopping experience.

Bar / Lounge – The ship’s Compass Rose will feature more comfortable, modern décor with pops of blue and orange, a chic bar, and a new multi-purpose stage area ideal for live music and local performances.

Dining – Amphora - *Wind Surf’s* main dining room will be entirely refreshed setting the scene for a timeless dining experience. Amphora’s new design concept draws from elements of the sea, such as pearls, smooth stones, and sea glass, which guests will see integrated into the new architecture and furniture details. The complementing color tones were inspired by the horizon at sunset. New seating arrangements include curved booths to seat 2-8 people, new larger dining chairs for comfort.

Pool Deck and Pool Bar – This space will now maximize *Wind Surf’s* ocean views and create a more convivial vibe for poolside lounging and top-shelf mixology. Tropical scenes and greenery at the bar pull in a natural, outdoor atmosphere. Soothing natural colors convey a beach scene and new arty tiling on the two whirlpools take the form of ocean waves. Look for a variety of new outdoor furniture as well.

Broadmoor and Sea Island Suites – Joining Windstar’s all-suite, Star Plus yachts in this unique offering, *Wind Surf* will offer themed Broadmoor and Sea Island Suites, which are inspired by luxury, Five Star sister resorts [The Broadmoor](#) in Colorado and [Sea Island](#) in Georgia.

Owner’s Suite – One of the best secrets in the cruise industry, this unique suite is located directly behind the Bridge. The Owner’s Suite, previously named the Officer’s Suite, is the only public accommodation near the officers’ quarters. Following the renovation, expect an elevated nautical look for true insider-y yacht life in a tucked away location.

Staterooms – New connected TVs in all staterooms with the line’s Wayfinder app for finding the ship’s agenda, menus, movies and TV shows, guest accounts and more.

“Wind Surf has become a beloved choice among our longtime Windstar guests,” says Chief Operating Officer Stijn Creupelandt. “Many of our guests return each year to sail on this yacht, and we’re thrilled to offer a refreshed atmosphere and updated technology on board to enhance their comfort. I can’t wait to personally welcome our guests during the holiday sailing and celebrate this exciting transformation in a festive setting.”

Wind Surf Phase 1 renderings [available for media usage here](#).

During phase 2, *Wind Surf’s* staterooms will receive new furniture, soft goods and décor. The second phase will also see updates to Stella Bistro, Veranda, and the fitness studio. The full project will be completed in December 2026.

All of Windstar’s three Wind Class ships (*Wind Surf*, *Wind Star*, and *Wind Spirit*) are undergoing redesigns and [updates as part of a multi-year initiative](#). *Wind Star* has already completed Phase 1 of improvements, with Phase 2 slated for April 2026. Windstar’s *Wind Spirit* Phase 1 takes place in April of 2026, with Phase 2 in March 2027.

For more information on the *Wind Surf’s* Phase 1 updates, [visit Windstar’s blog](#). For more information on Windstar’s six ships, visit <https://www.windstarcruises.com/ships/>.

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About Windstar Cruises:

With a fleet of six boutique all-suite and sailing yachts, each carrying between 148 to 342 guests, Windstar Cruises, voted #1 boutique cruise line, offers an intimate experience like no other. Guests can explore enchanting destinations across Europe, the Caribbean, Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, Alaska, New England, Canada, South America, Japan, and the South Pacific. Plus, Windstar operates year-round in Europe and will offer two unique ship experiences in Tahiti starting in 2027. Windstar will introduce two new ships to its Star Class starting in December 2025 - the *Star Seeker* and *Star Explorer*. At Windstar Cruises, it's not just about travel – it's about creating experiences that resonate with the soul. With port-intensive itineraries, iconic destinations, exceptional service, and an innovative culinary program, every moment with Windstar is an opportunity for discovery and delight.

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