

Windstar's Mediterranean Itineraries + *Star Legend* Yacht to Star in Episode of 'Traveling with Denella Ri'chard'



MIAMI, FL, July 9, 2024 – Can a yacht win a major television award? Small ship cruise line <u>Windstar</u> <u>Cruises</u>' 312-passenger, all-suite *Star Legend* is going to give it a try by making its debut on the <u>Traveling</u> <u>with Denella Ri'chard</u> critically acclaimed television series. The Windstar-centric episode will begin airing on July 13.

The weekly series, now in its seventh season, takes viewers on immersive journeys around the globe. It's broadcast on nationally syndicated television in over 40+ cities and is hosted by travel expert Denella Ri'chard, a travel industry insider who held leadership positions in large travel companies. *Traveling with Denella Ri'chard* is also available to stream on <u>GoTraveler</u>, <u>GFNtv</u>, and <u>Tubi</u>, and available to U.S. military forces in 168 countries on American Forces Network. Plus, it is shared with 180,000 travel advisors on VAX: Vacation Access, where leisure travel advisors can "earn, learn, and grow."

The episode focuses on the Mediterranean in the off season, specifically on a voyage from <u>Barcelona to</u> <u>Rome in the winter</u>, where Windstar's small size allows it to dock in unique harbors and locations that are inaccessible for larger ships. Windstar is one of the only small ships to sail year-round in the Mediterranean.

Ri'chard calls Windstar's *Star Legend* a "luxurious and comfortable sanctuary," which takes her on an off-season travel experience through Spain, France, and Italy.

She showcases Windstar's signature sail away event, the welcoming crew, and the line's award-winning culinary program - including its partnership with the James Beard Foundation and small-group outings to shop with the Windstar chef to seek out local, seasonal ingredients. A tour of the Owner's Suite gives a glimpse into one of the yacht's most luxurious spaces; while a peek in the ship's spa reveals the expansive space and services including the complimentary cozy heated lounge chairs, experience shower, steam room and spa.

Ri'chard also comments on the ease and quality of Windstar's shore excursions, as well as the ability to explore on one's own, including gems like finding hot chocolate in Marseilles, taking in the impressive Leaning Tower of Pisa, and marveling at the Sagrada Familia.

Tune in to watch Windstar's episode, visit <u>https://www.travelingwithdenella.com/</u> for details on how to watch in your region. Beginning July 13, the show can be <u>seen online here.</u>

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About Denella Ri'chard

Denella Ri'chard is a sought-after world traveler, travel expert, and industry thought leader, often speaking at conferences on the future of travel, women in travel, innovations in travel, and diversity in travel. She held senior leadership positions with publicly traded multi-billion dollar travel companies: Hilton Worldwide, Carnival Corporation & Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings. She is also the travel host of the 2023 Telly Award-Winning broadcast television lifestyle and culture series "Traveling with Denella Ri'chard," focusing on vacation experiences around the world. The show has won multiple television Telly Awards and Travel Weekly Magellan Awards for its innovative storytelling. Season 7: "Traveling The World Again" is currently being broadcast on nationally syndicated television. More at https://www.travelingwithdenella.com/.

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, New England, Eastern Canada, South America, 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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