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### STAR COLLECTOR: A WINTER MUSE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Take a marvellous winter Mediterranean adventure with this 16-day cruise through Greece, Italy and Croatia, with four overnight stays plus a passage through the Corinth Canal - a small ship exclusive. See famous Greek cities like Athens and Corfu as they are, out of the spotlight. Explore Italy and Sicily with their fabulous food, wine and culture - delicious in any season - with major players like Rome, Naples, and overnights in Venice and Catania juxtaposed with Crotona, a small town with a surprisingly rich and colourful history. Walk Dubrovnik's storybook Old Town without the crowds and get to the heart of Croatian culture with visits to village homes and cottage industries, cooking classes, olive oil tastings and more. Whether you're learning to cook Neapolitan pizza in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius or discovering the lost art of silk production in Dubrovnik, you'll experience a more intimate and authentic version of the Mediterranean you thought you knew.



#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1 - Athens

With 3,000 years of history, you can't turn around in Athens without encountering the past. The Acropolis, a UNESCO site, the Plaka, and the Acropolis Museum are must-sees. But leave time if you can to climb Pnyx Hill for photos of the Parthenon at sunset, to buy your own set of Greek komboloi (worry beads), and to explore the metro stations that serve as mini-museums for the relics that are constantly being unearthed.

##### Day 2 - Corinth Canal



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### Day 3 - Delphi

Before there were fortune cookies there was the oracle of Delphi, dating back to 1400 B.C. The oracle gave cryptic guidance to the leaders of the day and was so highly respected that Delphi, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, became known as the centre of the world. An optional tour lets you go exploring, from the Temple of Apollo to the Delphi Archaeological Museum, which contains some of the finest works of art in Greece.

### Day 4 and 5 - Corfu

One of the most beautiful and popular islands, located on the Ionian Sea, Corfu has wonderful beaches and small villages throughout the island. Take in the Venetian influence at the two fortresses located in Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### Day 5 - Crotone, Italy

Crotone is a vibrant city located in the Calabria region of southern Italy, nestled along the Ionian Sea. Steeped in history, Crotone has ancient origins dating back to Magna Graecia. This coastal city is renowned for its captivating blend of archaeological treasures and natural beauty. Visitors can explore historical sites such as the Temple of Hera Lacinia, an ancient Greek structure dedicated to the goddess Hera, and the Castle of Charles V, a medieval fortress offering panoramic views of the city and the sea.

### Day 6 and 7 - Catania

In this fascinating city nestled at the foot of Mount Etna you'll find a thriving downtown that is not only the active city centre, but a historic UNESCO World Heritage Site, combining the best of ancient and modern city style. Your options are as wide as your imagination. Explore the temperamental volcano that has reshaped the city many times, visit the beautiful setting of Taormina where stunning views and beautiful antiquities vie for your attention or the UNESCO site of Tantalica. If you prefer, explore the ancient city of Syracuse, called by Cicero himself "the most beautiful of all," and another UNESCO site.

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#### Day 9 - Rome

In this enchanting city the past and present intersect in perfect harmony. Casually intermingled among ancient ruins and majestic cathedrals are the trappings of a modern metropolis: Skyscrapers, cafes, boutiques selling designer footwear. But of course what you seek first in the heart of Rome is its breathtaking history. A good place to begin is the Vatican, with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Works by Bernini, Michelangelo, Caravaggio, and Raphael are just a few of those on display, any one of which is worth hours of contemplation. Then the ancient ruins--Colosseum, Forum, Circus Maximus. And of course the Trevi Fountain for the obligatory coins promising your return to the Eternal City.

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#### Day 11 - Messina (Taormina)

The cobblestone streets of Messina, Sicily, are the perfect launching point for an optional visit to nearby Taormina. Stroll along flower-filled streets in search of a delightful lunch or an artist's palette of colourful gelati. The ancient Greek Theatre is an ideal place to sit back and admire shimmering waters below and Mount Etna, languidly smoking in the distance.

#### Day 12 - At Sea

#### Day 13 and 14 - Dubrovnik

While larger ships must pass by, we anchor right beyond the famous walled city so you can admire its beauty with every glance. Tender ashore and step right into Old Town, a UNESCO



site where no cars are allowed, just eons of history. Capture the exhilarating views on your camera -- and in your memory. End your day at the Buza Cafe (if you can find it) watching bold divers leap off the cliffs into the crystalline sea.

#### Day 15 - Zadar

Something here will capture your heart. A Roman amphitheatre, 9th century churches, and museums packed with Byzantine-era artworks crowd the peninsula that tidily contains the Old Town. It's a tempting way to spend the day for sure. While away the day listening to Zadar's giant Sea Organ, a haunting musical improv performed by the surging Adriatic or share a bench with a sun-drunk cat as you bite into a truffle.

#### Day 16 and 17 - Venice

No other sea approach in the Adriatic raises goose bumps like Venice, a small ship exclusive where the entire city and its lagoon are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On your luxurious home-away-from home, you arrive already equipped with a sense of what it's like to live in the city that's neither land nor water. Add your own sigh to the Bridge of Sighs, sip a spritz al bitter as you plot your agenda, and let the water taxis do your navigating unless you don't mind getting lost. Not such a bad prospect, with serendipitous discoveries around every corner.



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## YOUR SHIP: STAR BREEZE, STAR LEGEND & STAR PRIDE

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### VESSEL TYPE:

Dial Phone L'Occitane Bath Amenities Fresh Fruit Hair Dryers and 110/220 outlets Wi-Fi Internet Access(various plans available for purchase) Mirrored closet with ample drawer space Granite vanity with magnifying

### LENGTH:

### PASSENGER CAPACITY:

### BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Star Breeze, Star Legend & Star Pride are large enough to pamper and entertain you, yet small enough to tuck into delightful harbours and hidden coves that others can't reach. These all-suite yachts completed a renovation as part of the \$250 Million Star Plus Initiative to provide more of what guests love. New public areas, including two new dining venues, a new spa, infinity pool, and fitness area. The yachts also boast all new bathrooms in every suite and a new category of Star suites, featuring a new layout. With ocean views and at least 277 square feet of comfort, Star Breeze, Star Legend & Star Pride are the perfect yachts to watch glaciers and fjords drift by from the serenity of your suite. Carrying only 312 guests, Star Breeze, Star Legend & Star Pride still tuck into small ports like Sanary-sur-Mer and Wrangell or narrow waterways like the Corinth Canal and Keil Canal. These ships include 156 suites, including 4 Owners' Suites, 2 beautiful Classic Suites, 3 Deluxe Suites, 79 Ocean View Suites, 58 Balcony suites, and 10 Star Porthole Suites. All Accommodations Feature Queen Size Bed with Luxurious Linens Waffle Weave Robe and Slippers Interactive TV Fully Stocked Mini Bar/Refrigerator Safe Direct



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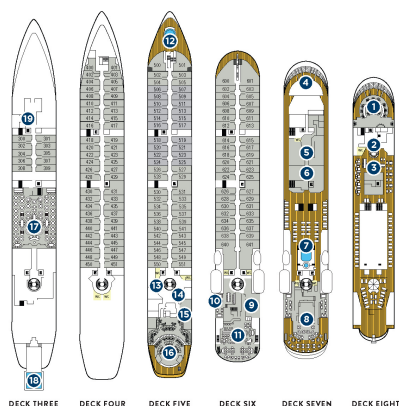
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP

### STAR BREEZE STAR LEGEND

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ONBOARD SPACES

- 1 Yacht Club Café & Library
- 2 Star Bar
- 3 Star Grill by Steven Raichlen
- 4 Bridge
- 5 World Spa by Windstar
- 6 Fitness Center & Motion Studio
- 7 Pool and whirlpool
- 8 Veranda/Candies
- 9 Star Boutique
- 10 Quadro 44 by Anthony Sasso
- 11 Compass Rose
- 12 Whirlpool
- 13 Reception
- 14 Destination Office
- 15 Screening Room
- 16 Lounge
- 17 Amphora Restaurant
- 18 Watersports Platform
- 19 Medical Facility
- E Elevator
- WC Public Restroom



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