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## Bon Voyage



Clockwise from top: Previews of *Evrima* and *Aqua Nera*, and the new *Star Breeze*.

## DEFT DISCOVERY

Pop the Champagne: **The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection's** first ship, the 298-passenger *Evrima*, will embark on its maiden voyage in April – a ten-day sail from Lisbon to Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Named with the Greek word for “discovery,” the ship conveys a megayacht vibe with suites ranging up to 1,091 square feet, each with a private terrace, a king bed, and personal concierge service. A marina on the ship's aft will supply lounge chairs and water toys – sea kayaks, paddleboards, and the like – while cocktails and canapés will be served on the open-air Marina Terrace. Cruisers can choose from nine dining venues for Champagne-and-caviar pairings, open-air and late-night options, and tasting menus from Michelin-starred chef Sven Elverfeld. (After dinner, the humidor lounge will offer cognacs and hand-rolled cigars.) *Evrima* will spend the summer cruising Mediterranean favorites, head to the wild coast of eastern Canada and New England in the fall, and celebrate the winter holidays in the Caribbean. *Inaugural departure: April 22; from \$9,100.*



## Smoke on the Water

**Windstar Cruises'** 312-passenger *Star Breeze* debuts in May as the first of three yachts to show off the results of a sweeping renovation. That means an upgraded spa, fitness area, and pool, plus 50 new suites (including the three-bedroom Grand Owner's Suite). On the dining front, the alfresco Star Grill by Steven Raichlen will deliver dishes such as smoked shrimp and maple-sriracha drumsticks from the barbecue specialist, while Spanish chef Anthony Sasso of Michelin-starred Casa Mono will craft tapas at restaurant Cuadro 44 by Anthony Sasso. Sister ships *Star Legend* and *Star Pride* will debut identical enhancements later this year.

## NATURAL CHOICE

This spring, **Aqua Expeditions'** new 40-passenger *Aqua Nera* will join sister ship *Aria Amazon* in Iquitos, Peru, for expeditions in South America's richest ecosystem. Daily naturalist-led, small-group excursions depart to spy three-toed sloths and toucans, explore local communities on all-terrain-bike tours, kayak, fish for piranhas, and search for the Amazon's endangered pink river dolphin. The line is noted for its cuisine: Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino will host two special culinary sailings this year, and the kitchen sources more than 70 percent of its ingredients from the region for favorites such as paiche fish (sustainably line-caught, then grilled with local potatoes), spicy fermented *aji negro* yuca sauce, and ceviche. *Inaugural Aqua Nera departure: April 3; from \$6,580.*

