



# 2024 Writers And Readers ESCAPE (WARE) Voyage!

October 6 through October 11, 2024

**Ahoy Sailor!**

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Welcome Aboard! Here's a quick snapshot of what's in store for your voyage with us.

First (and most important), here's what's included in your WARE Cabin purchase:

- \* Registration for one (1) sailor to receive exclusive access to:
  - The **FOREWORD Welcome** cocktail party.
  - The **EPILOGUE Legacy Award** cocktail party.
  - The **WARE Marketplace**.
  - The **Literary Café, Masterclasses, and Industry Panel Discussions**.
  - ALL onboard **tapings of the Writers Haven Show**.
  - A **WARE Commemorative Sailor Band** and **WARE Favor Bag** (e.g., commemorative beach tote, t-shirt, and other items).
  - A **WARE raffle ticket to win an on-board dining experience** with a featured award-winning author.
  - \$300 per cabin **Bar Tab** (NOTE: Bar Tab can be used for alcoholic, non-alcoholic, and specialty drinks).
  - \$100 per cabin **Sailor Loot**.
- \* All cruise **gratuities, taxes, and fees**.
- \* Standard **Unlimited Wi-Fi** (i.e., access to non-streaming social media, email, non-video internet connection.)
- \* All **restaurants** onboard (no cover charges) excluding select premium dining & entertainment combinations.
- \* All **entertainment venues** (unless otherwise specified) to include the **Casino**.
- \* Basic **Beverages** (still/sparkling water, drip coffee, sachet teas, and soft drinks).
- \* **Group Fitness Classes**.

Here's what's **not** included:

- \* Airfare to and from Miami, FL.
- \* Hotel accommodations and transfers.
- \* Port Excursions.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED WARE CABINS AND REGISTRATION CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE OR THROUGH MIXED ADVENTURES.** If you would like information on the location of your cabin aboard the Valiant Lady, contact Mixed Adventures at [info@mixedadventures.com](mailto:info@mixedadventures.com). Sailors who would like to purchase an additional registration package can do so on our website.

**MIXED ADVENTURES** is our official First Mate (travel agent) partner. Mixed Adventures is a minority, veteran, and women owned travel and adventure planning agency that is gold knot certified with Virgin Voyages. This husband-and-wife team has firsthand experience onboard Virgin's lady ships and has managed and coordinated group sailings on itineraries in the Caribbean and the Mediterranean. Mixed Adventures can assist with any questions about your Virgin Voyages accommodations to included cabin upgrades, shore excursions, and group transfers from our preferred hotels to the cruise ship. Be on the lookout for emails from them as we draw closer to our cruise date. You can also reach them at [info@mixedadventures.com](mailto:info@mixedadventures.com) with any questions. [www.mixedadventures.com](http://www.mixedadventures.com)

### **DEPOSITS, PARTIAL & CASH PAYMENTS**

If you've made a one-time, non-refundable \$300 deposit to reserve a cabin, a receipt/invoice will be sent to the email address collected at the time of registration. **FINAL PAYMENT of your balance is due no later than June 30, 2024.** CASH PAYMENTS may be sent via **ZELLE at 2407142038**. In the MEMO section of the ZELLE transaction, please **include the 1<sup>st</sup> Sailor's FULL NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS, and CABIN CATEGORY** to ensure the payment is made to your account. You will receive a receipt for the transaction within 3 business days. If you do not receive a receipt within 3 business days, please email us at [info@writersandreadersescape.com](mailto:info@writersandreadersescape.com) to ensure the transaction was successful and reconciled to your account.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

Cancellations made 7-days from booking are fully refundable. WARE Payment Plan cancellations made before May 31 are subject to a 35% administrative fee. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations after May 31, 2024. Late Payments on WARE Payment Plans, including credit cards on file being denied when presented for payment, are subject to a penalty of 6% of the invoice amount if payment is not received within seven (7) days of issuance of notice of late payment due. Failure to cure a Late Payment within twenty (20) days of issuance of notice of Late Payment due or the occurrence of two (2) Late Payments may subject the reservation to cancellation of the reservation without refund or other compensation. Refunds will be issued to the original form of payment within 10 business days.

Bookings ARE transferrable through May 31, 2024.

### **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND COVID**

Virgin Voyages require Sailors to have a valid passport with an expiration date at least 6 months after the voyage end date. Additionally, depending on your country of citizenship, certain ports may also require a visa for entry.

All COVID vaccine and testing requirements have been lifted aboard Virgin Voyages, however, Virgin Voyages reserves the right to require testing if a Sailor shows signs of symptoms at the terminal (at no cost to the Sailor). For additional information on travel policy or requirements, please contact Mixed Adventures at [info@mixedadventures.com](mailto:info@mixedadventures.com).

### **VIRGIN VOYAGE POLICIES**

#### **GUESTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Whenever possible, Virgin Voyages will work to accommodate Guests with special needs. However, the following conditions apply:

- Due to the risks inherent in travel by sea, if a Guest has any special medical, physical or other requirements, the Guest, the Guest's travel agent, or any person booking on Guest's behalf is requested to inform us at the time of booking of any special need or other condition for which Guest or any person in Guest's care may require medical attention or accommodation during the Voyage, or for which the use of a wheelchair or service animal is contemplated or necessary.

- Guests requiring the use of service animals (US) or assistance dogs (UK and EU) are asked to notify us not less than 21 days prior to the Voyage.
- Notice of any of the above items may be made online at booking to our Shoreside Sailor Services by clicking [here](#) or calling in the US or Canada 1-954-488-2955 or if in the UK, +44-20-3003-4914.
- If any such special need or condition arises after a Guest has booked a Voyage, the Guest is requested to report it to [Shoreside Sailor Services](#) as soon as Guest becomes aware of it.
- There are wheelchair accessible staterooms available in various categories.
- Not all areas or equipment on the vessel are suitable for access to disabled Guests or Guests with reduced mobility. But if you need help, we'll do our utmost to provide it.
- Guest acknowledges and understands that certain international, foreign or local safety requirements, standards, and/or applicable regulations involving design, construction or operation of the vessel, docks, gangways, anchorages or other facilities on or off the vessel may restrict access to facilities or activities for persons with mobility, communication, or other impairments or special needs.
- In limited situations where Guest would be unable to satisfy certain specified safety and other criteria, even when provided with appropriate auxiliary aids and services, we reserve the right to refuse permission to participate in all or part of the Voyage.
- Virgin Voyages has the right to refuse or revoke passage to anyone who, in its judgment, is in a physical or mental condition unfit for travel or who may require care beyond that which Virgin Voyages can provide. Virgin Voyages reserves the right to deny participation in certain activities based on past or present medical conditions. For questions about whether our Voyage experience is right for you, please contact our Shoreside Sailor Services by clicking [here](#) or if in the US or Canada calling 1-954-488-2955 and if in the UK +44-20-3003-4914.
- Virgin Voyages similarly reserves the right to refuse or revoke passage to anyone who has failed to notify it of their specific needs with regard to accommodation; seating or services required from it or the terminal operator; their need to bring medical equipment; their need to bring a service animal on board the ship; or of any other known disabilities that require special assistance, special services, or privileges; who in the Carrier's and/or Master's opinion is unfit or unable to travel; or anyone whose condition may constitute a danger to themselves or others onboard on the grounds of safety.
- Guests are under no obligation to identify themselves solely because they have a disability when they seek no special assistance, special services, or privileges. Guests may consider self-identifying their disability where notice to the vessel crew would prevent misunderstanding of a Guest's particular impairment or disability.
- Where necessary in order to comply with applicable safety requirements, we may require a Disabled Person or Person with Reduced Mobility to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist them in day-to-day activities.

## **PREGNACY**

Virgin Voyages cannot accept Guests who will have entered their 24th week of pregnancy by the beginning of, or at any time during, the voyage. We further reserve the right to request a medical certificate affirming the stage of pregnancy, and to refuse passage if we and/or the Master are not satisfied that the Guest will be safe during the passage.

## **MEDICAL SERVICES**

Our ships have at least one physician and four nurses on board for each Voyage. While our ships comply with all U.S. Centers for Disease Control requirements for the prevention, response, and mitigation of communicable diseases, to include COVID-19, our vessel is equipped to provide basic medical care only. Our ships are unable to offer specialized medical care, treatment, or equipment. Guests requiring such specialized care, or Guests experiencing a medical emergency, may be evacuated to shore at their expense. Further, your vessel may not be able to immediately evacuate a Guest in an emergency situation due to the ship's location relative to the nearest evacuation-capable platform.

## **DAMAGE TO VESSEL**

Each Guest shall be liable to and reimburse Virgin Voyages for all damage to the vessel and its furnishings, equipment and property caused by any willful or negligent act or omission by a Guest. A Responsible Adult, i.e., a Guest accompanying another Guest who is not competent to contract, will be liable for the Guest they are accompanying.

### **SMOKING POLICY**

Smoking areas are provided around the ship. A Guest found smoking anything, to include “vapes,” in their room (including balcony) or other non-designated areas onboard, agree to a \$500 fee to be added to their onboard account, and may be disembarked from the Voyage, which may be at a port of call. Virgin Voyages will have no further responsibility toward Guest in this instance; the cost of return to the port of embarkation or Guest’s home will be borne by the Guest. If an Under-21 Adult is disembarked for a violation of this policy, the Responsible Adult will be disembarked as well.

Please feel free to reach us at the email address noted below. We look forward to having you on this amazing voyage!

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