

THE 2026

WOC STEMSHIP

AI TRAINING PROGRAM

INNOVATING LEADERSHIP.
EMPOWERING CHANGE.
AT SEA.

OCTOBER 2-7, 2026
SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY

YOUR CAPTAINS

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BEFORE YOU SAIL

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Please review these items now - not at the pier. Every Sailor is responsible for carrying the travel documents required for their individual circumstances.

1 PASSPORT BOOK - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Travel with a valid passport book whenever possible. It provides the greatest flexibility if illness, a missed sailing, or another unexpected circumstance requires international air travel.

ACTION: Check your passport now and pack it in your carry-on.

2 PASSPORT CARD - KNOW THE LIMIT

A U.S. passport card may be accepted for qualifying land and sea travel involving Bermuda, but it cannot be used for international air travel.

A passport book is the safer, more flexible choice for this voyage.

3 PASSPORT VALIDITY

Virgin Voyages' published travel requirements call for a passport valid at least six months after the voyage end date. Bermuda currently states that a U.S. traveler's passport must be valid at the time of entry and have a blank page.

For this sailing, follow the stricter Virgin Voyages requirement.

4 NON-U.S. CITIZENS

Visa and travel-document requirements vary by citizenship and immigration status. Confirm your individual requirements with Virgin Voyages and the appropriate government authorities well before departure.

READY TO SAIL

APP, ARRIVAL, BERMUDA & EMERGENCY INFORMATION

5 VIRGIN VOYAGES SAILOR APP

Complete Virgin Voyages' Ready to Sail steps and upload required travel documents before leaving home. Use the Sailor App for voyage information, dining details, onboard updates, and your assigned arrival information.

ACTION: Download/update the app and complete Ready to Sail before travel.

6 NEW YORK ARRIVAL

Check the Virgin Voyages app and your final voyage communications for your assigned arrival time and terminal instructions. Build in enough travel time so delays do not put your sailing at risk.

7 BERMUDA PORT DAYS - OCTOBER 4-5

These are conference-free destination days for cultural exploration, leisure, and optional networking. When going ashore, follow Virgin Voyages' instructions and the ship's posted all-aboard time.

Always confirm the all-aboard time before leaving the ship.

8 BERMUDA - IMPORTANT RESTRICTIONS

Do not bring marijuana, cannabis, CBD products, or derivatives into Bermuda. Bermuda also prohibits pepper spray and stun guns and strictly restricts firearms and ammunition.

When in doubt, leave restricted items at home.

9 EMERGENCIES & FINAL CHECK

A passport book can be essential if an emergency requires you to return to the United States by air. Travel requirements can change, so review current Virgin Voyages and government guidance again shortly before departure.

FINAL CHECK: Documents • Sailor App • Arrival time • Medications • Emergency contacts



WOC STEMSHIP • AI & TECH LEADERSHIP CRUISE

LEARN IT.
OWN IT.
LEAD IT.
ASCEND.

AI & TECH LEADERSHIP AT SEA

WOC STEMship Conference Program

VIRGIN VOYAGES — VALIANT LADY
NEW YORK → BERMUDA | OCTOBER 2–7, 2026

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AI TRAINING
SEA DAYS

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OFFICIAL
GROUP DINNERS

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WELCOME
COCKTAIL PARTY

People. Opportunity. Leadership. A stronger tomorrow.



PROGRAM BOOK

A HUMAN-CENTERED AI LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

WOC STEMship brings STEM professionals, executives, entrepreneurs, educators, technologists and emerging leaders together for an immersive AI, technology and leadership experience at sea.

ASCEND KNOWLEDGE ON DEMAND

All STEMship seminar content will also be available through ASCEND Knowledge on Demand. Participants can receive applicable program and certification credit by completing eligible seminars in person during STEMship or online through ASCEND Knowledge on Demand, subject to attendance and completion requirements.

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

FRI • OCT 2

WELCOME ABOARD

Embarkation • Welcome Cocktail Party, 7–8 PM at The Loose Cannon • Independent dining & networking

SAT • OCT 3

AI TRAINING — SEA DAY

Test Kitchen • Planned 12:30–4:30 PM* • Live learning + certification checkpoint

SUN • OCT 4

BERMUDA EXPERIENCE

Destination exploration • Official WOC STEMship Group Dinner #1

MON • OCT 5

EXPLORE. CONNECT. RECHARGE.

Bermuda • Optional professional networking • Independent dining

TUE • OCT 6

AI TRAINING — SEA DAY

Test Kitchen • Planned 12:30–4:30 PM* • Live learning + certification closeout • Official Group Dinner #2

WED • OCT 7

RETURN TO NEW YORK

Breakfast • Disembarkation • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand continues online

FRIDAY • OCTOBER 2

WELCOME ABOARD

AFTERNOON

Embarkation, Cabin Check-In & Ship Orientation

LOCATION *Valiant Lady*

Settle in, explore the ship and connect with fellow STEMship travelers.

7:00–8:00 PM

Official STEMship Welcome Cocktail Party

LOCATION *The Loose Cannon*

Meet STEMship participants, instructors, industry leaders and invited guests as the experience officially begins.

EVENING

Independent Dining & Networking

Enjoy Virgin Voyages dining, networking and onboard entertainment following the cocktail party.

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 3

AI & TECH LEADERSHIP TRAINING — DAY 1

TEST KITCHEN • PLANNED 12:30–4:30 PM*

12:30–1:00

AI & Metaverse Ventures and Business Opportunities

LOCATION *Test Kitchen*

Explore emerging opportunities created by AI, immersive technologies and new digital business models.

INSTRUCTOR TBD

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1:00–1:30

Managing AI in the Workplace

LOCATION *Test Kitchen*

Practical approaches for introducing and managing AI across organizations, teams and workflows.

INSTRUCTOR TBD

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1:30–2:00

Transformational Leadership

LOCATION *Test Kitchen*

Leadership approaches for technological change, organizational transformation and the future of work.

	INSTRUCTOR TBD ASCEND KNOWLEDGE ON DEMAND • IN-PERSON + ONLINE LEARNING CREDIT
2:00–2:15	Networking & Refreshment Break LOCATION Test Kitchen
2:15–2:45	AI Governance & Responsible Adoption LOCATION Test Kitchen <i>Governance, responsible AI practices and organizational considerations for adopting AI.</i> INSTRUCTOR TBD ASCEND KNOWLEDGE ON DEMAND • IN-PERSON + ONLINE LEARNING CREDIT
2:45–3:15	AI Opportunity & Executive Action Lab LOCATION Test Kitchen <i>Translate AI concepts into practical opportunities and actions for organizations and careers.</i> INSTRUCTOR TBD ASCEND KNOWLEDGE ON DEMAND • IN-PERSON + ONLINE LEARNING CREDIT
3:15–3:45	AI Leadership Executive Discussion LOCATION Test Kitchen <i>Interactive discussion on AI leadership, transformation and implementation challenges.</i> INSTRUCTOR TBD ASCEND KNOWLEDGE ON DEMAND • IN-PERSON + ONLINE LEARNING CREDIT
3:45–4:15	Applied AI Workshop & Certification Activity LOCATION Test Kitchen <i>Apply key concepts through guided exercises and professional-development activities.</i> INSTRUCTOR TBD ASCEND KNOWLEDGE ON DEMAND • IN-PERSON + ONLINE LEARNING CREDIT
4:15–4:30	Day 1 Wrap-Up & Certification Checkpoint LOCATION Test Kitchen

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 4

BERMUDA EXPERIENCE

DAYTIME	Bermuda Exploration, Culture & Leisure LOCATION Bermuda <i>Explore Bermuda through cultural experiences, leisure and optional activities while continuing informal networking.</i>
EVENING	Official WOC STEMship Group Dinner #1 LOCATION Location / Time To Be Announced <i>Join fellow participants for the first of two official WOC STEMship group dinners.</i>

MONDAY • OCTOBER 5

EXPLORE. CONNECT. RECHARGE.

MORNING–AFTERNOON	Bermuda Exploration, Wellness & Leisure LOCATION Bermuda
OPTIONAL	Professional Networking <i>Peer circles, mentor conversations, professional connections and informal small-group discussions.</i>
EVENING	Independent Dining & Networking <i>Explore Virgin Voyages dining options and continue informal networking following the day's Bermuda experiences.</i>

PEOPLE. OPPORTUNITY. A STRONGER TOMORROW.

TUESDAY • OCTOBER 6

AI & TECH LEADERSHIP TRAINING — DAY 2

TEST KITCHEN • PLANNED 12:30–4:30 PM*

12:30–1:00

Global AI Outlook: Competition, Innovation & Supply Chains

LOCATION Test Kitchen

Explore the evolving global AI landscape and its implications for innovation, technology leadership and organizations.

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1:00–1:30

The Perfect Storm: Quantum Computing, AI & Cybersecurity

LOCATION Test Kitchen

Explore the convergence of quantum technologies, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.

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1:30–2:00

AI Now & Next — Emerging Technology Trends & Tools

LOCATION Test Kitchen

Examine emerging AI technologies, tools and trends shaping organizations, industries and careers.

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2:00–2:15

Networking & Refreshment Break

LOCATION Test Kitchen

2:15–2:45

STEM Executive Toolkit — Leadership Models & Inclusive Innovation

LOCATION Test Kitchen

Practical leadership models, inclusive innovation strategies and approaches for leading STEM organizations through change.

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2:45–3:15

AI Opportunity Lab — Building Ethical, Scalable Value

LOCATION Test Kitchen

Identify opportunities to apply AI responsibly while creating sustainable organizational and business value.

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3:15–3:45

Executive Leadership Discussion & Q&A

LOCATION Test Kitchen

Interactive discussion focused on AI adoption, leadership and implementation.

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3:45–4:15

Certification Capstone — Your AI Action Plan

LOCATION Test Kitchen

Develop an individual action plan for applying STEMship learning to an organization, career or business.

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4:15–4:30

Certification Closeout, Commitments & Next Steps

LOCATION Test Kitchen

EVENING

Official WOC STEMship Group Dinner #2 & Closing Celebration

LOCATION Location / Time To Be Announced

Celebrate new relationships, accomplishments and the conclusion of the onboard STEMship learning experience.



ASCEND KNOWLEDGE ON DEMAND

KEEP LEARNING. KEEP LEADING.

STEMship extends beyond the ship. ASCEND Knowledge on Demand provides an online pathway for eligible seminar content and program credit, subject to participation and completion requirements.

STEMSHIP / ASCEND SEMINAR CATALOG

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Preparing for STEMship: Maximizing Your Cruise Experience

Instructor: TBD • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand

2

AI for Nonprofits: Streamlining Grant Writing with Smart Tools

Instructor: TBD • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand

3

You, AI, and the Law: Using AI Without Breaking the Rules

Instructor: TBD • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand

4

AI & Health: Smarter Digital Health Conversations

Instructor: TBD • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand

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AI & Metaverse Ventures and Business Opportunities

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11	AI Now & Next — Emerging Technology Trends & Tools <i>Instructor: TBD • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand</i>
12	The Age of Abundance: Becoming an AI Millionaire <i>Instructor: TBD • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand</i>
13	STEM Executive Toolkit — Leadership Models & Inclusive Innovation <i>Instructor: TBD • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand</i>
14	AI Opportunity Lab — Building Ethical, Scalable Value <i>Instructor: TBD • ASCEND Knowledge on Demand</i>

WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 7

RETURN TO NEW YORK

MORNING

Breakfast, Disembarkation & Departures

LOCATION *Valiant Lady*

THE LEARNING CONTINUES

Following the cruise, participants can continue their professional-development journey through ASCEND Knowledge on Demand, including access to STEMship seminar content and eligible online learning and certification activities.

ATTEND IN PERSON OR ONLINE

ONBOARD STEMSHIP

Participate in eligible live seminars aboard Valiant Lady.

ASCEND KNOWLEDGE ON DEMAND

Complete eligible seminar content online.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Seminar content, instructors, speakers, locations, dates, times, dining arrangements, activities and other program elements are subject to change.
- The currently planned onboard training sessions are October 3 and October 6 in Test Kitchen. The extended 12:30–4:30 PM training windows are subject to final confirmation by Virgin Voyages.
- Official group dinner restaurants and dining times will be announced when final arrangements are confirmed.
- ASCEND Knowledge on Demand availability, credit and certification are subject to applicable program participation and completion requirements.



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