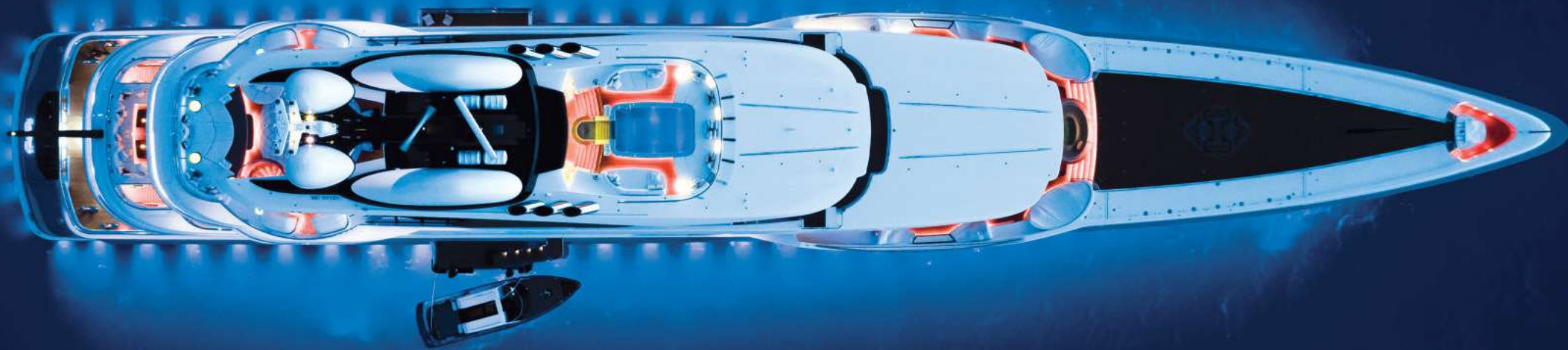




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THE ULTIMATE SUPERYACHT GUIDE

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THE WESTWOOD WHITE COMPANY

To All Our Valued Clients,

Within the pages of this book we hope that there is something to inspire everyone – whether you are a Charterer looking for a terrific holiday or an Owner looking for ambitious suggestions for your next cruise, or perhaps ideas about the next yacht to buy!

By its very nature the enjoyment of a yacht, whether as a Charterer or an Owner, requires a large investment in both time and money. It's our responsibility to ensure this investment is repaid many times over in amazing experiences and wonderful memories. As a proprietorially owned business we take this responsibility personally. We are a dedicated team, large enough to enjoy market "clout", yet small enough to adapt to change. This is all reinforced by clear straight forward advice to help you make your choice.

As new challenges appear, we are proud of how our team have responded to meet these head-on with creative thinking and innovative solutions. The global pandemic has added another dimension of safety measures that are necessary for the security of Charterers, Owners and crew alike.

Remember as you leaf through the pages that we are only a phone call, email or WhatsApp message away – thereby opening you to the benefit of our many years of experience and expert knowledge to guide you through any questions you may have. We always try to go the extra mile to ensure your yachting holiday is the highlight of your year.

So, please do get in touch and experience the best holiday on earth... on water!

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TWW YACHTS

At TWW, we combine old-fashioned principles with strategic industry knowledge and global reach. With dedicated, dynamic teams across charter, sales and new construction, we measure our success not by profit margin, but by our relationships with Owners, Captains, shipyards, and other brokerage houses – relationships that endure as a result of our commitment to excellence and integrity.

YACHT CHARTER

Private charter has never been more alluring than it is now, offering the whispered promise of absolute privacy with ultimate flexibility, so that you can relax, regroup, and explore with minimal risk, while enjoying service at its very best.

TWW excels in interpreting your desires and needs. Once we have matched your requirements with the ideal yacht, we then help to plan the perfect itinerary for your group. From adrenaline-fuelled adventures, to locally guided explorations, or sipping sundowners in secluded bays – you will reap the benefit of our intimate knowledge of the world's finest destinations.

Leave the logistics to us. Whatever your expectations, we will always try to exceed them.

YACHT PURCHASE

Pre-owned

The lure of ownership is powerful, but there is a great deal to consider when buying a yacht. Once we have established your aspirations for use and your parameters for size and budget, we make a careful selection of the best candidates for presentation, honing a short-list together before accompanying you on viewings – either in person or remotely.

Some Buyers choose to be involved in every aspect of purchase, while others prefer regular updates. We are on hand to answer any questions you may have along the way. With our 360° perspective, from the first viewing through initial negotiations, to closing day and beyond, our solution-driven approach will ensure that the process is both efficient and enjoyable.

New build

Whether designing a custom vessel or buying a production line yacht, a new build is a desirable asset and the definitive expression of yacht ownership. But there's no denying that it is an infinitely complex process and a considerable investment.

Our team of new build specialists are here to facilitate the process: from initial designs and yard selection, to contract negotiations, and final delivery.

We will oversee, plan, administer and guide you through each important decision, with your interests remaining paramount.

Whether purchasing a pre-owned vessel or building a new one, our goal is to ensure that you have enjoyed the process along the way. It's probably why we have been so successful in retaining our Buyers as Owners, under the umbrella of our Yacht Management team, who will continue to look after all aspects of their yachting interests.

YACHT SALES

Selling a yacht is a detailed process. It takes time and dedication combined with a properly coordinated marketing programme to achieve a successful sale. We at TWW understand how to showcase the yacht onto the global market quickly and effectively.

We are fastidious about presenting the yachts we list for sale in their best light. Our in-house photographer takes a variety of both moving and still shots of the yacht at sea, including drone footage, interior and exterior photos, as well as a full virtual tour. These are the cornerstones of our marketing efforts, ensuring that every Buyer and his agent have full access to accurate information through online platforms 24/7, with no stone left unturned.

We use the most effective and innovative digital marketing and multi-media infrastructure to produce as much exposure online as possible. With excellent relationships throughout the industry, we are known for the speed and efficiency of our sales.

CHARTER MANAGEMENT

The TWW Charter Management division is world class. Supported by our dynamic in-house marketing department, we present your yacht for charter to your individual requirements.

Working closely with you and your Captain, we support the operation of your yacht's commercial activities: be that year-round maximum occupancy, or a small run of carefully vetted charters to keep the crew ticking over.

We are on hand 24/7 to share honest, unbiased advice, competitor knowledge, and the benefits of our robust relationships across the industry. We rigorously maintain our Owners objectives: supporting Captains to enable the smooth running of every charter, while upholding exceptional standards of service, maintenance and privacy at all times. Your interests will be fiercely protected.

YACHT MANAGEMENT

The TWW Yacht Management team is on hand to remove the time and headache of ownership, allowing the maximum enjoyment factor for the Owner! We can take the responsibility from Owners and work with their Captain in the successful day-to-day running of the vessel. We ensure reliability and stability, dealing with any matters arising correctly and efficiently, whilst maintaining the highest standards in daily operations. This includes the management of crew, budgetary control and maintenance, as well as safety and certification.

TWW work on an open book basis. With full transparency on live, cloud-based accounts and financial data systems, Owners have access to all aspects of the yacht. As operational managers within an ever-evolving environment, we are a consistent touchstone, to ensure the Owner's objectives are met. Under the TWW Yacht Management umbrella, our Owners rest easy in the knowledge their yacht is in safe hands and efficiently operated to the highest standards.

CREW RECRUITMENT

Whether for commercial success or your own personal enjoyment, a great yacht requires the right crew with the correct skillset to succeed.

Our Crew Management team relies on a vast network of contacts to ensure in-depth research and implementation of a thorough qualifying process. Using virtual interviews, video biographies and meticulous background checks, we present crew with confidence, having paired the best candidates with the Owners and vessels that will most benefit from their specific experience, knowledge and personality.

Why us?

Experience

At TWW Yachts we have many decades of experience. To put it succinctly, we've been around a while.

Knowledge

Over many years of involvement across all aspects of the business we have developed a huge bank of knowledge. We use this to pre-empt problems and, should they arise, deliver solutions.

Integrity

Using our knowledge and experience we give unbiased and honest advice, which ensures our customers' requirements are always met and often exceeded.

Service

We work as a close knit team and our experience and knowledge are available to all of our customers at all times. Holiday time is a valuable commodity and we take a great personal interest in ensuring the success of every element of each charter. Trust us with the details, while you focus on enjoying your holiday.

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EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Discover the world's most beautiful destinations while enjoying Michelin-standard cuisine and making memories with family and friends – it's what a luxury yacht charter is all about.

Luxury. Exclusivity. Privacy. Adventure. These are just some of the words you'll often hear associated with a superyacht charter and, as the most extravagant way to enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience in spectacular locations, it's no wonder why.

Boasting luxurious accommodation and a dedicated five star crew, a yacht charter is, quite simply, unlike any other holiday or travel experience.

The world is your oyster

Whether you're looking for an island-hopping motor yacht to cruise the Caribbean or you have your heart set on adrenaline-fuelled sailing in the Med, there's a choice

of spectacular yachts to satisfy every wish. Once you've chosen your yacht, every aspect of your itinerary will be tailored to your needs to ensure your dream trip delivers.

Would you like to discover the remote marine paradise of Raja Ampat boasting some of the best dive sites in the world? Have you always wanted to experience the Northern Lights in Norway's fjords? Or perhaps rubbing shoulders with the stars on the glittering waters of the Côte d'Azur is more your thing?

Whatever your style, the world is your oyster.

Onboard luxury

For those who appreciate aesthetics and craftsmanship, a superyacht is a showcase of clever design, with every detail meticulously thought out and finished to the most exacting standards. With salons and staterooms to rival the leading hotels of the world, every aspect of a superyacht's interior reflects the vision of her owner, from the practicalities of flow through to ambient lighting, colours, furniture, textiles, accessories and art.

The choice of styles is endless, ranging from modern to classic, with décor to suit every taste and every mood. Many yachts are also designed with disabled access in mind, such as including elevators between decks on all levels.

Superyacht chefs

A major highlight of any yacht charter is the spectacular cuisine prepared by your very own chef. Superyacht chefs are world-class, many having worked at leading hotels and restaurants ashore before honing their skills on board for the most discerning of clientele.

Every meal is a memorable event, whether it's a picnic in a secluded bay, a healthy breakfast al fresco or an elegant dinner to mark a special occasion. Superyacht chefs are passionate about their cooking and the way each meal is presented. Many work closely with the interior team who create incredible table decorations to mirror the theme of the menu, and great care goes into the pairing of wines to perfectly complement each dish.





All at sea

For outdoor living most superyachts offer a range of deck spaces for relaxation, al fresco dining and entertaining, equipped with sun loungers, hot tubs and jacuzzis, as well as BBQs and bar areas for cocktails at sundown.

With an impressive array of amenities on offer, from gyms and wellness spas to infinity pools and beach clubs, as well as wine cellars, cinemas and libraries, there's plenty for all to enjoy, even on the rare occasions when the sun doesn't shine.

For families with little ones, a superyacht becomes a giant playground, and on many yachts the crew will delight in laying on themed activities including fancy dress and treasure hunts to keep them entertained.

For older kids and adults there's a treasure trove of water toys, with everything from jet skis and submersibles to inflatable slides, flyboards, paddleboards and snorkelling. Depending on your itinerary, many yachts also offer rendezvous diving by appointment.

Equipped with the very latest AV and communication technology, you'll also be able to stream music, catch a movie or watch the big game. And if you need to keep tabs on the office, today's superyachts boast excellent connectivity whether it's Wi-Fi you need or a full-blown video conference.

Ultimate hospitality

Of course, it's not all about the yacht! Ultimately your charter experience and the memories you'll cherish are down to the people who make it happen. Yacht crew are consummate professionals, highly trained and motivated to exceed your expectations to give you the experience of a lifetime.

Whether it's meticulous planning by the captain, the thoughtfulness of the stewardesses, the can do approach of the bosun or the creativity of the chef, a superyacht charter is simply a world apart.

PHOTOGRAPH: Bold

PLANNING YOUR DREAM CHARTER

While a yacht charter holiday promises to be the experience of a lifetime, planning it can be a rather complex affair. Here are some things to be aware of to ensure your dreams are fulfilled.

Give yourself time

Despite the global pandemic, demand for yacht charters is booming, so if you leave it to the last minute to secure your perfect yacht you may be disappointed as many are booked months in advance. As soon as you know your dates – especially if you're planning to attend a special event – get in touch with your charter broker to start the process. At least six months ahead is recommended.

Trust your broker

With numerous charter brokerages around the world, it might seem like the choice is endless but, once you find the right charter broker for you, you'll find them to be indispensable. A professional broker has excellent knowledge of the global charter fleet and the wider spectrum of the business. They can provide you with in-depth knowledge of a vessel's special features, inform you about the captain and crew, and assist with itinerary and menu planning.

What's more, a broker's services don't add to the cost of your charter; their advice is impartial with the sole aim of making your charter as perfect as you imagined.

Explore all options

When it comes to choosing your dream yacht, there's a wide range of vessels and sizes to choose from and a charter holiday can take you in many different directions – to places of rest and relaxation, extreme adventure, family fun or party paradise. Perhaps you want to compete in an upcoming regatta or to dive with whales, or maybe uber-luxury and spa treatments are more your thing? If you clearly express your preferences when you speak with your broker, your wishes will be their command.

The best captain and crew

During your charter you'll be spending a lot of time with the professional crew on board who will be on hand to cater to your every need. Yacht crew are highly trained to deliver exceptional service and, whatever your itinerary, your broker will be keen to recommend those yachts whose captain and crew have a great reputation and who offer the best fit for the experience you want.

Broaden your horizons

While many are drawn to the Med in the summer and the Caribbean in the winter months, why not consider somewhere off the beaten track? With a superyacht charter, you have the luxury of being able to pick almost anywhere on the map, so why not explore the fjords of Norway or go as far afield as New Zealand or Chile, which offer incredible cruising grounds between the months of November and January?

Consider off-peak

If it's utmost privacy and seclusion you're after, it's worth exploring some of your favourite destinations in the off season, as crowds will be fewer, but your experience will be no less spectacular. Not only could you save thousands by exploring the Côte d'Azur in June or September rather than July or August, but the weather is ideal and it's possible your captain will be able to access secluded beaches and coves that you can enjoy all to yourselves.

Understand your contract

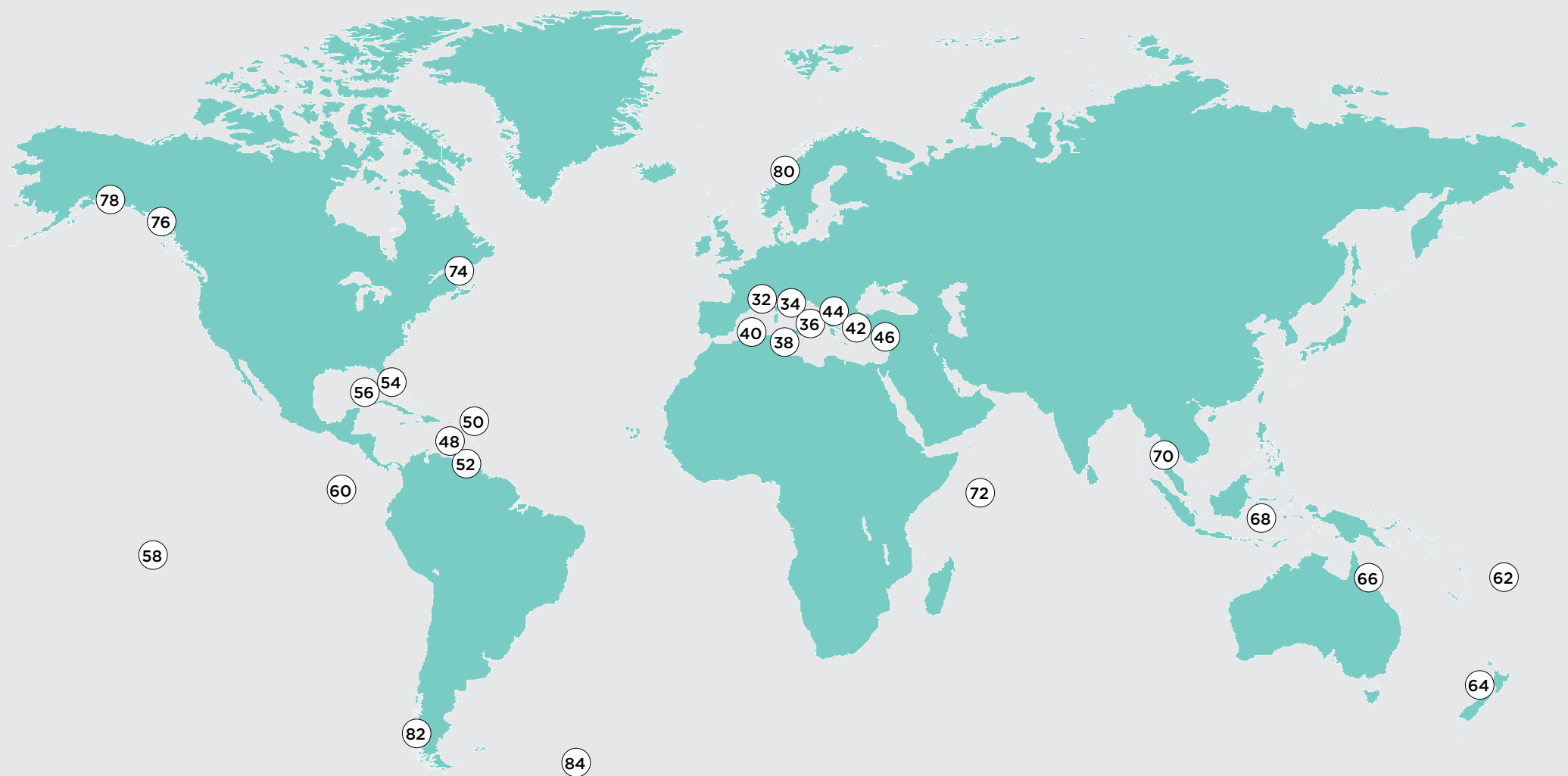
Once you've chosen the perfect yacht for your trip, your broker will prepare the contract which is a legally binding document. Be aware from the outset that the quoted charter fee is not the full amount that you will pay. It is usual to pay an advance provisioning allowance towards the cost of food, fuel and berthing, and any funds remaining at the end of your charter will be returned in full. Crew gratuities are usual but at your discretion.

All aboard

Most charter yachts can accommodate between 10 to 12 guests, but a few can accommodate well in excess of 20. Just like your crew, the group that you travel with could make or break your holiday so be sure you choose wisely. Are you looking for adventure with your best friends, to spend some quality time with family, or maybe a romantic break? Surround yourself with company that makes your heart happy and you'll be sure to have an experience that you'll never forget.



WORLD MAP AND DESTINATION LOCATIONS



DESTINATIONS

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|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 32 | CÔTE D'AZUR | 50 | BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS | 68 | INDONESIA |
| 34 | CORSICA AND SARDINIA | 52 | GRENADINES | 70 | THAILAND |
| 36 | AMALFI COAST | 54 | BAHAMAS | 72 | SEYCHELLES |
| 38 | SICILY | 56 | CUBA | 74 | NEW ENGLAND |
| 40 | BALEARICS | 58 | FRENCH POLYNESIA | 76 | BRITISH COLUMBIA |
| 42 | GREECE | 60 | GALAPAGOS | 78 | ALASKA |
| 44 | CROATIA AND MONTENEGRO | 62 | FIJI | 80 | NORWAY |
| 46 | TURKEY | 64 | NEW ZEALAND | 82 | PATAGONIA |
| 48 | LEEWARD ISLANDS | 66 | AUSTRALIA | 84 | ANTARCTICA |

ONBOARD ETIQUETTE

With yacht charter being the pinnacle of luxury travel, the etiquette on board is part of what makes the whole experience so special. From what to wear to how to treat the crew with respect, we help you prepare for the ultimate yachting vacation.

What is yacht etiquette? Simply put, it lays out the unspoken, accepted standards of behaviour on board and varies from yacht to yacht. Larger, more luxurious charter yachts are more likely to have a formal and sophisticated structure in place, while if you opt for a smaller yacht with fewer crew, they may be more involved in your day to day charter with a less formal relationship.

Before boarding your yacht, you'll fill out a preference list on everything from your favourite Champagne to what you'd like to eat for breakfast – the more details you can give the better so your crew can get a head start on making sure they have everything on board.

Be sure to inform the captain of any special requests in advance – if you're looking for a relaxing charter away from the hustle and bustle of city life, they would know to avoid Monaco. Equally, if you want to see and be seen, a charter to a remote island off Corsica might not be your thing. The captain and crew take time to research what guests enjoy, so the more information you can give them the better.

Dividing the rooms

Often there will be one principal player who is inking the charter contract and footing the brunt of the bill, or the charter party might consist of two families or a number of couples who intend to share costs equally. Typically the principal charterer would be given the master cabin but, in the case of mixed groups, many yachts have more than one sizeable suite to accommodate.

When choosing a yacht, look for one that has a few master-worthy VIP cabins and decide who will sleep where in advance to avoid any surprises later.

Respect your crew

Respecting the crew, including their privacy and time off, is at the core of yacht etiquette. Working and living on board a luxury yacht is a challenging role, so to ensure the crew can deliver a seven star service, it's essential to respect their rest time. The galley and crew quarters are also out of bounds for guests.

What to pack

If you're planning on exploring the Arctic, it's probably not worth packing a skimpy sundress, and likewise if you're wintering in the Caribbean, leave your ski jacket at home. You'll also need fewer shoes than on other types of holiday as a 'no heels' policy means you'll mostly be barefoot on board, while ashore you're likely to spend a lot of time with your toes in the sand. Luxury beach towels and toiletries are provided and the interior crew will take care of laundry and ironing.

Collaborate with your captain

It's also important to heed your captain's advice on itineraries and matters of safety – they are the experts after all. You might be desperate to go to that cluster of remote islands but, if there's a storm coming and your captain won't take you, you can be sure it's for the best. The same may apply to the use of water toys if conditions or local regulations do not permit.

Bring a nanny

While many yacht crew are great with children and are happy to plan fun activities for them, it's not really their job to be your children's minder. Bringing your own nanny is like bringing a part of home – someone familiar and more qualified to take care of your child while you're on board. If your children are happy then you will be too.

Take safety seriously

Safety is the primary responsibility of the captain and crew, and they take it very seriously. They are legally required to ensure the safety of guests at all times, so make sure you listen to the safety briefing at the start of your charter which covers emergency protocol, life jackets and life rafts. Similarly, mind the rules – if your yacht doesn't allow smoking, heed your captain's advice before lighting up.

Respect other yachts around you

When you're in a marina, it's important to lower the volume in the early hours. Equally, when you're out on your jet skis, it's important to respect the privacy of other yachts at anchor. It might be tempting to get up close and see who's on board, but others might not appreciate the attention.



FAMILY TIME

While many may think of a superyacht as an adults-only zone – think sipping champagne, snorkelling in the coral reefs, dining on gourmet food and lingering in the jacuzzi – taking a child on a charter is a beautiful way of introducing them to the joys of the world.

Where else in the world would your children be able to spend the day getting in and out of the ocean on their own inflatable slide, and enjoy a pirate-themed dinner before curling up for their very own screening at an outdoor movie theatre?

With toys and tenders galore, a superyacht charter is a dream come true for most kids

and, while some vessels are more child-friendly than others, more and more yachts are providing activities, itineraries and menus for the whole family to enjoy.

Your broker can recommend the most suitable options to consider, but here are a few things to keep in mind when planning a family charter.

Play safe

While the thought of their children playing around the gigantic swimming pool that is the ocean may terrify most parents, there's no need to worry – your crew will be fully prepared to manage any safety concerns.

Many yachts carry specialist safety equipment including locks, gates and nets to create safe play areas for younger guests, and life jackets will be available in all sizes which your little ones will get used to very quickly.

Crew matters

While all crew can be expected to keep your children entertained, it's worth asking your broker for those who have gone above and beyond to ensure your expectations are met and exceeded. Indeed, it has been known for the crew to dress up as children's favourite movie characters, such as Batman or Hulk, surprising the kids as they circle the yacht on jet skis, while others have set up real-life treasure hunts in remote bays dressed as pirates. And when it comes to party food and cakes, you'll be surprised by the creativity of your chef.

Toy story

Think of your family yacht as a big toy chest – there is literally no time to be bored! From inflatable banana boats, tubes and rafts to snorkel gear to fit all sizes, the crew are on hand to oversee all levels of ability and will accompany guests in the water for added safety.





PHOTOGRAPH: Preference 19

With everything from books and board games to consoles and movie theatres, there is something for everyone. And don't worry if you're trying to steer your kids away from technology for the week – while one yacht might have an arcade with over 300 video games, another might confiscate your children's tablets, at your request, telling them that their devices might interfere with the boat's navigation!

Guests can also request a child-friendly itinerary – from sandy beaches and water parks to zoos and museums, many charter destinations offer a whole host of family activities to keep everyone entertained.

A bite to eat

Don't panic about picky eaters – just like any five star restaurant, yacht chefs are amazing at creating delicious meals to suit all tastes and all ages. Child-friendly yachts will always go the extra mile when it comes to provisioning too, so if there is something that your child can't live without, be sure to let the crew know ahead of time.

And if you'd like to include your children for sundowners on the deck, why not ask the crew to create a virgin piña colada or mojito so you can all watch the sunset together?

Family time at its best.

Time out

It's important to remember that while your crew aren't there to provide a babysitting service, fun loving and friendly yacht crew are often delighted to assist and keep younger charter guests amused.

The crew understand that parents need private time and are always prepared to provide adventures for the children while you walk on the beach or curl up with a good book.

However, if you're looking for full relaxation with total peace of mind, you may prefer to bring your own nanny on the family trip.



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ADVENTURES AND EXPEDITIONS

Gone are the days when yacht charter clients are content simply to anchor offshore and admire the scenery from the top deck. A luxury yacht charter fuels an adventurous spirit, taking you to far-flung places where the experience enriches your life. Today's charter guests want authenticity and personalised attention, with a desire to get to the heart of remote destinations and see them with their own eyes.

Digital technology and social media have inspired our lifestyles, and every day our senses are peppered by travel imagery that inspires us to venture far beyond our comfort zones. There's a growing appetite to go off the beaten track and experience something new, and the appeal of expedition yachts is more than a passing trend.

Exceptional encounters

Yacht owners and charter guests are in search of the ultimate experience, and increasingly

this means chartering vessels that stretch the limitations of ordinary yachting, with performance and functionality being vital assets when cruising to exotic places with challenging environments.

Ben Lyons, CEO of EYOS Expeditions, says expedition yacht charters are changing the focus of charter clients in a meaningful way. "An expedition yacht is a platform for experiences, to take you to new places and provide an immersive journey where you can actively learn and gain a deeper understanding of a different culture, wildlife or the social dynamics of a local area."

Jimmy Carroll, founder of experiential travel company Pelorus, agrees, saying: "Expedition charter can incorporate all of these components without sacrificing comfort, luxury or service. The very nature of yachting means that almost anything is possible anywhere in the world, you just need correct planning and expert execution."

Quiet corners of the earth

So, where do you go when the options are endless? Quench your thirst for discovery by cruising fjords in the Arctic ice pack looking for polar bears or narwhal, see the flora and fauna of the Galapagos Islands, navigate the North

West Passage, document wildlife with a world-class photographer in Madagascar or explore undisturbed habitats accessible only by boat or trekking.

Martin Enckell, Expedition Leader at EYOS Expeditions, shares his most memorable adventure: "I always struggle to pick one special expedition, but Svalbard in the high Arctic blows me away year after year. It's like stepping into a wildlife documentary each time."

If you've ever dreamed of getting up close with penguins in Antarctica, visiting isolated tribes in Papua New Guinea or scuba diving in Indonesia, an explorer yacht provides a unique way to experience the beauty of nature, rare wildlife encounters and raw human interaction cut off from the modern world.

Stepping on board

An explorer yacht is an escape from the trappings of everyday life, but one thing you can be sure of is the standard of service and amenities on board. Modern explorer yachts are a synergy of luxury and comfort, many having dedicated wellness areas, beach clubs, extensive libraries, wine cellars and even cinemas.



The professionalism of the yacht's captain and crew is just as important, ensuring a personal approach with meticulous attention to detail. Add to this a world-class chef serving tantalising creations wherever in the world and the whole experience is on another level.

Your yacht, your world

There are plenty of activities to enjoy on and off the water during an expedition charter, and your entire trip can be customised to match your personal interests and abilities. With a multi-skilled deck crew and often a dedicated dive master and pilot, activities might include kayaking, submarines, helicopters and diving, opening up a world of adventures above and below the ocean.

Immersive, upscale trips can be accessed with a price tag, though charter clients are advised to remain flexible and embrace the unexpected where the experience is dictated by weather conditions and wildlife ecosystems.

Planning your expedition charter

Working with a specialist expedition company and charter broker means you'll have a mixture of qualified experts with first-hand experience who can provide practical solutions. Careful planning of your trip is essential and working with your charter broker and a specialist expedition company ensures you receive expert advice.

It's vital to understand the unique environmental factors that distinguish a destination and to prepare for any issues, especially when cruising off the beaten track.

"Many of the regions our clients seek to visit are relatively untamed, often with little infrastructure for visiting yachts, so knowledge and experience is pivotal in planning expeditions to these areas," says Carroll. "Safety, of course, is paramount, as is treating the environments we operate in with respect, leaving as little a footprint as possible.

"Special permissions from governments are sometimes required for the activities we plan, as well as permits. The cultural interactions we arrange require careful and considerate brokering and proper risk assessment and due diligence are key."

Ideally clients should book an expedition charter seven months in advance to allow for the application of permits. Experts also need a full understanding of the yacht's operations, technical assessments and trip costs, and will have considerable contact with the captain and engineer during the planning process, especially for owner trips.

As the world opens up and remote destinations become more accessible by sea, it's an exciting era to travel – an adventure yacht charter can become part of your life story.



WATERSPORTS

Not content with having the biggest and best-looking yacht on the market? There's a whole host of superyachts out there with a garage of tenders and toys to keep everyone entertained, from SUP and kayaks to jet skis, wakeboards and more.

From jet skis and wakeboards to driving ranges on the sea, half the fun of chartering a superyacht is getting to play around in the water, and the yacht's toy box is where all the fun begins. With new models coming on the market regularly, there's plenty to keep thrill seekers entertained during a charter, with toys to spark the interest of even the most mature adults.

What's more, in response to growing consumer demand for superyacht toys that

have less impact on the marine environment, there's an increasing number of eco-friendly options so you can get out on the water with a lighter footprint.

Get on board

Designed for professionals to be able to push to the limits and for new riders to be able to learn safely, the Lift eFoil is an electric hydrofoil board that literally lets you fly over the water.

Designed to reach speeds of more than 25mph, there's no towing required on this stylish piece of equipment that lets you raise up and glide along like a silent, airborne dolphin – and it's eco-friendly too!

Sail away

A product of three years of development, the RS Aero is a boat that completely resets the standard for pure exhilaration in a simple single-hander. Extremely light and beautifully simple, this recreational sailboat is just the thing for those who want a little taste of an

international sailing regatta while enjoying some time alone on the water.

Cycle on water

The world's first water bike that replicates the cycling experience on water, the Manta5, uses the same technology as the America's Cup sailboats, and are a great piece of kit for exploring ocean coastlines and lakeside waterways. Reaching up to 12mph, these recreational water bikes are ridden just like any other with pedal assist to fit your needs, perfect for those looking for some fun and fitness out on the water.

The new jet ski

The next generation of jet skis is soon to arrive with the new Taiga Motor Electric Orca. Weighing under 600lbs with a 23kW battery pack, these beauties have up to 180 horsepower meaning guests can enjoy a fast, adrenaline-fuelled ride without the emissions. The Orca can last up to two hours on full charge, and even has a waterproof digital





PHOTOGRAPH: Manta

display between the handlebars where riders can tap into a fair bit of technology including GPS maps, LTE, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth radios, making your ride all the more thrilling.

Create extra space

Whether you use it to sunbathe on the ocean, do some yoga, as a stand-up paddleboard or dock for your water toys, an inflatable platform is a dream for superyachts. Creating extra space to play, platforms inflate in just five minutes and come in all shapes and sizes depending on your needs. What's more, they offer the ideal opportunity to take some you-time away from the hubbub of the main decking area.

On dry land

Having a bike on board is a great way to get around once you arrive in port, and the Swiftly Marine Scooter is the ideal vehicle to nip around marinas and cities both safely and sustainably.

Electric bikes have the advantage of making touring even easier and faster, so you can effortlessly glide up hills with the 250W brushless hub motor and 36V lithium-ion battery before freewheeling down for that on-land adrenaline rush. Once you're done, the scooter can be stowed away in its protective bag ready to be taken back on board as you prepare to set sail once more.



PHOTOGRAPH: eFoil

Top tender

If you're looking for the ultimate multi-performance superyacht tender, Nautique is the name to know as the leading manufacturer of luxury wake and ski boats. The Ingenuity P220 is also the highest performing electric towboat propulsion system in the world, making it environmentally-friendly too.

Providing the ultimate stage for fun on the water, whether you're a pro wakeboarder or a child looking to take their first water skiing lesson, there's an option to suit all capabilities.

CORPORATE CHARTERS

Luxury yachts have all-encompassing features when opting for a corporate charter – a place to stay, entertain and meet with your valued clients, with luxury conference rooms and excellent Wi-Fi, where better to have your office than at sea?

Some of the world's top destinations offer a range of luxury yachts for hire for corporate charters, ensuring the vessels lining the perimeter of the harbour are the centre of attention at an event.

Corporate yacht charters are an excellent option for socially distanced business networking at international trade shows such as Cannes Lions, MIPIM and MIPCOM, or you can thrill your esteemed guests at high profile events such as the Monaco Grand Prix or the Singapore Grand Prix.

If you want all eyes on your company for client meetings, product launches, business presentations, employee incentives or private parties, a corporate yacht charter is a novel way to put your brand on show.

Business and entertaining

Leading companies are getting in on the action, seeing yachts as impeccable floating venues that combine meeting spaces with state-of-the-art AV systems, premium accommodation and multifunctional entertaining zones.

A corporate yacht charter is an effective way to impress valued clients, whether it's boosting your business seminar with the latest onboard technology or entertaining them at glamorous cocktail receptions.

A rise in the importance of employee satisfaction has seen global companies turning their attention to chartering a luxury yacht as a reward to say thank

you to employees, or to use as a base for teambuilding days. The icing on the cake is a private chef and professional crew delivering exceptional service and catering throughout the day.

Corporate charter yachts are typically moored close to the action, so you'll also be spared the hassle and costs of transport, hotels and venue hire. For guests who want to be transported to and from key coastal locations, charter brokers can arrange VIP tenders – ready to go when time is of the essence.

Showcase your brand

Experienced charter brokers are skilled at event planning and liaising with the most discerning corporate clients where the value of brand communication is paramount. Static yacht charters ensure excellent visibility because the yacht you hire can be branded with company flags, banners, balloons and promotional signage.





Pop-up marquees can be erected on the quay for parties and additional staff can be brought in to ensure your event runs smoothly in a professional manner. Consider a luxury yacht as a platform to represent your business: it's the ultimate showcase to set the tone for your brand and stand out from your competitors at major events.

Tailored solutions

Many sizes and types of yacht are available to suit the occasion and duration of the event. Charter packages can also include tailor-made activities to ensure you get the most out of your experience, whether it's networking, hosting cocktail parties or taking clients on a day cruise complete with watersports.

Expect compliments when you treat your top clients to a Monaco Grand Prix charter where they can watch the race action from the top deck with a drink in hand, followed by a private visit to the paddock and pit lane. Or finish a morning at a Cannes event by whisking your colleagues away to Saint Tropez for a sumptuous lunch on board, ending the day with a rejuvenating dip in the jacuzzi.

A winning formula

Deck and interior seating areas are ideal for socialising or hosting informal business meetings in comfort and privacy, while luxury cabins provide stylish accommodation for employees or guests, complete with fine linens and private en suites. Professionally crewed vessels also include a world-class chef providing exquisite cuisine throughout your stay on board.

Versatility is a winning formula where you can be as active or as relaxed as you like. Soak up the atmosphere at quayside restaurants, drop anchor in picturesque coves for a client lunch on the aft deck or watch



the city skyline light up as the sun sets. If it's impact you're looking for, a corporate charter is sure to make a lasting impression!

Working with a professional charter broker

The charter market is highly competitive, so whether you desire a modern superyacht, a classic sailing vessel, a large party yacht or a day charter boat, it's important to work with a reputable charter broker.

Professional charter brokers have specialist knowledge about a yacht's crew and facilities. They regularly visit the yachts available to keep up to date with the crew on board, and have established relationships with port authorities which is essential for securing berths during popular events.

Of course it's advisable to book far in advance to ensure the availability of your chosen yacht and the best possible spot in port. Start by mapping out your budget, preferences and the type of experience you're looking for, so your charter broker can recommend the most suitable options.

Once finalised, your broker will manage the entire process, from explaining the terms of your contract and charter fees to managing catering preferences, activities and itinerary planning. They can also assist in sourcing entertainment, DJs, top of the range AV systems, photographers, marketing materials and helicopters, as well as booking transfers and restaurants ashore.

In an era where brand equity and customer loyalty are more important than ever, a corporate yacht charter is a smart and memorable way to do business.

DIVING

For lovers of the sea, one of the greatest attractions of a superyacht charter is the freedom to explore both above and below, with privileged access to some of the most beautiful and remote corners of the globe. And for those who want to immerse themselves in the rich ocean life all around, there's nothing to beat scuba diving from the comfort of your own yacht.

Imagine diving with barracudas, moray eels, turtles and dolphins in the heart of Fiji's archipelago brimming with caves and unspoilt coral reefs, or maybe you prefer to cast off for the Caribbean, where wide angle reefs, pinnacles and underwater canyons comprise one of the most spectacular marine reserves on the planet.

The underwater world is a paradise for all to witness and enjoy, whether you're new to snorkelling or a seasoned diver. Arranged by your captain and led by some of the best professional divers on the planet, prepare to

be dazzled by rainbow corals on the Great Barrier Reef, intrigued by the underwater wrecks in New Zealand, and awestruck by humpbacks in Tonga.

Snorkelling with manta rays

Manta rays are plentiful in areas of Asia and the South Pacific, and it's not uncommon to see a school of these magnificent fish feeding or being groomed by smaller fish, gliding gracefully under the water around the boat. Evident throughout the region, the greatest numbers are found around Baa Atoll in the northern Maldives, Myanmar, Thailand, Komodo and Raja Ampat in Indonesia, Fiji and the islands of Tahiti.

Behold the giant humphead parrotfish

Malaysia, Borneo and Indonesia are renowned for incredible underwater scenes with vibrant colours, and it's here that you might see a school of majestic giant humphead parrotfish. Listed as an endangered species, an encounter is always a special moment.

Underwater wonders in the Pacific

There are breathtaking diving spots all over the world but, with its unparalleled and healthy marine environment, the Pacific Ocean is home to abundant marine wildlife,

promising exceptional encounters in locations only reachable by boat.

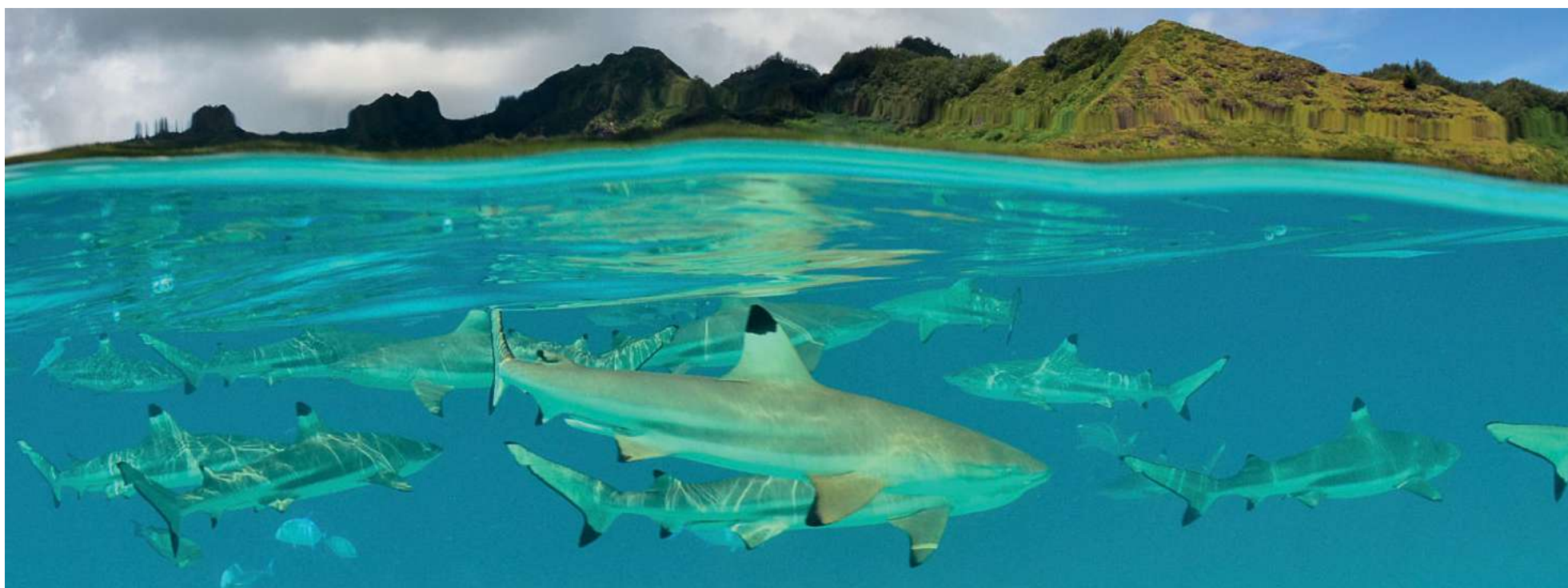
This huge area stretching from Tahiti to South East Asia offers unlimited and varied underwater experiences ideal for snorkelling, scuba and technical rebreather diving, as well as submersibles. The region is committed to the protection of its wildlife which therefore thrives in some of the most beautiful marine sanctuaries on earth.

Wildlife in the Fjords

From untouched reefs and pristine marine life to the jaw-dropping beauty of the fjords, the waters around New Zealand are not the warmest but they're rich with underwater wildlife – Jacques Cousteau included Fiordland in his list of top 10 places to dive. Here you'll encounter orcas and seals and see the highest concentration of black coral trees in the world. Due to high rainfall draining into the fjords and the shade of the mountains, these giant corals have migrated to shallower depths amidst a plethora of brightly coloured red and white corals.

Swimming with humpback whales

Between July and November every year, humpbacks travel from the Antarctic to the





tropical waters of Tahiti or Tonga to give birth or find a mate. Remaining close to the reefs, it's a magical experience to swim with these gentle giants, hear the soulful call of the males or witness calves at play. The best sightings tend to be around Moorea, the Tahiti Peninsula, and further west around the islands of Tonga.

Diving with bottlenose dolphins

On a superyacht charter you're likely to see dolphins in a variety of destinations, but for a fully immersive experience there's no better place than Rangiroa atoll in the Tuamotu archipelago of French Polynesia. A sedentary pod of bottlenose dolphins has become familiar with divers and they keenly welcome your attention!

Friendly encounters with sharks

Sharks are a vital part of the marine ecosystem and seeing them up close with a safely-guided encounter is an experience you won't forget. You can expect to see great white sharks off Stewart Island in New Zealand and bull sharks around Fiji and Australia's Great Barrier Reef, while the islands of Tahiti are home to a dozen species including tiger, lemon and hammerhead sharks.

Exploring historical wrecks

Wreck diving is a true voyage of discovery, with many sunken ships having historical importance, even re-writing the history books.

In Vanuatu you can dive the 187m SS President Coolidge, a cruise ship converted to transport US troops and military equipment that sunk during WWII. Along the Great Barrier Reef you can explore the 109m SS Yongala which sank during a hurricane taking the lives of her 121 passengers, still fully intact and home to a variety of beautiful marine life.

To the north of New Zealand's South Island, you'll discover the 175m luxury liner Michael Lemontov which sunk in 1986 and now houses a wide variety of fish and anemones. Another dive highlight is Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior which was sunk by the French government in 1985 and lies in the Bay of Islands off the North Island.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Who would choose to return from an amazing destination-hopping experience feeling jaded and burnt out after too much rich fine dining and partying when you could return feeling fresh and revitalised?

With the popularity of wellness holidays increasing and becoming *de rigueur* for many, it's clear that sultry sunset decks, infinity pools and cocktail bars are no longer enough for the discerning luxury charter client, who also wants to de-stress, eat healthily, unwind and exercise.

Choosing a health-orientated retreat situated in the comfortable and utterly private confines of your own superyacht, far from the interruptions and distractions of daily life, with only unrivalled vistas, deserted beaches and spectacular horizons for company has to be

one of the most enjoyable ways to recharge your health. In fact, your body will regenerate, heal and revive far more effectively in such a hallowed and tranquil environment.

Mind, body and soul

The key, however, is in choosing a yacht that understands the importance of continuing, or embarking on, an invigorating and regenerating programme as part of an all-encompassing reset for your mind, body and soul. After all, if you're feeling at the top of your game both physically and mentally, you will reap the most reward from your charter.

Happily, there is now a vast plethora of superyachts which offer dedicated wellness centres – even entire wellness decks. State-of-the-art spa facilities, private gyms and one to one expert instruction in yoga, Pilates and meditation which could easily rival the world's finest health clubs and hotel leisure complexes are no longer a rarity on board, but a necessity for the upper league of charter superyachts.

The most avant-garde vessels have already taken the initiative in elevating wellness to the next level, providing access to acupuncture, Reiki, life coaching and Ayurveda specialists on board.

Many health professionals and instructors are happy to arrange bespoke programmes for guests and will oversee your progress during the course of the trip. With temptation far out of reach and a realistic set of goals in front of you, prepare to be amazed by the results of a carefully curated fitness and food plan and the impact this could have on your general health and wellbeing.

Alternatively, as there is nothing more convenient than travelling with your own dedicated wellness experts, you could consider taking your favourite yoga teacher or meditation guru with you, ensuring that your day to day health routine continues seamlessly.





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Sunrise yoga on the swim platform? Sunset massage on the sun deck? Or perhaps cherry picking your next anchorage as you cruise alongside challenging hiking and cycling routes, killer kite-surfing spots and beaches offering surfers the perfect break? It's all possible.

Healthy nutrition

Good nutrition is obviously a major factor in helping to curate the perfect wellness retreat. Fresh, local produce which has been beautifully prepared and served with panache has always been a draw for charter guests, and being on a macrobiotic, raw food or alkaline diet is no bar to this. Superyacht chefs are increasingly happy to create menus around a Paleo, dairy-free, vegan or detoxifying diet depending on your wishes and requirements. Most galleys keep dairy-free milks like almond, oat, coconut and soy in stock alongside gluten-free flour and pasta and other low allergen ingredients.

There is more and more demand for health-boosting cuisine like whole grains, fresh green juices, herbal teas, organic salads and low sugar desserts.

Indeed, yachting holidays were born to be spa friendly. Nature's medicine is fresh air, water, sunshine and relaxation, which all

aid good sleeping patterns and lead to a greater sense of wellbeing. Thalassotherapy was named after the Greek word thalasso, meaning sea, and is based on using seawater as a form of therapy which can benefit skin conditions and pores.

Energise or relax

What could be lovelier than rounding off an intense day of activity and exploring with a relaxing facial, massage or seaweed wrap on deck as you inhale fresh sea air and the ocean gently laps beneath you before tucking into a delicious and healthy superfood supper under the stars? It takes relaxation to a whole new level!

The phenomenal range of spa facilities available on board varies from one yacht to another, but some of the more cutting edge features include Finnish saunas which open directly onto the ocean, snow rooms, hammams and Turkish baths, hydrotherapy baths, hot and cold jacuzzis, chromotherapy spas and programmable water jets in the shower to alter mood and energy levels.

Combined with dedicated massage areas, yoga shalas, hair and nail salons and glass-bottomed spa pools, the sheer range of pamper-friendly places to relax and unwind is endless. Why not put yourself in the hands



PHOTOGRAPH: Eternity

of highly trained spa professionals whose knowledge of the latest techniques and specialist treatments will ensure you depart for home with a youthful exuberance and glow?

Luxury spas

It's not just about what happens on board, either – there's a wealth of luxury on land spas in every yachting hotspot, should you wish for a little pampering on dry land. Case in point? Huvaafen Fushi, a secret hideaway on North Malé Atoll, just half an hour by speedboat from the international airport, is a sanctuary of wellness. Start your day with a session of sunrise yoga with Kerala-born Jay on the overwater yoga shala before heading to its incredible Pearl health and beauty spa, which houses the world's first and only underwater spa.

Depending on the time of year, you might be lucky enough to experience sessions with some of the world's leading beauty and health practitioners who run retreats here, including celebrity facialist Teresa Tarmey and Pure Massage founder Beata Aleksandrowicz, who come twice a year to train the in-house therapists. Treatments available include healing, Reiki and crystals-based experiences as well as couples treatments.

If that isn't zen for the mind, body and soul, then what is?

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

While chartering a superyacht is a special occasion in itself, if you're planning a once in a lifetime event – be it a wedding, a significant birthday, a major achievement or just because – then you've come to the right place.

The moment you leave land and step on board your superyacht is the moment you leave the regular world behind and enter a new one where tailor-made, unique and bespoke experiences lie ahead.

Whatever the occasion, there's no place more special to celebrate, with a professional crew on hand to help create that unique and exquisite moment that fulfils a dream.

For the kids

When it comes to animated celebrations for the little ones, themed events are extremely popular among crew and it's not uncommon for them to dress up and entertain with dance, song and traditions based on the local cruising grounds.

The crew might dress up as heroes and heroines, pirates or Spiderman, climbing around the yacht, peeking out of hidden nooks and crannies and diving into the water, a spectacle that never fails to delight the younger guests on board.

Surprise surprise

Crew love nothing better than going all out for a guest's special occasion – if you can dream it, they can do it! For one owner, the crew created a romantic candlelit dinner for 12 guests on a deserted beach, where they ferried all

supplies to the remote island in the Caribbean. And just before setting sail after a wedding anniversary dinner, one captain organised a surprise firework display lighting up the sky for the happy couple to the sound of 'New York, New York', where the husband had originally popped the question.

And it's not uncommon for crew to assist with marriage proposals during a charter either, perhaps arranging an intimate dinner al fresco surrounded by candles and live music.

Many yachts also host weddings – surely the ultimate backdrop for the family album!

No request too big

Crew tend to be highly creative and imaginative with their ideas, often enacting themes and activities that you wouldn't expect to find on board a yacht. Standout examples





include boules played on an initialled cashmere carpet and a golf tournament complete with a professional golfer, biodegradable golf balls and floating targets at sea.

No time? No worries! One owner requested an onboard party for more than 200 guests less than five hours before it was scheduled to begin, with the crew being able to perform the unthinkable to the utmost precision.

Engage with the environment

One of the big draws of a superyacht charter is being able to get up close and personal with marine life, but what if you were able to do your bit for the environment, too?

One crew and guests with diving experience assisted in placing 80 sea anchors with transponders on the sea floor to record when a school of sharks were passing, enabling them to better understand their behaviour. Another searched for turtle tracks from the air using the owner's helicopter, allowing scientists to observe their movements and study their behaviour.

Real winter wonderlands

Chartering over Christmas and the New Year is another popular choice, a time for families to come together and celebrate while the crew transform your yacht into a winter wonderland full of personal touches and thoughtful ideas.

"On a private yacht charter, owners and guests are blessed with some of the best service in the world," says Inge Nielsen, founder of Inge Nielsen Ltd, a company dedicated to creating unique experiences on board. "Allowing you to explore some of the world's most exclusive regions and revel in the pristine, unspoiled beauty of remote islands, hidden coves and secret dive sites, they can plan every detail to perfection."

If you're looking for something truly special, the unique setting of a superyacht together with the crew's imagination, thoughtfulness and fine eye for detail are sure to deliver, creating memories that you will cherish for life.

DESTINATIONS





CÔTE D'AZUR

The archetypal superyacht holiday destination, the timeless elegance of the Côte d'Azur and French Riviera has attracted the rich, famous, talented and aristocratic for many decades, and shows no sign of losing its allure. From the legendary status conferred on Saint Tropez through to the glamorous hub that is Cannes, the Riviera is the go-to coastline for designer shopping, clubbing and relaxing in some of the world's most spectacular locations.

While taking in the sights and sounds of the area's most iconic spots – perhaps a cocktail at the historic Grand-Hotel du Cap Ferrat or a grand crème coffee and some fascinating people watching at Saint Tropez's chic café Sénéquier – there is also the chance to check out some of the quieter coves and gloriously unspoilt isles which, while slightly more under the radar, are no less beautiful than their better known counterparts.



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The Riviera also plays host to a stellar line up of glittering social events throughout the year, meaning your trip could include an unforgettable glimpse of the stars on the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival or the high energy buzz of Monaco's F1 Grand Prix from the comfort of your superyacht deck in the harbour. Tennis fans can also relish the opportunity to witness some of the finest players on the circuit compete at the Rolex Monte Carlo Masters Championship, while an enviable line up of world-famous DJs play at Cannes' Palais des Festivals in August. Alternatively, why not simply soak up the tranquility and beauty of the quietly lapping azure waters of the Mediterranean, with nothing more than a leisurely snorkel or swim to occupy your mind. Whatever sort of charter you are after, the options are endless.

St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

Your charter kicks off in St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, a favourite haunt of royalty as well as Charlie Chaplin, Somerset Maugham, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Known as one of the pearls of the Riviera, this former fishing village lies on its own peninsula between Beaulieu-sur-Mer and Villefranche-sur-Mer, and is renowned for lush vegetation and dramatically rocky beaches.

Cannes

Cannes is the next stop, where you can wander along the celebrated Croisette, home to the world's leading designer brands, or step back in time exploring Le Suquet, the beautiful old town with its winding cobbled streets and charming traditional bistros.



Saint Tropez

A place that needs no introduction, sail overnight and anchor in Saint Tropez, where distinctive mustard and ochre coloured architecture beautifully frame your entry into this most iconic of ports. Enjoy the carefree boho beach elegance of the charming Cabane Bambou before heading back on board to discover quaint Le Lavandou just along the coastline. Some of the region's finest rosé wines are produced nearby, including Chateau Léoube, Minuty and Domaine Ott.

Bandol

Onwards to the old fortified town of Bandol in the Var department, one of Provence's most internationally-recognised wine regions as well as one of its most authentic holiday destinations. The crystal-clear waters and interesting marine life make this a superb spot for diving and snorkelling too, so be sure to get out in the water.



Cassis

Cassis gave its name to the sweet dark red blackcurrant liqueur produced here (which makes a mean Kir Royal) and is your next charter stop. Overlooked by the centuries old Chateau de Cassis, it's best known for its pebbly beaches, turquoise waters and narrow calanque inlets surrounded by dramatic limestone cliffs. Here you'll find some fantastic photo opportunities.

Ile des Embiez

Discover delightful Ile des Embiez – a picture-perfect paradise of rocky coves and the sandy Plage des Salins as well as a natural haven for maritime flora, fauna and marine life – before heading off to Pampelonne Beach, Saint Tropez's most famous stretch of sand. Home to celebrity beach haunts such as Club 55 – which played a cameo role in Brigitte Bardot's movie And God Created Woman – and hedonistic Nikki Beach, enjoy one last frolic on the fine white sands before bidding au revoir to your yacht back in Saint Tropez.

CORSICA AND SARDINIA

One of the true jewels of the Mediterranean boasting almost 2,000 km of pristine coastline comprising hidden coves and spectacular sandy beaches fringing an emerald sea, the stunning island of Sardinia is a beach lover's paradise. There is plenty to experience inland too, where the terrain is mountainous, rugged and dotted with nuraghe – bizarre Bronze Age stone ruins which look like beehives. And of course, for gourmet and culture vultures, the capital Cagliari and ancient walled city of Alghero are not to be missed.

One of Sardinia's most alluring spots and superyacht utopia is the exclusive Costa Smeralda. Created by the Aga Khan in the 1960s to attract the jet set and Hollywood A-listers, this is the place to people watch over a cocktail or two before taking a tour of the area's upscale designer boutiques.

A short 14 km sail away due north is Corsica, Sardinia's equally impressive French cousin. An island idyll of chic coastal towns, wild forest hinterlands and prestigious vineyards, Corsica's towering craggy granite peaks and sheer mountain ridges make sailing around its shores the perfect way to navigate this incredibly unspoilt and geographically diverse region.

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It's also known as one of the most mountainous areas in Europe, retaining a natural, almost savage beauty – not for nothing was it christened France's Ile de Beauté – yet also retains its inimitable independent Corsican character. Admire the remarkable setting of the ancient southern fortress town of Bonifacio from the deck, elevated atop dazzling white cliffs, as you soak up the astonishing landscape of this unique island.

Porto Cervo

The most renowned spot in the Costa Smeralda, the marina here is one of the largest and most exclusive ports in the Mediterranean. There's plenty to occupy your time before heading out of harbour; watch the celebrities and A-listers hanging out, pick up some cool finds at Esmeralda Boutique or catch an art exhibition with some of the industry's biggest names. Head for supper and a sundowner at one of the chic restaurants or bars nearby before retiring to the yacht in preparation for your trip.

Cala Luna

One of the most beautiful beaches in Sardinia, Cala Luna is a crescent of white sand popular with both tourists and Italian families alike. Set against a backdrop of steep limestone cliffs and verdant foliage, you can observe the colourful marine life as you snorkel through the turquoise waters and marvel at the incredible stalactites, stalagmites and rock carvings of the Bue Marino Caves nearby, which are accessible only by sea.

La Maddalena Islands

These protected rocky islands form part of the Maddalena Archipelago National Park. Close in proximity and surrounded by shallow waters and enchanting seabeds full of flora and fauna, they are the perfect spot for some scuba diving, snorkelling or simply lounging on day three of your island tour.

La Maddalena

Known as one of Sardinia's best kept secrets, La Maddalena is a quiet place of turquoise lagoons and deserted islands. Exploring the pink beach with barely a footstep to spoil them before touching down on Budelli Island, which owes its colour to the countless miniscule skeletons of tiny animals brought in on the currents.

Roccapina

Once you've had your fill of Sardinia, it's time to head to Corsica and marvel at the vertiginous perched town of Bonifacio before arriving at Roccapina, where the wind and sea spray has carved out the shape of a lion in the pink-hued granite hills. A relaxed BBQ picnic lunch among the sand dunes is the perfect way to spend an afternoon here before enjoying sundowner drinks on board as the sun sets magically in the distance.

Lavezzi Islands

Following a hearty breakfast on board, enjoy a morning exploring the Lavezzi Archipelago – seven isles of granite and reefs in the Strait of Bonifacio which separates Corsica from Sardinia. This wonderful paradise comprises sandy creeks, crystal clear waters and possesses an almost lunarlike appearance.

Bonifacio

Set sail on the afternoon of day seven for a leisurely cruise to nearby Bonifacio, the City of Cliffs whose medieval clifftop citadel watches over you as you enjoy a final supper and night on board before making your return home.



AMALFI COAST



From historic architecture to breathtaking natural views, if you're after some old-world Italian glamour, look no further than the Amalfi Coast. Long celebrated as Italy's most beautiful coastline, spectacular scenery, charming coastal villages, calm beaches and divine pizza abound, this combination of history, culture, art and cuisine has long made the region popular with discerning travellers.

Aristocrats have been vacationing here for thousands of years too – ever since the ancient Romans escaped the hustle and bustle of their capital.

Overlooked by the towering volcanic peak of Mount Vesuvius, the Bay of Naples is the perfect place to start your adventure, and an ideal gateway to the more exclusive regions of Capri and Positano. The former can only be reached by boat, making visiting by superyacht so ideal, and your captain will ensure that you visit parts of the island that are inaccessible by other means.

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This spell-binding itinerary will also take in some of the more remote Mediterranean Islands such as Ponza, which beckons you with its ruggedly beautiful shores, quiet bays and a few tourist sites, as well as ample delicious restaurants should you wish to take dinner onshore one evening.

It's the ideal respite from the buzz of Capri and Naples, while the breathtaking views will ensure picture perfect memories.

While there's also the option to visit Rome, we recommend heading back to Naples to end your trip and saving that amazing city for another time – this trip is all about relaxation, food and shallow, crystal clear waters. What more could you want?

Naples

Your Italian affair will start and end at Sannazzaro Marina in Naples, but prior to embarking, take some time for a walk around the wonderful 'Lungomare' and Riviera di Chiaia. Dine on board or indulge at one of the city's delectable restaurants – you are in the birthplace of the pizza, after all.

Ischia

The largest island in the Bay of Naples and considered by many to be the most beautiful stop off is Ischia, where you'll discover its hot springs in Campania. Rich in muds, fumaroles and sands, a quick dip is believed to offer relief for all kinds of health problems.

Ponza

Encircled by dramatic coves and cliffs, step ashore and get some pictures next to Ponza's colourful houses. Thought of by many as a less spoilt version of Capri, enjoy an afternoon cruise before stopping off at Chiaia di Luna – one of the most famous beaches in the region.

Capri

Cruise overnight and wake up in Capri – the most coveted island on the coast and one that can only be reached by boat. Discover the Grotta Bianca, Natural Arch, Faraglioni rocks and the bay of Marina Piccola before ending the day with some traditional Italian food at Da Paolino's Lemon Trees restaurant.



Positano

A one-hour cruise back towards the mainlands and you'll be in the hillside village of Positano, which is the perfect playground for watersports. Known as the 'gem of the divine coast', the panoramic view of the town is as beautiful as the seascape so take advantage and dine on board with a five-course feast.

Amalfi

Obviously you can't visit the Amalfi Coast and not stop off at Amalfi. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its undisputed beauty and unique landscape, there are many historical points of interest to check out, including the imposing Cathedral St Andrew and the Campanile (bell tower).

Sorrento

A small town in Campania famous for its limoncello, this town features beautiful architecture plus many cafés and shops. Enjoy the lemon terraces, the pretty small port of Marina Piccola and the roman ruins before sundowners on board among all the other superyachts docked in the lazy port.

SICILY



As the largest island in the Mediterranean, Sicily is much loved for its rich and varied cultural history, vibrant street food scene and plethora of stunning natural parks in which to explore. What's more, thanks to its ideal cruising proximity to the stunning Aeolian archipelago, there are active volcanoes, sparkling azure waters and spellbinding panoramic views within easy reach.

Situated just off the toe of the Italian boot, it also boasts a world-class kite surfing and windsurfing scene, as well as several new golf courses. And when you're looking to slow down a little, you can experience some of the island's renowned state-of-the-art mineral and sulphur rich waterbased spa treatments.

Start your adventure in the historic city of Naples on mainland Italy, and as your week unfolds, you can explore medieval ruins by day while watching volcanic eruptions on Stromboli by night as well as making time to enjoy all that this richly diverse part of Southern Italy has to offer, with cooking classes and wine tastings an absolute must for the discerning traveller.

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A strong Greek influence prevails throughout the island, which is evident in the Greek temples of Selinunte and Syracuse and the Greco-Roman theatre of Taormina which are waiting to be discovered.

Sicily is also home to Europe's largest active volcano, Mount Etna, and enjoying a long and balmy summer season stretching from April through to October, you can rest assured that your Sicilian adventure will be an unforgettable experience for all the senses.

Naples

You will meet your yacht in mainland Italy's third largest city Naples – a centre of art and architecture standing in the shadows of imposing Mount Vesuvius. With its wonderful atmosphere, stunning frescoes and historical importance of the city's squares and landmarks, spend the afternoon wandering its charming streets, discovering local trattorias and chatting to the friendly locals.

When the sun sets, you will set sail for Sorrento, dropping anchor near Pompeii for the night.

Pompeii

Home to some of the world's most fascinating and well preserved ruins, Pompeii is a history lover's dream. The city was a thriving settlement when it was destroyed by a devastating eruption in AD 79, and a private tour of the ancient site will encompass the Temples of Apollo and Jupiter as well as the plaster casts of victims captured forever at the moment of their death.

If you've still got the energy, conquer the 40 minute hike to peer into Vesuvius' crater before rejoining the yacht for dinner on board.

Ischia

Hiding in the shadow of its more famous sister Capri, the volcanic isle of Ischia lies just 30 km from Naples and is home to over 100 healing mineral rich thermal springs. Combined with a stunning selection of sandy beaches, it remains an undiscovered paradise for the moment, the perfect spot for some watersports and a lazy lunch.



Stromboli

Cruise overnight and wake up in Stromboli for one of the many highlights of the trip. Home to the highly active volcano of the same name, you can observe its magnificence from your yacht, or take a night time hike to watch the eruptions create a dramatic vista across the night skies.

Lipari

The largest of the seven Aeolian Islands, a cruise to Lipari is a must for any Sicily itinerary. A rocky outcrop with sheer drops down to the coast, translucent waters and scenic views across green hills towards the ancient fortified walls of Lipari Town, now's the time to enjoy swimming in the many coves only accessible by boat before heading into the buzzing town to sample some fresh catch of the day.

Riposto

A leisurely cruise to Riposto, which sits in the shadow of Mount Etna, gives you a chance to explore more of mainland Sicily over the next two days. Take a bike ride along the perimeter of the volcano, explore the incredible ruins of Taormina and sample the delicious and addictive local speciality rice balls, known as arancino.

BALEARICS



Bathed in summer sunshine and skirted by platinum sands, each isle of the Balearics possesses its own distinct personality. Mallorca, the largest, offers a diverse array for active travellers including scuba diving, bike trails, hiking and golf, as well as the chance to explore the stunning capital Palma, presided over by Gothic 13th century Santa Maria cathedral. One can spend hours ambling between tapas bars, admiring the sunset over a glass of Rioja, partaking in one of the many fiestas or snapping up locally-made jewellery, leather goods and artisan products in the old part of the city.

Ibiza, traditionally known for its hedonistic and world-renowned clubbing scene, is fast earning a parallel reputation

as one of Europe's most avant-garde wellness destinations, with trailblazing yoga, breathwork and meditative retreats popping up across the island. Add in the hippy markets of Es Cana, Las Dalias and quaint Santa Gertrudis, and not forgetting the sheer OTT glamour of chic boho capital Ibiza Town, and you can see why the White Isle retains its legendary status as the place to see and be seen.

By contrast, neighbouring Formentera – the smallest of the Balearics – possesses a slightly sleepier feel. Famous for its clear turquoise waters and long stretches of beach backed by dunes and palm trees swaying in the warm breeze, it is the ultimate island for relaxation.

HOTSPOTS

Finally, Menorca combines a little of each of its sister isles – the natural beauty of its pine-backed beaches (it has more than Ibiza and Mallorca combined), the potted history of capital Mahon (housing the Med's largest natural harbour and at 30 metres, the world's second deepest) plus an innovative food scene earn its reputation as the jewel of the Balearics.

Whatever your tastes, be it sophisticated dining and partying, spectacular scenery at every turn or picturesque coves and beaches accessible only by boat, the Balearic Islands deliver on every level.

Palma

Spend a day exploring Palma's cool concept stores, divine food, craft markets and stylish boutiques – a visit to Rialto Living or Estilo Sant Feliu, which specialise in distinctive and colourful Mallorquin homeware is a must – before boarding your yacht and arriving at the nature reserve of Cabrera in time for a swim or snorkel before sundowners.

Ibiza Town

Head south to Ibiza, and disembark for a walk around the iconic Ibiza Town. Here you can wander the winding cobbled streets of Dalt Vila, the isle's fortified 'high town' which abounds with history and culture, while the style conscious among you may want to fit in a visit to Ibiza Code, a quirky designer emporium housed in a charming old roadside finca.

Formentera

Onwards to Formentera, a UNESCO World Heritage site which is the perfect antidote for a little escapism; a swim and seafood lunch al fresco at one of her glorious powder white sandy beaches or perhaps hire bikes instead to cycle around the salt flats of this unique isle and get to know her better.

Es Vedra

After an early sail to Es Vedra, anchor for lunch and take in the views by the uninhabited limestone island which is part of the Cala d'Hort nature reserve – and the result of a geological tumble 155 million years ago.



Andratx

An exclusive enclave has become a magnet for the rich and famous, Mallorca's Andratx is your next stop. Occupying a prime position in a valley beneath the imposing Serra de Tramuntana mountains, it is home to one of the island's most beautiful natural ports and also boasts the CCA, one of the largest centres of contemporary art in the Balearics.

Port de Soller

Cruise onwards towards Port de Soller, one of Mallorca's best kept secrets on the west coast, enjoying scintillating views of both the mountains and coast as well as breathtaking sunsets.

Pollença

From here, it's a short hop to the enchanting ancient town of Pollença, just a few miles inland from port, with its striking creamy stone architecture and relaxed old world atmosphere. It's a sight to behold on a Sunday morning when the Plaça Major comes to life as a marketplace and locals and visitors sit side by side drinking coffee in the adjacent cafés.

Cala Morell

Before setting sail back to Palma to end your trip, be sure to fit in a scenic sail to Menorca's Cala Morell. Set in a pine forest in an area of outstanding natural beauty, here you can enjoy a final hurrah filled with tranquility, laughter and, of course, great food and wine.

GREECE

A dramatic photograph of a large, light-colored rock formation with a natural sea cave opening, set against a clear blue sky and turquoise water. The rock face is rugged and textured, with some reddish-brown staining. The cave opening is dark and leads into the interior of the rock. The water in the foreground is a vibrant turquoise color, and the sky is a deep, clear blue.

Few corners of the globe offer the devastating combination of ancient historical sites nestling tantalisingly close to idyllic, virtually untouched beaches as you'll find in the Greek Ionian Islands – perfect to discover by superyacht.

Among the best loved of Greece's 6,000 islands that remain under the radar compared to better known Mykonos and Santorini, the Ionian Islands enjoy a temperate year-round climate and dramatically rugged shorelines, the result of the seismic activity that first cast them off the mainland.

Nowhere is Greece's historic and myth-strewn past more evident than in this heavenly setting, where you can bob contentedly in the most tranquil of harbours, take in the spectacular views of near deserted coves or bathe in the softly lapping turquoise blue waters of the Ionian Sea.

It's the ultimate destination for cruising the less populated, but no less beautiful isles of Corfu, Paxos, Anti Paxos, Zakynthos, Lefkas and Kefalonia, which benefit from a mild and predictable weather pattern that creates a lush, almost rainforest-like landscape.

HOTSPOTS

The Ionian Islands are also the perfect destination for sailing. Kite and windsurfers favour the kind but lively conditions here, while Lefkas is famed for its award winning beaches and a wide array of marine life including monk seals and loggerhead turtles, creating unforgettable experiences for snorkellers and divers.

Enjoy a touch of culture too, exploring the plentiful monasteries, museums and medieval castles in this region, which spent centuries under Venetian rule, before upping the tempo and enjoying the ever more sophisticated and upmarket nightlife scene on the islands.

Corfu

Soak up the atmosphere of this eclectic island, where British, French and Venetian influences abound, crossing the moat to enjoy remarkable views from the 14th century Old Fortress in the pedestrianised Old Town.

There's a vibrant food scene here too, so plan a late and languid lunch in the old Jewish Quarter before retiring to Spianada Square, the largest in the Balkans, for an iced espresso to watch the world go by.

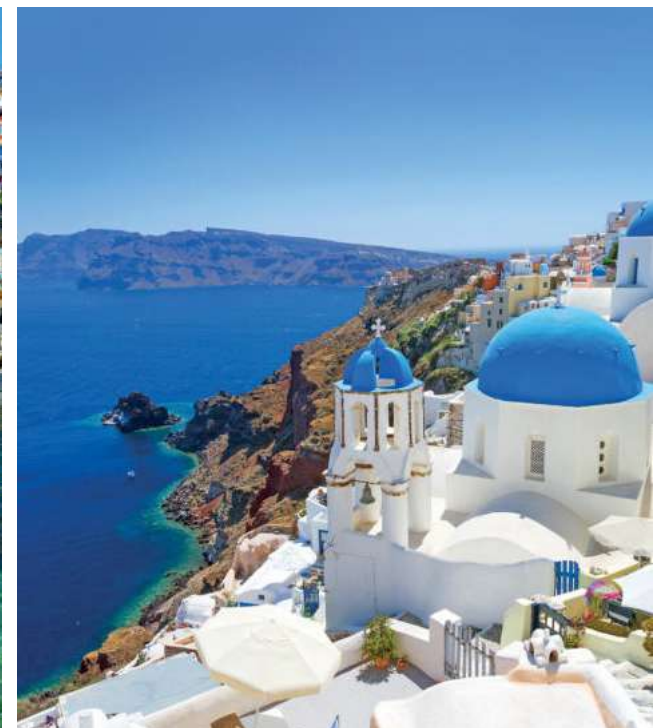
Anti Paxos

Heading to Anti Paxos, you'll be charmed by this tiny jewel of an island. Boasting shimmering white sands lapped by translucent aquamarine waters, it's home to just a handful of local residents, so you can blissfully spend the day snorkelling and lazing before setting sail once more to enjoy a magnificent sunset.

Lefkas

Spend time relaxing during a morning cruise to Lefkas, where a spectacular coastline is dotted with deserted white sand beaches, sheltered coves and towering cliffs.

It's the ideal spot to enjoy some sunbathing, swimming or watersports around the nearby emerald Sivota Bay before heading back on board for dinner.



Zakynthos

Known for its spectacular beaches, the most famous of which is Navagio, or Shipwreck Beach, Zakynthos is a playground for those who enjoy the finer things in life while appreciating nature in all its splendour. Home to nesting Caretta Caretta and loggerhead turtles, it effortlessly combines a beach chic vibe, channelled by the Peligoni Club's House Festival each September, which is a must visit if you're in the area.

Kefalonia

Be sure to plan a stop at Kefalonia, the largest of the Ionian Islands, into your itinerary, and spend time exploring its dazzling beaches, limestone cliffs and deep green mountains. You will certainly feel like you've stepped back in time here. The setting for Captain Corelli's Mandolin, this idyllic isle has an enviably slow pace of life where a swim, a leisurely barbecued lunch and a sunset apéro might be all you manage to fit in. And that's just fine. For the more adventurous, spend a few hours exploring the capital Argostoli and marvel at the majestic beauty of Myrtos beach, one of the most beautiful in Greece.

Paxos

One of the least commercial isles of the Ionians, the aquamarine sea, garden-like landscape and pebble beaches have made Paxos an enduring favourite among artists for its incredibly beautiful setting. This tiny isle is seven miles by three so can easily be explored in a day. The capital Gaios is surrounded by olive groves and boasts typically quaint Venetian architecture as well as a bustling café culture. It's the perfect wrap to your charter before returning to Corfu ready for your trip home.

CROATIA AND MONTENEGRO

The eastern Mediterranean cruising grounds of Croatia and Montenegro have become increasingly popular with those in search of raw beauty and the road less travelled. Less glitzy and less crowded than the western Mediterranean, they retain a near mythical appeal with a window on ancient histories and cultures like the Ottoman Empire.

Your charter will start in state-of-the-art marina Porto Montenegro, a superyacht hub with exceptional facilities and waterside real estate to rival the likes of anything you'll find further west. While its superyacht credentials are relatively recent, the country boasts a colourful history, waterways studded with picturesque coastal churches and fortified old towns.

HOTSPOTS

As you cruise nomadically through the Adriatic towards the Croatian coast, you will soon discover why this region has enchanted ocean lovers for centuries.

With its waterside-walled cities, dreamy soft white coves and beaches and medieval architecture, the Dalmatian coastline has also developed into a major player in superyacht destinations over the last 20 years.

Panoramic views across forested hillsides and vineyards extend down to more than 1,000 tiny isles, and it's this natural untouched beauty which has rightly seen Croatia – home to 20 UNESCO Heritage sites and eight national parks – being dubbed 'the Pearl of the Adriatic'.

Tivat

A perfect example of a once modest town glamorously reimagined, Tivat is a chic enclave which is now home to the yachting jet set during the summer months. Check out the marina's stylish boutiques, world-class restaurants and buzzing bars before enjoying apéros on board as the sun sets.

Kotor

Experience an unforgettable sail to Montenegro and the breathtaking fjord like Bay of Kotor, generally considered one of the most picturesque bays in the entire Mediterranean. The youngest European nation, Montenegro is a small but diverse region backed by lakes, mountains and rivers, punching well above its weight in terms of wow factors and jaw dropping scenery. Spend the afternoon ambling through the well-preserved fortified town of Kotor framed by a dramatic mountain hinterland wherever you look.

Dubrovnik

On to the picture postcard port of Croatia's Dubrovnik, which is surely one of the most glorious and unspoilt harbours in Europe, matched only by the awe inspiring beauty of its old town. Seize the opportunity to explore this ancient city's 16th century stone wall paths and forts before venturing up Mount Srd which, at 412 metres, affords one of the most spectacular views of Dubrovnik.



Korcula

Less touristy than Dubrovnik, Korcula is one of Dalmatia's most relaxing island getaways, where lush dark pine forests, vineyards and olive groves led to it being nicknamed Black Corfu. Combine a walk around the old town with a swim at one of the pristine and secluded sandy beaches like Luka Korculanska.

Hvar

You'll begin your day with a leisurely sail to Hvar, reputed to be Croatia's party isle (a favourite of Beyoncé and George Clooney) and home to one of Croatia's most beautiful capitals, Hvar Town. Wander the whitewashed towns and cobbled streets before heading for a swim in the clear blue waters of one of Hvar's idyllic southern beach spots before supper.

Split

End your trip by immersing yourself in the turquoise bays of the Pakleni Islands, Hvar's stunning archipelago of wooded isles, en route to Croatia's second largest city. A harmonious blend of modern life and ancient history, the ruins here date back as far as Roman times. Here you can explore the bustling waterfront, the labyrinth of city streets and take in some of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Diocletian's Palace, built in AD 305 for a Roman emperor.

TURKEY



The breathtaking turquoise coast of Turkey with its rugged landscapes, ancient cities, castles and amphitheatres together with sun-kissed beaches and a gentle sea is a rewarding superyacht destination. However, it is the lush green forests of pine and cypress contrasting with the azure water that gives this coast its name.

With beautiful warm weather between April and October, you will board your yacht at Göcek marina and visit impressive white cliffs, crystal clear coves and glowing grottos. Dive off your yacht and explore mirror-still clear lagoons before venturing ashore to sample local Turkish fare.

Many attractive coves and islets remain inaccessible to vehicles, so private yachts, in particular Turkish gulets, are the perfect way to explore the coast. These fully crewed traditional wooden vessels offer a different perspective; a truly authentic experience in the lap of luxury.

HOTSPOTS

There is also much to see ashore where you can discover hidden thermal baths and barter at colourful street bazaars. Explore the rich history and ancient ruins of Kaunos, an ancient trading city with a Roman amphitheatre surrounded by pomegranate and citrus trees and, if time allows, take in the vibrant city of Cappadocia, famed for its enchanting cave dwellings and hot air ballooning.

Turkey is also home to a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with special protection for archeological grounds and wildlife habitats.



Göcek

The Gulf of Göcek is one of the Mediterranean's best sailing locations, and you'll start your adventure at its bustling port. Dotted with picturesque isles and indented with coves, the island also boasts opulent resorts and a number of fine restaurants where you can sample Turkish cuisine at its best.

Ekincik and Kaunos Ruins

The perfect spot to anchor for lunch, enjoy some fresh seafood before transferring to a small fishing boat and sailing along the shallow coast. Visit ancient Kaunos, a thriving port in the 4th century BC and brave the crowds at the mud baths before heading to the My Marina yacht club for dinner.

Cape Kadirga

Heading west towards the Loryma Peninsula, you can moor in the natural harbour of Bozukkale and explore the remains of fortifications on the cliffs. Take a tender ride ashore and stretch your legs with a walk into the valley where a local family have set up a restaurant in the bay, before snorkelling for octopus in Serce.



Hisarönü Gulf

Known for its windy yet beautiful landscape, Hisarönü bay is frequently visited by dolphins. The bay also has red sand which is a spectacle at sunset. At Benick discover the remains of a Byzantine Church, while further around the gulf lies the remote village of Selimiye, until recently accessible only by boat or donkey. This charming village is home to a few small restaurants, so be sure to savour some local cuisine.

Bodrum

One of the most glamorous and best-known places in Turkey, save some time to explore this charming and vibrant city. Yalikavak Marina is packed with cosmopolitan bars and restaurants, where you can enjoy traditional Turkish food overlooking the serenity of the Aegean Sea.

Knidos

Cruise into this ancient harbour and take time to wander around the extensive ruins. Climb to the very top of the site where the statue of Aphrodite stood, and marvel at the stunning views in all directions.

Cappadocia

Plucked from a whimsical fairy tale, Cappadocia should be on everyone's bucket list, so if time allows take a short flight to Kayseri and spend a couple of days exploring its honeycombed hills, cave dwellings and towering boulders. And don't forget a hot air balloon ride at sunrise for a real pinch-me moment.



LEEWARD ISLANDS

A full-page background image showing a woman in a pink dress standing on the edge of a rugged, brown rock cliff. She has her arms raised in the air, looking out over a vast, vibrant blue ocean. The water transitions from a deep blue in the distance to a lighter, turquoise hue closer to the shore. In the background, other rocky islands are visible under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is one of tropical beauty and adventure.

Comprising Anguilla, St Martin, St Barths, Antigua and Barbuda, St Kitts and Nevis, Montserrat and Guadeloupe, the Leeward Islands, located in the north west of the Caribbean are the perfect cruising grounds for a stylish winter break.

Each island is diverse in both landscape and culture, from the international chic of St. Barths to the beauty and old school pedigree of Antigua.

There are many ways to explore the region and you may choose to visit some of the smaller islands such as Nevis or Saba, where divers can swim with dolphins, sharks and turtles, or sail further south to Dominica to experience the tropical rainforests and natural hot springs.

However, with its elegant capital city, historic Georgian harbour and beautiful beaches, the island of Antigua is a favourite focal point for any Leeward itinerary so be sure to allow time to explore all it has to offer.



HOTSPOTS

Prepare for an adventure that is thrilling and varied, the perfect stage for those who want to combine adventure and sport with lazy afternoons and five star dining. This is Caribbean highlife at its best.

Antigua

Antigua is one of the two islands making up the Caribbean nation of Antigua and Barbuda. Your yacht will be waiting in Falmouth Harbour which sits alongside English Harbour and Nelson's Dockyard, made famous by Admiral Horatio Nelson who was based here in the 1780s. Antigua is also home to the largest nesting colony of frigate birds but is best known for its white sandy beaches and secluded coves on the south coast. A must for all visitors is a trip to Shirley Heights for drinks and panoramic views over the island as the sun goes down.

Nevis

Nevis is the smaller of the two islands making up the dual island nation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Take the tender ashore for a stroll around the island's capital, Charlestown, famous for its Georgian buildings and colonial architecture. You can also explore the tropical rain forests, flower gardens and unspoiled beaches – be sure to visit the palm fringed Pinney's Beach and sheltered Oualie Beach. For divers, don't miss Booby High Shoals where you'll spot sheltering sea turtles and stingrays.



St Kitts

St Kitts is home to the prestigious Christophe Harbour, a destination in itself offering first class services and amenities for visiting yachts. Further afield you'll discover the Caribbean as it used to be, with sugar plantations now in atmospheric ruin dominated by the dormant Mount Liamuiga volcano, with its crater lake, green vervet monkeys and rainforest laced with hiking trails.

St Barths

St Barths is the Caribbean cousin of Saint Tropez with its trendy beach bars, chic boutiques and designer shops lining the main port of Gustavia. Spend the afternoon soaking up the sun and the vibes, try your hand at kitesurfing or head over to Anse Colombier to spot tortoises, rays, lobster and even dolphins.



Anguilla

Enjoy an al fresco breakfast during a gentle cruise to Anguilla and anchor in Maundays Bay where you can relax, sunbathe and take a light lunch. The waters here are calm and perfect for snorkelling, or if you'd rather stay dry, head ashore for a round of golf or horse ride along the beach.

St Martin

Comprising two halves and two separate countries, the northern side of Saint Martin is French while the southern side of Sint Maarten is Dutch. The island is home to busy resort beaches and is famed for its fusion cuisine, vibrant nightlife, duty-free shops and, of course, an international airport for homebound flights.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

From the culture and history of the BVI's four largest islands to the pristine natural splendour of its 50 smaller isles, every place you drop anchor has its own magic.

A popular yachting destination for those seeking relaxed island life, this volcanic archipelago in the Caribbean is best known for reef-lined beaches, world-class diving and excellent sailing.

The largest island is Tortola, with its capital, Road Town, and the protected Sage Mountain National Park. In total contrast, Virgin Gorda is known for its famous Baths, a labyrinth of giant beachside boulders, as if from another world. Different again is the elegance of Guana with its pretty gardens contrasting with the rugged terrain and party mood on 'barefoot island' Jost Van Dyke.

HOTSPOTS

A charter in the BVIs is all about uncovering the unique character of each island in this unspoilt volcanic archipelago. The surrounding waters are also a haven for watersports of every kind, so be sure to make the most of the yacht's toys before returning for sundowners on deck.

No matter where you land, you'll find friendly people, incredible beaches and recreational activities that exceed all expectations.



Tortola

Lush and mountainous, Tortola is the largest of the islands with dazzling white sand beaches, including Cane Garden Bay and Smuggler's Cove, while in the south west you can explore the forested Sage Mountain National Park with its trails and sweeping views over neighbouring cays. For watersports, don't miss the protected anchorages at Brandywine Bay, Soper's Hole and Trellis Bay and for game fishing head to the North and South Drops.

Guana Island

One of the few private islands in the BVIs, Guana is a paradise of 850 acres with beaches, mountains, gardens, an organic orchard, hiking trails and a resident flock of flamingos. There is no public bar, marina, or any commercial facility but Guana's understated elegance and total privacy have made it a luxury retreat for luminaries the world over.

Norman Island

A short cruise away is Norman Island steeped in the history of swashbuckling pirates and hidden loot – be sure to visit the Pirates Bight bar, reputedly the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. Further attractions include The Caves lined with sponges, and The Indians, a dive site teeming with marine life and sea turtles. And no visit is complete without a hearty rum punch at the legendary floating bar Willy T's.



Anegada

Anegada is famous for its secluded sandy beaches and striking coral reefs, with springs bubbling from the coral beds. Wildlife also thrives on land – on the nature trail at Bones Bight, catch a glimpse of the rare native rock iguanas, or discover the exotic birds at Nutmeg Point. Snorkelers and scuba divers will delight in the reef's mazes, tunnels and drops, with a vast array of marine life. Calm and quiet shores include Cow Wreck Beach, Flash of Beauty and Bones Bight.

Virgin Gorda

The third largest isle in the BVIs, Virgin Gorda is perhaps the most idyllic. Stop off at the Baths and behold the colourful coves and huge round granite boulders for one of the most extraordinary experiences. Hike to Gorda Peak and finally relax back on board with a cocktail as the sun sets.

Jost Van Dyke

Jost Van Dyke is the smallest of the four main islands, but one of the most spectacular for diving. Running deep with rugged scenery, Great Harbour is also renowned for its yacht parties and nightlife – try the BBQs, flying fish sandwiches and grilled lobster before dancing the night away at Foxy's bar.



GRENADINES



From its white sandy beaches and spectacular waterfalls to fantastic scuba diving, fresh local food and even a splash or two of rum, the chain of islands that makes up the Lesser Antilles provide the perfect journey of both exploration and relaxation.

Running from the Virgin Islands to Grenada, one could easily spend two weeks or more exploring the unspoiled beauty of the islands, but this itinerary will also allow time to relax while discovering St Lucia's major landmarks, the unparalleled beauty of The Grenadines and the buzz of the spice island of Grenada, the perfect pitstop for those who travel with their tastebuds.

HOTSPOTS

Offering a little of everything, including the sandiest white beaches to incredible scuba and snorkelling opportunities – expect to see sinister trumpetfish hoping to ambush tiddlers, shoals of little squid, slippery moray eels and pretty parrotfish.

You can even scale mountains if you feel like it – the hike up Gros Piton may be a proper challenge, but it will be worth it. Not forgetting the chocolate, Hotel Chocolat – Britain's finest chocolatier – sources cocoa from its own plantation on the island and there's plenty for you to try.

Starting in St Lucia and finishing in Grenada, this route allows guests to explore all that's on offer while reconnecting with nature along the way. What more could you want?

St Lucia

Start your charter at the Capella Marina in Marigot Bay – a short helicopter shuttle from Hewanorra International Airport. The island's beautiful reefs promise excellent snorkelling and scuba opportunities, while its rainforests offer one of the country's finest terrains for hiking and birdwatching.

The Pitons

Now a world heritage site, spend the morning sailing around these iconic volcanic peaks. Home to magnificent rainforests and populations of wild orchids, giant ferns and birds of paradise, those feeling active can embark on a three hour climb to the top of Gros Piton with a guide. Look out for the endangered species, the St Lucia parrot, on your way up.

St Vincent

Travel overnight to St Vincent which is home to some of the country's more secluded bays and snorkelling sites. Fun fact – the next bay along, Walliabou, was used as a set for Pirates of the Caribbean. Step ashore to the capital of Kingstown to check out the oldest botanical garden in the Americas.



Bequia

Known as 'the jewel of the Grenadines', Bequia translates to 'islands of the clouds'. Jump out at Princess Margaret Beach which is regarded as one of the loveliest stretches of sand on the island, and be sure to take some snaps of St. Mary's Anglican church before setting sail again.

Mayreau

There's no more idyllic place to wake up than Salt Whistle Bay, which boasts two pristine half moon beaches. There's an abundance of watersports for more active travellers, while others can soak up the sun on its white sandy beaches or enjoy sundowners on board before indulging in a seven course food and wine pairing extravaganza.

Tobago Cays

A tranquil yachting anchorage, Tobago Cays is an endless paradise for beachcombers. Crew will set up sun-lounging furniture on the uninhabited bays and be sure to take a paddleboard around the heavenly lagoons for a little turtle spotting.

Grenada

Your charter will disembark at Grenada where you'll moor in Port Louis Marina – the natural lagoon of the charming capital of Grenada. If time allows, extend your stay and check out St George's Market, explore Grand Etang National Park and, of course, indulge in some world-renowned chocolate from the Grenada Chocolate Company's factory.

BAHAMAS

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach in the Bahamas. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a lighter, sandy hue near the shore. A small white seaplane is visible in the lower left, floating on the water. The beach is a wide, sandy strip that curves along the water's edge. In the background, there are more islands and a clear blue sky.

If you're dreaming of white sandy beaches and waters in sublime shades of blue, you're probably dreaming of the Bahamas. With 700 islands and over 2,000 small cays sprinkled across the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, this tropical paradise lies a mere 80 kilometres from mainland Florida.

New Providence Island, home to the nation's capital Nassau, and Grand Bahama are abuzz with resorts, shops and restaurants while, further east, the Out Islands cluster in groups, each with their own character and charm. The Abacos

and Exumas remain firm favourites with visiting superyachts, a vast paradise of secluded beaches and coral reefs awash with marine life – a draw for divers and snorkellers alike.

Add to this sport fishing in Bimini, swimming pigs at Staniel Cay, regattas, carnivals and delicious local fish, lobster and crab, and the Bahamas are hard to beat. The best time to visit the Bahamas is between mid-December and mid-April, and if you're planning a trip around Christmas, don't miss the drums and colourful costumes of the Junkanoo Festival, an annual celebration of Bahamian culture.

HOTSPOTS

Once a haven for pirates who made use of its warm, sheltered waters and caves to hide their loot, the islands are now a playground for the rich and famous. With an abundance of uninhabited islands, secret anchorages and crystal-clear waters – ranging from 76° to 84°F – the Bahamas are the perfect destination for those who enjoy world-class fishing, diving and snorkelling, with myriad reefs, wrecks and mysterious blue holes waiting to be explored.

Shark and dolphin encounters are almost guaranteed while the shallows are buzzing with reef fish such as parrotfish, grunts and snappers. If you're lucky, you may also spot sperm whales, minke whales, pilot whales and humpbacks – all frequent visitors to the region.

Eleuthera

Meet your yacht at Cape Eleuthera Marina to the south of the island and within hours you'll have reached your first dive site at Bamboo Point. Celebrate your first night on board with cocktails and a delicious dinner under the stars.

Harbour Island

The perfect stop off for a taste of old school glamour, the charming Harbour Island is just three miles long and half a mile wide. Hop ashore to explore its pastel-coloured 19th century colonial cottages which line the harbour front, swim in the turquoise waters or take a leisurely stroll along the pink sandy beaches.

Spanish Wells

Lying just off Eleuthera's northern tip, Spanish Wells is a small fishing village most famous for the harvesting of Bahamian lobster (or crawfish). Situated on the tiny island of St. George's Cay with a population of just 1,500, golf carts are more popular here than cars.

Winding Bay

Further north on Great Abaco Island you'll find barefoot luxury at The Abaco Club on Winding Bay, a private sporting club with a world-class golf course, spa, water and sporting activities and spectacular dining. Beneath the azure waters you'll also find the fourth largest reef system in the world, where you can dive or snorkel with abundant sea life.

Highbourne Cay

Sail south to Highbourne Cay – gateway to the Exumas – a privately owned island with a first-class marina. Highbourne's eight sublime beaches are among the best-kept secrets in the Bahamas, all within walking distance of the marina.

Staniel Cay

Midway down the Exuma Cays is Staniel Cay where you can anchor off Big Major's Spot and get acquainted with the famous swimming pigs – always a highlight especially for children. Dotted with colourful, over water cottages, this picturesque island is also home to Thunderball Grotto, made famous by the James Bond movie which was filmed here.

Emerald Bay

The fun continues at Emerald Bay on Great Exuma where the award winning Sandals Emerald Reef Golf Club offers one of the most scenic 18-hole golf courses in the Bahamas, set in 500 tropical acres beside a mile-long beach, with three impressive pools and 11 restaurants.



CUBA



The Republic of Cuba in the northern Caribbean comprises the island of Cuba, Isla de la Juventud and several minor archipelagos. The main island of Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean and while it might seem a world away from more established superyacht destinations, it is full of character with unique allure.

Cuba's rich history has given rise to a fascinating blend of cultures, architecture, music, art and cuisine. The streets of Havana are a mix of decadent facades and brightly coloured classic cars while agriculture abounds with the production of sugar, cigars and coffee. Cuba is also the only country in the world to meet the conditions for sustainable development put forward by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

HOTSPOTS

Despite the thawing of relations between Cuba and the US, just 90 kilometres away, Cuba's old-world charm endures but there's no knowing for how long, so now is the time to visit.

Located a stone's throw from the Bahamas, the climate in Cuba is warm year-round with a gentle tropical breeze in tune with the island's Latino vibe.

Kicking off in the vibrant city of Havana, over the coming days you'll discover the beauty that lies beyond, from the raw tropical wilderness to the powder white beaches lining the southern coast.

Cuba is one of the best countries in the world for scuba diving, with well-preserved coral reefs and abundant marine life thanks to strong environmental protection and a ban on commercial fishing in certain areas.

Havana

Your yacht will set sail from Marina Hemingway but be sure to arrive a couple of days early so you can soak up the vibrant spirit of Havana and sample the local rum and salsa, or why not sip a cocktail at Hemmingway's favourite haunt La Floridita?

A visit to a local cigar factory is also a must, where you'll smell the earthy aroma of fresh tobacco as the workers make each and every one by hand.

Bahia de Cabanas

Once you've enjoyed all that Havana has to offer, enjoy a leisurely cruise to Bahia de Cabanas, sailing past white sandy beaches and colourful reefs, stopping off to cool down in the crystal clear waters. This is the perfect opportunity to launch your yacht's toys, so get out on the water and have some fun.

Maria la Gorda

Cruise onwards and anchor in the beautiful waters of Maria La Gorda on Cuba's south-western coast on the sweeping Bahia de Corrientes. The area is pristine with miles of white sandy beaches, beautiful coral reefs and a spectacular range of sea life, perfect for both diving and snorkelling.



Cayo Largo

Further east is the small island of Cayo Largo with unspoilt beaches and reefs teeming with rainbow-hued fish. This tropical paradise is also home to a profusion of iguanas and birdlife including hummingbirds and flamingos – an idyllic spot to enjoy drinks and dinner on board.

Jardines de la Reina

A 150-mile mangrove and coral island chain forming the third largest barrier reef in the world, Jardines de la Reina offers what many believe to be the most incredible snorkelling on the island. Guests can jump in at the marine park and swim among vivid corals and schools of exotic fish.

Santiago de Cuba

Your charter will end at Cuba's cultural capital, known for its frenetic and passionate beauty. Immerse yourself in its Afro-Cuban influence and colonial architecture before making your journey back to the airport in style in a fleet of classic cars – this is Cuba after all!

FRENCH POLYNESIA

Often considered as one of the most magical places on earth, French Polynesia is as close to perfection as one could possibly hope to reach. Halfway between California and Australia, this mosaic of moods spans 118 small islands and more than a thousand miles of ocean.

Think rainforest-covered peaks with their lush verdant green carpet of foliage and sparkling clear turquoise waters that stretch as far as the eye can see, it's not difficult to understand why this stunning archipelago has attained an almost mythical status as one of the world's few remaining unspoilt destinations.

From Moorea, rated the world's third-best island by Condé Nast Traveler, through to Huahine, one of the region's best kept secrets and a veritable Garden of Eden, there is so much to discover. Heading onwards to sacred Raiatea, vanilla-scented Taha'a and the iconic and legendary island that is Bora Bora, this nature-laden itinerary offers a window into some of the most spectacular and beautiful corners of the natural world.



HOTSPOTS

Your trip will also encompass a cruise through the picturesque Society Islands where you can delve into traditional Polynesian lifestyles, as well as an off the beaten track discovery of isles that remain completely uninhabited to this day.

Moorea

Your voyage of discovery starts in Moorea, just north west of Tahiti. Surrounded by a bright blue lagoon, this volcanically formed island is a feast for the senses. The protected lagoon boasts one of the most vibrant coral reefs in existence where you can swim among sharks, rays and other marine life. A haven for sea creatures, it's also possible to swim with dolphins (who are free to come and go as they please through an underwater cave entrance), and between July and November you may even spot a humpback whale or two.

Huahine

Continue the fun on day two with a hike through Moorea's lush hills, or a kayak adventure rounded off with cocktails as you take in the epic sunset before departing overnight for Huahine. Formed of two isles connected by a short bridge, Huahine boasts an untamed landscape and a mere eight quaint villages scattered across this enchanted island which are steeped in local traditions dating back generations.

It's here you will find a slower-paced, laidback lifestyle reminiscent of old Polynesia. A deep crystal clear lagoon surrounds both islands, edged by magnificent bays and powdery soft white sand beaches, making it the perfect spot for some dawn fishing for mahi mahi, tuna or marlin which your chef can barbecue on board for supper.



Raiatea

Arrive at the sacred island of Raiatea, celebrated as the birthplace of expanding Polynesian life throughout the Pacific as far as New Zealand and Hawaii. Raiatea means 'faraway heaven' and 'sky with soft light', and it delivers on both counts with its green-carpeted mountains rising to the cloud-capped peak of Mount Temehani. You can even test out your surfing skills here thanks to a consistent wave formation created by the island's perimeter reef.

Taha'a

A short cruise the following day brings you to Taha'a, otherwise known as the Vanilla Island. Shaped like a flower, her valleys abound with banana, watermelon and coconut groves, as well as the highly-prized Tahitian vanilla orchid. The island produces 80% of the region's vanilla, which is used in aromatherapy as well as local cuisine so why not pick some pods from one of the plantations for your chef to add to dessert?



Bora Bora

One of the most iconic and romantic spots on the planet, Bora Bora is a many-layered isle whose sapphire, indigo and turquoise palette perfectly contrasts with sand-edged islets and the imposing and dramatic peaks of Mount Otemanu. Bora Bora's warm waters and shallow reefs make it the perfect spot for a baptism dive, as well as one of the best spots in French Polynesia in which to kite surf, at Matira Point. And no visit would be complete without observing the majestic manta rays at Anau inside Bora Bora's magnificent lagoon.

Tahiti

The final day of your idyllic cruise takes you to Tahiti. Enjoy a last lingering lunch on board before departing for connecting flights home or alternatively, extend your stay to discover more of this magical far flung paradise.

GALAPAGOS

Lying 1,000 km off the coast of Ecuador, The Galapagos Islands top many travellers' bucket lists, with most of us dreaming of making a pilgrimage to this mystical archipelago. Often thought as the stuff of legend for their incredible access to wildlife like nowhere else in the natural world, it's time to stop dreaming and start planning.

The highly protected and prized Galapagos, particularly the western fringes covered by this charter, remain some of the wildest and most untouched places on earth, perfect for those with a thirst for experiencing nature in all its primeval glory. Studied by Charles Darwin in 1835 – inspiring his theory of evolution – and home to numerous endemic species of animal and plant life found only here, you should prepare yourselves for some truly unforgettable encounters.

HOTSPOTS

Swimming with sea lions, sharks, marine iguanas, turtles and giant manta rays while penguins watch you from the shore is an experience you will never forget. Happily, these creatures have never had to view humans as a threat or danger in this phenomenal wildlife paradise.

Your charter will also take you to islands which still have active volcanoes, younger islands in the archipelago as well as the home of the earliest human settlers in the Galapagos. Explore caves, marvel at the staggering beauty of the jagged cliffs which overlook the clear blue waters of the Pacific Ocean and observe rare breeds of birds, including the intriguingly-named bluefooted boobies and impressively large colonies of frigates. Alternatively, just drink in the spectacular scenery as far as the eye can see from the comfort and luxury of your yacht.

Santa Cruz

Your unique experience begins on Santa Cruz, home of the region's largest town Punta Ayora. With six lush vegetation zones, you might be lucky enough to spot endangered giant tortoises and marine iguanas. A fascinating tour of the Charles Darwin Research Station will be followed by a delicious welcome supper on board.

Floreana Island

Awaken off the coast of Floreana Island, where you can watch vibrant pink flamingos enjoying an early morning dip in the lagoon at Cormorant Point. Known as one of the best snorkelling areas in the Galapagos and home to a large sea turtle population, don't miss out on Green Beach, so called due to the green hues it possesses thanks to its high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand.

Southern Isabela

Make your way to Southern Isabela for a perfect hike along lava paths edged with cacti and a myriad of wildlife, including flightless cormorants, boobies, pelicans and penguins. An afternoon at a mangrove lagoon which houses underwater lava formations will bring more opportunities to witness the amazing eco-systems on this, the largest of the Galapagos Islands.

Central Isabela

Central Isabela is your next stop, where you can explore a skeletal coral garden in Urbina Bay at the foot of Alcedo Volcano, before sailing onwards to the youngest and perhaps most beautiful of the Galapagos Islands, Fernandina, with its active volcano. Meander along lava flow and check out Punta Espinosa, home to marine iguanas and lava lizards, before catching a magnificent sunset.

Northwestern Isabela

A combination of calming solitude with breathtaking water landscapes, your only decision on Northwestern Isabela is what to do first – enjoy a window to some of the world's best birdwatching, take an adventurous kayak beneath the towering cliffs, or snorkel alongside penguins, sea lions and colourful marine life before retiring back to the yacht for a moonlit supper.

Santiago

The unique landscape of Santiago comprises endlessly long beaches made up of eroded black lava, a constant reminder of the volcanic activity here. Hike past lava caves and the old salt factory where flamingos abound, or snorkel around the picturesque pirate haven of Buccaneer Cove, where hundreds of birds choose to nest.

Rábida Island

Land at Red Beach which is famous for its wading birds and ghost crabs, while behind the beach there is a saltwater lagoon that will allow you to spot feeding and breeding flamingos at certain times of the year. After lunch, visit the tiny Sombrero Chino Island then head back on board for dinner before disembarking at Baltra Island the next morning to end your adventure.



FIJI

A photograph of a natural rock pool in a cave. The water is a vibrant turquoise blue, reflecting the light from an opening above. Several people are swimming in the pool. The surrounding rock walls are dark and jagged, with some vertical rock formations visible in the background.

A collection of volcanic islands spanning 1,600 km in the South Pacific Ocean, set your internal clock to 'Fiji time' as you prepare to explore the archipelago's exquisite beaches, undersea marvels, lush interiors and fascinating cultures.

With their dazzling sands, perfect palm trees and waters so blue that they glow, Fiji's beaches look airbrushed. Stunning stretches of white sand abound, but it's on the islands of the Mamanucas and Yasawas that you'll find the heavenly heavyweights. Indeed, these sublime sands have played host to a number of blockbuster movies including *Cast Away* with Tom Hanks and the 1980 teen drama classic *The Blue Lagoon*, so you know you're in for the trip of a lifetime.

Divers will be especially thrilled with the seemingly endless reefs that lie beneath, home to more than 1,500 species of fish and other sea creatures. Fiji also offers ample opportunities for hikers, bird watchers and adventurers.

HOTSPOTS

While most months see temperatures in the high 80s, a gentle south-easterly wind keeps visitors feeling cool and comfortable, and if that's not enough to entice you, the Fijians are famous for their hospitality and warmth which makes it easy to make friends and immerse yourself in their culture.

Whether you opt for a rugged explorer yacht stocked with a dive centre and an array of toys, or a more classic vessel, rest assured that cruising between these breathtaking islands is an experience not to be missed.

Denarau

Step on board your superyacht at Port Denarau Marina – located just 20 minutes from Nadi airport – and after a delightful fresh lunch, cruise for 1.5 hours until you reach the Mamanuca Islands. The centre of Fiji's surfing capital and also a brilliant spot for diving, enjoy your first night anchored off the stunning Musket Cove Resort.

Monriki Island

Following breakfast on board, take a cruise past Monriki Island – the island where Tom Hanks made the movie *Cast Away* – and see if you can spot Wilson the volleyball who is rumoured to still be living on the sands.

Navadra and Vanua Islands

Set sail three hours north west towards Navadra and Vanua Islands for more snorkelling opportunities, while for those keen to keep dry, ask your crew to take you ashore via tender. If it's low tide, grab your paddleboard and get a little exercise in before anchoring at the protected Yalobi Bay on Waya Island.



Naviti Island

While Naviti was one of the two islands in the Yasawa Group that suffered damage during Cyclone Winston in 2016, plenty of anchorages escaped the storm and you won't want to miss the rare chance to swim with manta rays. Following a two hour trip to Blue Lagoon, spend the evening relaxing on board with cocktails and games.

The Blue Lagoon

The location of the 1980 movie of the same name starring Brooke Shields, The Blue Lagoon is a prime example of picture perfect Fiji. The snorkelling here is second to none, so dive on in before anchoring at the nearby Sawa-i-Lau Island.

Sawa-i-Lau Island

Famous for its underwater caves, the island's gorgeous grottos are a site for sore eyes. Known as the 'heart of the Yasawas', this is believed to be the final resting place of Ulutini, the 10-headed ancient Fijian god.

NEW ZEALAND



Boasting extensive coastlines, vast expanses of ocean and untouched native forests, cruising the two islands of New Zealand will make for the adventure of a lifetime and memories you'll never forget. In the interest of time however, this itinerary focuses on the northern realm of the country, which is renowned for its tropical weather, beautiful backdrops and variety of destinations to discover ashore.

The North Island is home to Auckland – the 'City of Sails' – where you won't be short of luxury restaurants and fine dining, while further north, the Bay of Islands is the place to explore for a more tropical vibe with an abundance of marine life. It's also idyllic for watersports and big-game fishing, and a spot you won't want to miss out of any charter.

Another draw is for diving enthusiasts, as New Zealand's waters offer some of the world's top diving locations where wrecks, drop-offs and subtropical reefs abound – try a descent after dark for a different experience. There's also an abundance of marine life, meaning you can swim with dolphins at sunrise, whale-watch on the east coast or spot lazy seals dotted around the water's edge, all in the space of 24 hours.

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Charterers won't be short of activities on dry land, either, and Waiheke Island is a must for lovers of a good vintage wine. Its temperate microclimate and passionate producers have put this island firmly on the world map, and at just 10 nautical miles from Auckland, it's where the country's style set go to play, lured by sunshine, Chardonnay and fresh oysters. So delight in the unspoiled scenery, take in the region's captivating history and enjoy the local wine and cuisine for a luxury yacht charter you won't forget in a hurry.

Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf

Perched between the Waitemata and Manakau harbours, Auckland is the perfect place to meet your yacht thanks to its buzzing mix of vibrant nightlife, restaurants and well-equipped marinas. Spend the day exploring both at sea and on land with a bungee jump from Auckland's Sky Tower before your first meal together on board.

Waiheke Island

Just 10 nautical miles from Auckland, the trendy island of Waiheke is most famous for its picturesque vineyards, stunning beaches and eclectic art galleries. Anchor up for brunch on board in Squadron Bay before sampling some unique Cabernet Sauvignons, Malbecs and Chardonnays around the island.

Coromandel Peninsula

The perfect anchorage for all manner of watersports activities including kayaking, snorkelling, wakeboarding and water skiing, play out on your yacht's jet skis before heading ashore to Hot Water Beach, where you can dig a hole in the sand and relax in the thermal sea water with a glass of champagne in hand.

Great Barrier Island

The largest island off the coast of New Zealand's North Island with beautiful sheltered anchorages, here you will travel back in time with its unpaved roads, lack of street lights and minimal shops. Kayak around the coastline or explore via mountain bike before enjoying sundowners on board.

The Bay of Islands

One of New Zealand's best maritime parks comprising 144 islands, this is home to some of the most stunning beaches in the world. Sail via Cavalli Islands which are rich in birdlife and get ready to capture on camera everything from blue penguins to manta rays and killer whales.

Mercury Islands

A group of seven islands off the northeast coast of New Zealand's North Island, this hidden gem is located just 8 km off the coast of the Coromandel Peninsula. Boasting fishing and diving opportunities galore, why not participate in some scallop diving or spearfishing for kingfish for that evening's meal? Only the main island is inhabited, while the others form part of a nature reserve. Great Mercury Island is privately owned, however with permission you can head ashore for some stunning walks. The island can also be hired for a hefty fee!

Wellington

With its excellent provisioning facilities, vibrant café culture and buzzing arts scene, New Zealand's capital city is a must-visit on any charter. Taking up the southern end of the North Island, take time to explore its rugged mountain ranges before heading over to the South Island, should time allow.



AUSTRALIA

The perfect destination at any time of the year, the activities within Australia's Great Barrier Reef are endless, and these stunning islands are a magnet for snorkellers and divers who come to explore the 1,500 species of fish, 360 species of hard coral, 600 species of starfish, six species of marine turtles and 30 species of whales and dolphins that call it home. If there's one place that guarantees incredible scenery, stunning natural landscapes and secluded beaches, it's the Whitsunday Islands.

Having 74 islands across the Queensland coast, direct commercial and private flights give you a tantalising glimpse of the contrasting white and turquoise expanse even before you board your yacht, hinting at the glittering array of beaches to discover – with the unmissable Whitehaven Beach at the heart.

Alive with possibilities, visitors can divide their time between exploring the iconic reef and enjoying the local restaurants and bars on offer around the island of Hamilton. While the Whitsundays represent the largest group of offshore islands in Australia, to this day only eight are inhabited with resorts, so there are plenty of opportunities for privacy and seclusion.

HOTSPOTS

The Whitsundays also offer some of the best cruising experiences in the world, with incredible diving at Blue Pearl Bay and great snorkelling at Cataran Bay. Stonehaven is the most popular hangout for adventurers while Langford Island is unrivalled for daytime stops.

The ideal time to visit is during May to September when rainfall is at its lowest, but the islands enjoy pleasant weather all year round. June is the beginning of the Australian summer and the busiest month for tourists, when sea temperatures are around 73°F and there are 11 hours of sunlight per day.

Hamilton Island

Most flights land at Hamilton airport, so before you meet your charter at the yacht club, golf aficionados might like to get a round in at the Hamilton Island Golf Club while others can play on some water toys before your first cruise around the island.

Hook Island

As you sail deeper into the heart of the Whitsundays, your surroundings will rapidly change into a quiet and beautiful oasis. A full day of exploring awaits, so explore forest walks, swim in the pure blue waters and relax on white silica beaches before taking in Aboriginal rock art dating back to 7,000 BC at Nara Inlet, which is also known for its beautifully-coloured coral displays.

Whitsunday Island

The largest of the Whitsunday archipelago and named by Captain Cook himself in 1770, start your day with a hike up to Whitsunday Peak for spectacular 360-degree views over Cid Harbour. The rest of the day is yours, so sit back and enjoy some cocktails on the aft deck as you watch the stars come out.

Whitehaven Beach

One of the island's most popular draws, the glorious soft white sand is calling for an afternoon of pure relaxation, with plenty of space to set up your own spot and enjoy the view in peace. The water here is crystal clear, so be sure to jump off the yacht and have a snorkel, too.



Border Island

Cataran Bay is ranked as one of the top three snorkel spots in the Whitsundays, where lush eucalyptus forests meet golden sand. The fully-protected Green Zone is home to exotic underwater life including red snappers, butterfly and angel fish, so grab your dive gear and head down.

Hayman Island

After a long lazy breakfast on board, reserve today for some five star onshore luxury as you check out Hayman Island's resort. Treat yourself to a session at the spa and make the most of its active amenities before jumping back on board and indulging in a five-course meal courtesy of your private chef.

Long Island

It's nearly time to say goodbye to the Whitsundays, but before heading back to civilisation, make a final stop to this national park and walk through rainforests, native flora and fauna for some last holiday photographs while recounting all the memories you've made.

INDONESIA



With more than 17,000 islands scattering its beguiling nation, Indonesia is an incredible spectacle waiting to be explored. However if you're looking to hit just one spot for your charter, it has to be Raja Ampat.

Home to 1,500 islands scattered off Sorong in the Indonesian province of West Papua, these lush archipelagos are home to rainforests that slope down to paradise white beaches and luminous turquoise waters alive with colourful sea life.

Often described as one of the most extraordinary environments on the planet, this area just north west of Papua is as remote as it gets, offering untouched cruising grounds and beautiful anchorages that invite you to take out your toys and tenders and explore its breathtaking scenery.

While strict regulations ensure the islands remain as pristine as they are, the lucky few yachts able to experience this charter will discover a whole new world that is almost entirely untouched by humans.

HOTSPOTS

The name Raja Ampat translates as ‘Four Kings’, referring to the main islands of Misool, Batanta, Waigeo and Salawati, where there are no five star hotels or fine dining restaurants – just a handful of eco-dive resorts. However, this is the charm of Raja Ampat – think pristine beaches and sheer limestone cliffs where quintessentially Indonesian phinisi-style yachts will happily transport you to local beauty spots off the grid.

Below water, Raja Ampat is recognised as the world's most biodiverse marine ecosystem with over 1,200 species of fish including the legendary manta rays. On land, guests can explore the islands' cultural heritage with prehistoric cave paintings and relics from the era of the Four Kings who once ruled here.

So what are you waiting for?

Sorong

Begin your adventure in Sorong – the gateway to the Raja Ampat archipelago. Spend the afternoon snorkelling in the azure blue waters or embark on a dive with an experienced PADI instructor. You can get the toys out here too and make the most of your first day on the islands.

Batanta

Famous for its reefs and rainforests, Batanta is the smallest of Raja Ampat's four main islands yet no less spectacular. Densely covered in lush rainforest with a central hill range, the island is home to many spectacular species of wildlife as well as powerful waterfalls, perfect for trekking.

Wayag Islands

Raja Ampat's poster child, cruise silently by tender or kayak through the Wayag lagoon and discover its sapphire seas and limestone walls. Early birds can climb Mount Pindito for breathtaking sunrise views while the flat waters make this a great area to get out the paddleboards.

Wofoh Islands

A paradise for divers, look out for a mix of hard coral, barrel sponges and soft corals teeming with colourful fish at one of Wofoh's many dive sites. Those who prefer to keep their head above water can take out a kayak and embark on the island's white sand beaches for sundowners.

Kri Island

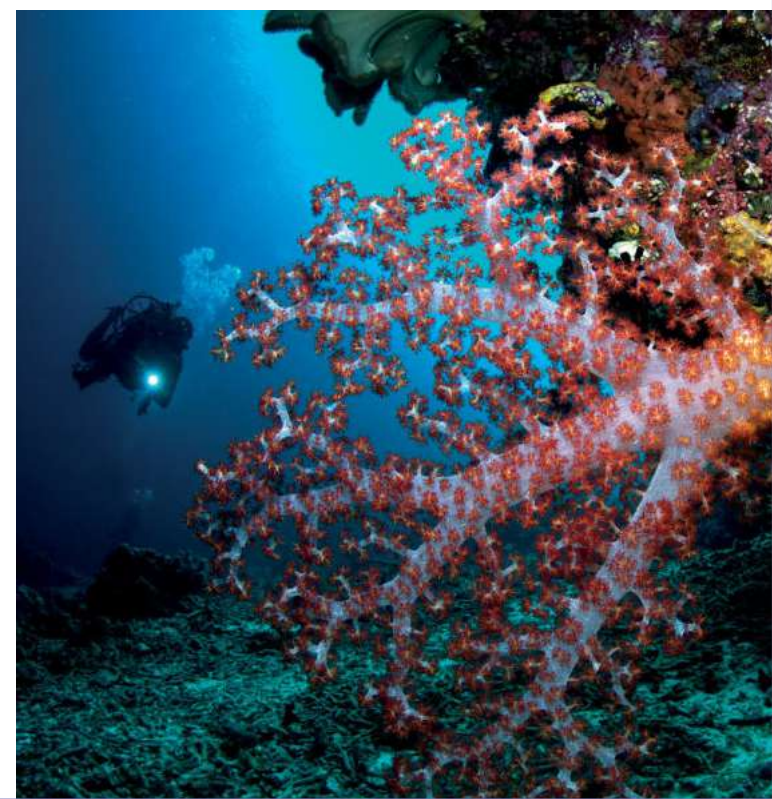
Another site for divers, the waters of Kri Island offer some of the most spectacular underwater scenery in all of Raja Ampat. While the island is smaller than others, it's marine life most definitely won't disappoint, as this reef holds the world record for the number of fish species recorded in a single dive, and is one of the few locations where you can spot wobbegongs. It has it all – manta rays, black tip and white tip sharks, humphead parrotfish – you name it.

Misool

A remote tropical hideaway and one of the four largest islands in the Raja Amphat's archipelago, Misool is a world-renowned dive destination where secret bays rimmed with rainforest walls are waiting to be discovered. Wake to the sounds of echoing birdsong at dawn before taking a journey through the Gua Sacral ancestral caves of Tomolol – this is one for the adventure books.

Matan Island

Rise early and head ashore for a 40 minute trek into the jungle to spot the magnificent red bird of paradise. Next explore ‘The Passage’ on your yacht's tenders where rainforest meets reef in a labyrinth of limestone teeming with wildlife and toast the final day of your trip with bubbles on the deck.



THAILAND

A full-page background image of a tropical bay in Thailand. The scene is dominated by towering, steep limestone cliffs covered in lush green vegetation. The water is a vibrant turquoise color. In the foreground, the dark wooden hull and white canopy of a traditional Thai longtail boat are visible. The sun is shining brightly from the upper right, creating a lens flare effect.

With its dramatic coastlines, uninhabited islands and sites of pure tranquility, Thailand isn't known as the land of smiles without good reason. Home to excellent diving, wonderful food and a perfect winter climate, the abundance of white sandy beaches and picturesque palm trees make for stunning cruising grounds ideal for exploring from the comfort of a superyacht.

Whether you're a busy professional or a keen sailor in search of an unforgettable vacation, the largest island, Phuket, is gaining popularity as a yachting hot spot and it's from here that you will start your adventure.

The hundreds of islands surrounding Phuket have been the stars of countless Hollywood movies – be sure to stop off at Phi Phi Leh which is most famous for its role in Leonardo DiCaprio's movie *The Beach* – and they all promise diverse landscapes, beautiful coastal scenery and authentic cultural experiences.



HOTSPOTS

Divers are also in for a treat as pristine coral reefs are peppered all around the coastlines, home to a phenomenal collection of hard and soft corals and an abundance of species of tropical fish. Look out for groupers, angelfish, trumpetfish and butterflyfish to name a few. If you're lucky, you might even come across a school of dolphins who are frequent visitors to these vibrant marine ecosystems.

Prepare to discover a taste of the authentic Thai lifestyle through these top seven hotspots, each of which can be enjoyed on a new day as you take in the best of the southern Andaman Sea.

Phuket

Just a 15 minute drive from Phuket International Airport, board your yacht at Yacht Haven Marina before taking a short cruise around the nearby fish farms and coconut plantations. With highlights aplenty, cruise past the stunning rock formations of 'James Bond Island' before reaching your evening anchorage in time for a delicious supper.

Koh Lanta

This enclave of 70 small islands is home to an exquisite collection of local marine life, so take some time to snorkel and sink your toes into its luxe white sands. Head ashore to check out the incredible Khlong Chak waterfall before cocktails on your yacht's deck.



Krabi

Lying south of Phuket, sail to Krabi's Rai Leh Beach which is a great place for climbing. Be it low-level bouldering right on the beach or the roped climbs up on its limestone cliffs, it's also a great place to take the yacht out a little further and bring out the jet skis and other water toys.

Phi Phi Don

Perhaps one of Thailand's most popular spots, the Phi Phi Islands might draw tourists from all over the world, but they will feel anything but overcrowded from your superyacht. When darkness falls, head to Ton Sai Bay and get involved in Phi Phi's legendary nightlife.

Phi Phi Leh

Most famous for its starring role in Leonardo DiCaprio's movie The Beach, the water here is extremely clear making it a great spot for diving. Head there early to avoid the crowds and comb its lush beaches and meet some stunning marine creatures before retiring aboard for a relaxing dinner prepared by your private chef.



Similan Islands

Located 84 km northwest of Phuket, the Similan Islands are one of the best-known island groups in the Andaman Sea. Boasting some of the top diving and snorkelling locations in the world, you'll be spoilt for choice with the wealth of underwater life, coral and colours.

Racha Islands

It would be rude to end your charter without visiting some more divine tropical islands, and Racha Island's super soft, pure white sands are the ideal place to top off your tan before heading home. There are also some fishing hotspots for those who fancy a go at catching that evening's fresh fish dinner.

SEYCHELLES



If you thought you knew paradise, it might be time to think again. Just as beautiful as the Maldives yet much more welcoming to superyachts, it's time to live out your island fantasy a thousand miles off the African coast in the ultimate tropical paradise that is the Seychelles.

Made up of 115 equatorial islands, you will have seen the islands' natural arrangement of granite islands and curved coral reefs on TV, but now's the time to experience them for yourself as you prepare to leave your footprints on those perfect sandy bays.

While yacht charters tend to revolve around the three primary islands of Mahé, Praslin and La Digue, there's an abundance of steep forested mountains, spectacular white sand beaches and clear turquoise waters teeming with marine life to be discovered across its 600 nautical miles, so there's no better place for explorers.

HOTSPOTS

The most remote islands lie some 700 miles from the main island of Mahé, so with such ample cruising grounds available, there are plenty of places to explore for a week or longer, at sea or ashore. From May to September, opt for short, inner island cruising, and anchor in northern-facing bays during the southeast monsoon season, while from October to April, it's the longer, outer island destinations you should be heading for.

Itineraries need to take seasons into account, as some islands may be wet and windy at certain times of the year. From May to October, the southeast trade winds (Southeast Monsoon) bring a relatively dry period, yet during December to March it is extremely wet. This is also the cyclone season, though only the most remote southern islands are within the cyclone belt.

These top seven hotspots take you through the best of Mahé and the inner islands, marrying the emblematic boulder-strewn beaches with incredible diving, vibrant nightlife and peaceful anchorages where guests can retire to the deck for sundowners and fine dining under the stars for the trip of a lifetime.

Mahé Island

Meet your charter at Eden Island Marina on Mahé and enjoy breakfast on board while taking in views of Anse Royale. As the largest island in the group, there's the Morne Seychellois National Park to hike as well as 70 beaches plus a busy port and lively, colourful market ready for exploration.

La Digue

While it might be difficult to leave your stunning superyacht, La Digue is an island that screams adventure. From bike and ox cart rides to leisurely swims at some of the world's most beautiful beaches strewn with curvaceous granite boulders, natural beauty abounds.

Curieuse Island

Your yacht will arrive at Baie Lazaire and as divers and snorkellers head to the Coral Garden or Pointe Rouge, others can head ashore to check out the Aldabra giant tortoises or try to spot the beautiful humphead parrot fish before enjoying a sumptuous meal on board under the stars.

Praslin

The second most populated island of the Seychelles, Praslin is the ideal place to enjoy breakfast before hitting its pristine beaches. A day of relaxation can be spent at the palm tree-lined Anse Georgette and Anse Lazio beaches or visiting the Praslin National Park.

Aride Island

An island that's managed by the Island Conservation Society as a nature reserve, you'll need to leave your yacht in the distance as dinghies transport you to shore. Eighteen species of native birds abide on Aride which you can discover on your day trip while enjoying a picnic in a quiet spot found by the local rangers.

Coco Islands

The four tiny islands of the Ile Coco Marine National Park are among some of the most beautiful in the Indian Ocean, and guests can swim amid turtles and hundreds of fish in the crystal clear waters. Use this day for relaxing and enjoying sundowners with your family and friends.

Silhouette Island

One of the largest islands in the archipelago, this incredible Marine National Park boasts one of the best sites for scuba diving in the Seychelles. For those looking to keep dry, head to its lush rainforest filled with coconut trees and sandy beaches where turtles roam freely beside you.



NEW ENGLAND



The rugged and wild Atlantic coastline of New England has long been a magnet for the world's leading sailors thanks to its connections with the America's Cup, but there's so much more to this historic corner of America, which is a superyacht charterer's dream destination.

A region of great contrasts, here you'll find cutting edge art galleries cheek by jowl with old school lobster and chowder shacks serving up the most renowned seafood on this stretch of granite beach coastline. It's also loved for its phenomenal surf conditions, as well as some of America's prettiest lakes further inland, backed by verdant mountains. For those with a keen sense of adventure, the activity list is endless; hiking, biking, kayaking and skiing as well as surfing, paddleboarding, sailing and fishing have become a way of life here in the most pristine of locations.



HOTSPOTS

With a history stretching back to the landing of the pilgrims, New England is where America began and not surprisingly, it glories in the traditions and patterns of the past such as beachside lobster bakes and a slower pace of life in its charming small towns. Conversely, there's a thriving contemporary art scene alongside jazz, folk, classical and rock music festivals, while local delicacies including Maine lobster and Wellfleet oysters are celebrated in a calendar of gastronomic events held all year round. Your charter also takes in the iconic islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard as well as Cape Cod, home of some of America's most glorious beaches, and Hyannis, synonymous with America's first family the Kennedys, who have holidayed here for decades.

Newport, Rhode Island

There's something quite charming about arriving on board your yacht in Newport, with its acclaimed America's Cup heritage. Soak up the atmosphere of this global sailing capital, admiring the classical Colonial architecture and maybe fit in a visit to one of its vineyards or breweries before an onshore supper.

Block Island

A cruise to Block Island is a must on any New England charter, and has been a popular summer haunt since Victorian times. An island nature reserve with an emphasis on conservation, it's also a haven for flora and fauna, and you can hike or bike through the rolling hills here or get to know some of the long sandy stretches of beach before dinner on board the yacht.



Nantucket

This former whaling capital attracts CEOs and socialites in droves, yet manages to hold onto its old world charm – think cedar shingled cottages, wharves and cobblestoned streets that hark back to a bygone era. Now one of the most exclusive places to live in the US, you can get a taste of life here by biking on paths backed by soft sand dunes, shopping along the main street or enjoying a delicious lobster themed brunch.

Martha's Vineyard

A high society summer playground for the rich and famous, it's a fair bet that you will be captivated from the moment you dock at Martha's Vineyard. Prepare to be wowed by sweeping ocean vistas, craggy coastlines and hidden inlets, before moving onto the island's chic eateries and sophisticated boutiques. A visit wouldn't be complete without stopping at Edgartown, the setting for the movie Jaws, before supper on the island.



Hyannis

The Kennedy clan's beloved hideaway, Hyannis is home to the John F Kennedy Hyannis Museum, which will give history and political buffs a rare insight into the family holidays of the late president. This bustling and historic town – considered the main business hub of Cape Cod – is a lively spot to explore, so book a table at one of the harbour restaurants where you can enjoy the region's fine seafood.

The Elizabeth Islands

Enjoy a relaxing cruise to these famously scenic and laidback islands south west of Cape Cod. The seven main islands and half a dozen tiny inlets are home to a population of less than 100 people as well as wild harbour, harp and grey seals. Cuttyhunk and Penikese are open to visitors while exclusive Naushon Island is the spectacular private summer enclave of the Forbes family.

BRITISH COLUMBIA



Set between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, the untamed wilderness of British Columbia is simply breathtaking, all the more so for sitting right alongside Vancouver, one of the world's most beautiful and vibrant cities.

This charter offers the perfect blend of nature combined with a bustling metropolitan experience; Vancouver's art galleries, coffee shops, renowned food scene and sensational waterside location are a mere stone's throw from some of the Pacific

Northwest's most rugged and isolated beauty spots. Cruising Vancouver's surrounding islands and inlets is the most exceptional way to explore this phenomenal region.

Known for its diverse array of wildlife, your sail around the tranquil waterways of Desolation Sound, where imposing mountainous peaks nestle alongside plunging fjords, dry rainforest trails and deserted islands, will also yield amazing wildlife sightings including seals, sea lions, river otters and bald eagles, so be sure to pack your camera.

HOTSPOTS

Elsewhere, spend your days marveling at the hidden lakes nestled in forest glades and glorious Prideaux Haven, or simply relaxing with a picnic on a desolate stretch of white sandy beach that looks more like the Caribbean than British Columbia.

Vancouver's exciting and cosmopolitan cultural melting pot, where your journey will start, boasts indie and theatrical festivals, an upbeat local music scene and a lively contemporary and cutting edge arts roster. This is complemented by some of the finest dining in Canada, with exceptional local seafood and, of course, delectable wild salmon and prawns, as well as a thriving Asian cuisine. With Vancouver bookending this wondrous adventure, you'll experience the best of all worlds.

Vancouver

Part of the city's appeal is its unique setting, with waterside skyscrapers framed by dramatic snowcapped peaks. Yes, Vancouver is a true piste to plage destination where you can ski all morning before hitting the beach for a languid lunch the same afternoon. Alternatively, spend your first day leisurely exploring the city's hotspots before taking a seaplane to Desolation Sound where you will meet your yacht at the sleepy harbour of Refuge Cove.

Pendrell Sound

This protected bay in the Discovery Islands region boasts year-round balmy temperate waters perfect for bathing and taking in the spectacular landscapes. These tiny secluded scattered islands boast a backdrop of mountain ranges that are snow-capped as late as July, and as you make your way through the winding waterways, you can stop off for a paddleboard or swim while drinking in the perfection of this unhurried and utterly peaceful spot.

Prideaux Haven

A chain of protected coves and inlets on a sweeping bay in the Gifford Peninsula, this area of national marine park affords no end of vistas wherever you look, from fjords and hidden bays to tiny gems of coves. Voted one of the world's most scenic anchorages, you can enjoy dinner on deck on day three with only the stars for company.



Bliss Landing

Cruise through the calm and sheltered waters of the Sunshine Coast, backed by steep forested mountain slopes, where you may be lucky enough to spot the passing local population of orca whales or Steller sea lions frolicking nearby. Then head onwards to Bliss Landing, a private marina where you can relax and swap tales of wildlife watching.

Lund

The northernmost town on the Sunshine Coast, the tiny fishing village of Lund was founded in 1889. It lies on a secluded harbour backed by the magnificent peaks of the Coast Mountains and is home to a number of quaint restaurants. It's also regarded as a prime spot for hiking enthusiasts, so don't forget your gear.

Savary Island

Distinctly more reminiscent of a Caribbean or Indian Ocean paradise, Savary Island is an unexpected surprise with its ring of pure white sandy beaches and the warmest waters north of Mexico. Dubbed 'Hawaii of the North', it's an idyllic spot in which to picnic, sunbathe and enjoy some watersports before retiring to the yacht for sundowners and supper.

Powell River

The final day of your trip sees you cruise to Powell River, with its countless opportunities for kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, hiking, biking and even scuba diving. It's the perfect spot for some adventurous pursuits before flying back to sample another slice of city life in Vancouver, where your trip sadly comes to an end.

ALASKA



From its soaring snow-covered mountains to its maze of uninhabited islands, Southeast Alaska is as unique as it is breathtaking. A destination as remote as they come, it's only accessible by air or boat, making it the perfect destination for superyacht travel.

Retaining its remote and charming appeal, a charter along the majestic coastline of North America is a once in a lifetime

experience. Here you'll discover a world of steep-shouldered islands, cliff-rimmed fjords and snowcapped peaks, where sheltered waterways, national parks, towering glaciers and mist-covered mountains are just waiting to be explored.

This is a true destination for unparalleled solitude that will feel a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.



HOTSPOTS

The extreme beauty of the landscape is matched by its extreme wildlife, with Southeast Alaska home to a vast array of species. Think pods of orcas, schools of humpback whales and lazy seals who happily spend their days playing and lazing on the rocks, there's even a chance you'll spot bald eagles overhead or brown bears catching salmon for their evening meal, so be sure to keep your eyes peeled as you sail through this icy paradise.

Feeling adventurous? Itineraries can be tailored to include helicopter picnics atop a glacier and sea kayaking around the crystal clear fjords, or why not try your hand at a little fly fishing for some fresh salmon? Whatever takes your fancy, the dramatic backdrop will make for an unforgettable experience.

Ketchikan

Your journey starts at a little port in Ketchikan, where your yacht and crew will be waiting on arrival. It's here you'll experience your first taste of Alaska as you head into the wilderness, and if you're lucky, you might spot some orca whales straight away. The bay of Boca de Quadra is the dream spot to end your day enjoying dinner, a glass of wine and great company among the lush greenery.

Hugh Smith Lake

Spend a couple of hours exploring the gentle, forested shoreline of this scenic wonder before setting off on a day of onshore exploration. A hike up the Hugh Smith Lake trail offers even more awe-inspiring views – the perfect spot for a picnic lunch. When evening falls, dine on fresh fish and crab caught during your stopover.



Ella Bay

Following another morning of gentle sailing, it's back on land for a day of wildlife encounters along the Ella Lake Trail. Spot wild mink and bears or relax with a little world-class trout fishing. You might be eating what you catch that night before retiring to the boat for cocktails alongside spectacular views.

Punchbowl Cove

Get your cameras out for this next stop, as this spectacular formation shrouded in dancing clouds is one of the most incredible destinations on your trip. With its glacier-scoured cliffs that form a massive wall to the north, cruising through this cove has been compared to sailing through Yosemite National Park.



Manzanita Bay

Home to a host of Alaska's cascading waterfalls, today is a day of exploration. Following a challenging hike, you'll be rewarded with even more views to take your breath away. For those after a more relaxing day on the water, anglers will find outstanding fishing here.

Walker Cove

A blurry beauty teeming with mystery, the towering rock walls of Walker Cove will dwarf your superyacht, with a waterfall seemingly appearing every few feet. The epitome of serene, birdwatchers can try to sight trumpeter swans, bald eagles and herons, and if you want to get even closer to nature, take a kayak up to the waterfalls.

Bell Island

Finish your trip in style with a helicopter tour above the fjords before soaking your muscles in the naturally warm waters of the Bell Island Hot Springs. Famous among natives for their healing properties, head back on board for a cocktail and dinner under the stars.

NORWAY



If you've ever dreamed of leaving behind the hustle and bustle of modern day life to journey through a truly unspoilt and beautifully isolated land and water scape, then the spectacular scenery of Norway and its majestic fjords are calling your name – and your superyacht.

Often described as the land of the midnight sun and one of the optimum points to witness the northern lights, it is home to numerous splendid and tranquil deep blue fjords wending their way between stark and dramatic mountain peaks, with

something new waiting to take your breath away around every bend.

Active travellers can head off on hikes that range from relaxing rambles to challenging endurance tests, always rewarded by phenomenal views on arrival at the peak. Or perhaps mountain biking is more your scene, in which case you will marvel at the sheer choice of terrain surrounding you. Alternatively you can add another dimension to your trip with an aerial view of the natural landscape by zip-lining through one of the region's many valleys from on high.

HOTSPOTS

If taking it easy on board is more appealing, you won't be short of options. Whether it's choosing to admire the startling waterfalls, natural whirlpools, glaciers, gorges and remote archipelagos from the comfort of your yacht or simply keeping warm with a glass of bubbles in your personal hot tub, it makes for a one-of-a-kind experience.

And when it comes to casting off on your adventure for a week before returning to dry land once more, the vibrant and cosmopolitan cities of Stavanger and Bergen will not disappoint, with amazing shopping, great bar culture, the freshest seafood and fine dining experiences unlike any others.

Stavanger

Arrive early in Stavanger, a beautiful historic city famed for its simple white wooden houses, surrounding fjords, mountains and long white beaches. With a highly international population, the atmosphere here is lively, cosmopolitan and exciting, with a cutting-edge food scene as well as a melting pot of cultural experiences.

Lysefjord

Set sail for the 42 km long Lysefjord, which was formed during the ice age by massive glaciers which covered the earth. While cruising, you could be lucky enough to spot seal colonies, herds of goats, cascading waterfalls and remote farms which have barely changed for generations.

Åkrafjorden

Start your day with a leisurely cruise to Åkrafjorden, flowing from the southern part of the Folgefonna National Park beneath the imposing glacier of the same name. Hike through heavenly scented pine forests to the summit of one of the world's most beautiful waterfalls, the Langfoss, an ascent of 640 metres above sea level.

Lofthus

This beautiful region is famous for being the orchard of Hardanger, with a delicate pink and white trail of apple blossom blooming each spring, providing a stark and fragrant contrast to the green mountain hills and towering snow-capped peaks, with the fjord in the background.

Eidfjord

This adrenaline-fuelled adventure spot is ideal for activities including white water kayaking, zip lining and white water jumping, offering a high-octane rush to your adventure. Head to Trolltunga on a hike to enjoy spectacular elevated views above lake Ringedalsvatnet.

Tysnes

This group of islands south of Bergen is rated as one of southern Norway's most popular holiday destinations, with its ancient stepping stones over the river, secret fishing spots in tucked away inlets, fields of heather and gloriously wild and untouched beaches. Reminiscent of another faraway time, it is filled with sheltered swimming spots and a myriad of animal and bird species which thrive in this untouched paradise.

Bergen

This stunningly pretty city enclave is home to colourful wooden houses on the old wharf and boasts a distinctly youthful vibe thanks to its burgeoning student population. Try and fit in visits to the fish market, the Hanseatic Wharf – site of the old trading post with Europe – and admire the seven majestic mountains which surround the city one last time before heading home.



PATAGONIA

A photograph of a cave entrance with a view of turquoise water and rocky shore. The cave walls are dark and textured, with some reddish-brown mineral deposits. The water outside is a vibrant turquoise color, and the rocks in the distance are dark and jagged.

A wondrous land of jaw-dropping natural beauty, Patagonia is one of those places that needs to be seen to be believed. A true adventurer's paradise, glacial fjords and balmy rainforests abound, so it's no surprise to discover that the hiking, heli-skiing, mountaineering and horse riding on offer here are world-class.

The dramatically jagged mountaintop glaciers, abundant wildlife, wide open grassy plateaus and thermal hot springs will also satisfy even the most relaxed and laidback of travellers, who might prefer to witness some of the world's most stunning landscapes without leaving the deck.

A jumping off point for Antarctica, prepare to enjoy the company of whales, dolphins and Emperor and Magellan penguins as you sail through Chilean Patagonia's wild and untamed collection of islands, inlets, fjords and water channels backed by the majestic Andes.



HOTSPOTS

The Chilean weather pattern also benefits the region, which is protected from the worst excesses of the Pacific coast by the huge mountains dividing it from Argentina. As such, you will encounter incredibly lush and green rainforest conditions which are home to many rare and beautiful flower and plant species.

One of the most authentic – and largely undiscovered – travel destinations you are ever likely to experience will be complemented by every creature comfort on board, including wine tasting some of the best Chilean vintages while feasting on meals of gastronomic excellence. After a challenging and adrenaline-fuelled day hiking in some incredible spots only accessible by foot or heli-skiing down one of the volcanoes, relax with a pampering massage and simply relive the day's unbelievable exploits over a cocktail or two at one of the many unspoiled anchorages of the region.

Puerto Montt

Meet your yacht in Puerto Montt, the gateway to the Andes, Patagonia's fjords and Chile's southernmost metropolis, ready to head south and begin your exploration of this remote and virtually untouched wilderness.

Cochamó Bay

After an overnight cruise, start your voyage of discovery with a hearty breakfast among the astonishing waterfalls and forest surroundings of Cochamó Bay, which is commonly referred to as the Chilean Yosemite. Avid skiers will be desperate to hit the heli-ski trails of nearby Osorno Volcano, South America's answer to the iconic Mount Fuji in Japan.



Auchemó Bay

A second overnight cruise sees you awaken in the stunning bay of Auchemó amidst incredible emerald glaciers and steep walls of granite that drop vertiginously into the fjords below. Wildlife abounds with endemic bird populations, who live here alongside a large population of dolphins and sea lions.

Estuario Pitipalena

Start your day in the delta of the Palena River. Surrounded by valleys and slopes and backed by the Andes, this is the perfect spot for some trekking and kayaking before enjoying a picnic on a beach at the glacier-backed lagoon. There is also the chance to experience the thermal spas to soothe any aching muscles. Spend two days here, enjoying gastronomic food and wine tasting on board with the opportunity to try fly fishing or white water rafting if the mood takes you.



Cerro Yanteles

A chance for further heli-skiing on dramatic and isolated Cerro Yanteles – an isolated stratovolcano composed of five glacier capped peaks along an eight kilometre ridge – could be the highlight of the trip before supper and a relaxing night on board.

Bahia Tic Toc

Located in Corcovado National Park, this unusual corner of Patagonia benefits from a flourishing ecosystem which shelters the bays, rivers and fjords of the area. The deep blue waters, spectacular Corcovado Volcano and verdant green forests will provide a feast for the senses as you watch the clusters of penguins gather on tiny islets which are surrounded by abundant marine flora and fauna.

Puerto Chacabuco

Your last day on the water won't disappoint you as you take in the majestic views of snowy peaks before arriving in the small port of Puerto Chacabuco where you'll transfer to the airport.

ANTARCTICA

A wide-angle photograph of an Antarctic landscape. In the foreground, a large, jagged iceberg floats in the water, its surface showing deep blue and white ice. A small penguin stands on the peak of this iceberg. The water is filled with numerous smaller icebergs and ice floes. In the background, snow-covered mountains rise from the water's edge under a dramatic, cloudy sky with warm, golden light from the setting or rising sun.

Situated at the southernmost tip of earth, there's probably no contender to match the adventurous, off-grid spirit and isolation of Antarctica, and a superyacht charter here is a once in a lifetime experience. Home to the largest desert on the planet, it's little wonder that the White Continent, as it has become known, is such an irresistible draw to intrepid travellers who have ticked off the rest of the globe.

A vast wilderness at the mercy of snow, ice, water and rock formations dating back thousands of years, it's the last frontier, hosting a miniscule number of visitors each year compared to other continents. It is however becoming more popular as a superyacht destination year-on-year, particularly from October to March when the Southern Hemisphere's summer heralds a more temperate climate and never-ending days when the sun barely sets.

HOTSPOTS

Copious penguin colonies, killer whales and seals live in harmony side by side throughout the region's picturesque islands and waters, which are dotted with towering glaciers and magnificent icebergs floating through the crystal clear waters of the Southern Ocean. Strict visitor controls are maintained on the islands, ensuring that you will never be caught in a huge maelstrom of other tourists.

Who wouldn't want to switch off from the world and escape to this pristine utopia while cocooned in the height of luxury? And when your day is done, perhaps chip off some fresh ice into your early evening G&T and marvel at the dazzling landscape.

King George Island

Your adventure starts following a short flight from Punta Arenas in Chile to King George Island, avoiding rough seas to get a head start on your schedule. Cruise to Antarctic Sound, as the waters between Trinity Peninsula and Joinville Island are known. Emperor penguins nest nearby and it is often crossed to reach the iceberg-filled Weddell Sea, where Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Antarctic Expedition ended with the tragic loss of crew members on the stranded Endurance ship in 1915.

Danco Coast and Gerlache Strait

Spend a couple of days cruising the Danco Coast and Gerlache Strait, exploring the area's spectacular uninhabited isles, glaciated cliffs and valleys where you can also take in a visit to the active scientific research station. The Gerlache Strait is known for its population of humpback, minke and blue whales as well as orcas while Paradise Bay and the famous narrow waterway of Lemaire Channel, which is dramatically overshadowed by imposing 3,000 feet high cliffs, provide yet more wow factors in this unforgettable journey.



Antarctic Circle

The Antarctic Circle, a parallel of latitude on earth at 66.5 degrees south of the equator, enjoys 24 hours of daylight around December 22nd each year. Venturing south into Crystal Sound is weather dependent and involves crossing the Antarctic Circle and stopping by at the deserted British scientific base that has been frozen in time since 1959.

Port Lockroy

Onwards to Port Lockroy, a natural harbour on the north western shore of Wiencke Island and one of the continent's most historic spots. Used as a base for the British military during World War II, this proud British quarter houses the most southerly functioning post office in the world as well as a museum. The nearby rocky Goudier Island is home to gentoo penguins, snowy sheathbills, Dominican gulls and subantarctic skuas which breed nearby.

Punta Arenas

You'll be flying out from Punta Arenas, which is a sprawling metropolis on the edge of the Strait of Magellan. A strange combination of the rugged and the grand, take a little time to enjoy the local culture and some duty-free shopping before heading home.



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