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An aerial, top-down view of a yacht's deck, showing a man and a woman sunbathing on towels. The deck is made of light-colored wood and has several rectangular hatches. The yacht is on a deep blue sea.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Children love exploring, experiencing new things, messing about in the sea and meeting new people, so a charter is a fantastic way to allow them to indulge in all of the above, as well as having exceptional fun. Even better, as you have a professionally trained crew on hand to take care of practicalities, you can relax yourself. Therefore, this issue focuses on how to make the very most of family charters.

Our Aboard Ashore feature takes you to top spots in the family-friendly cruising grounds of the Caribbean and Mediterranean; Top Five finds a handful of hotels with excellent children's facilities; our Homme and Femme pages are devoted to mini fashionistas; and our City Guide focuses on San Diego – the home of Legoland California, SeaWorld and miles of beaches.

As always, we also have plenty of glamour and exclusivity for more sophisticated yachting with ten pages of yachts for sale, island elegance on Mustique, and cruising in the romantic Seychelles. So whether you're looking to escape with your loved ones, or sneak away from it all, [sea&i](#) aims to deliver. ■

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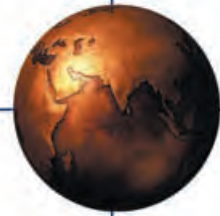
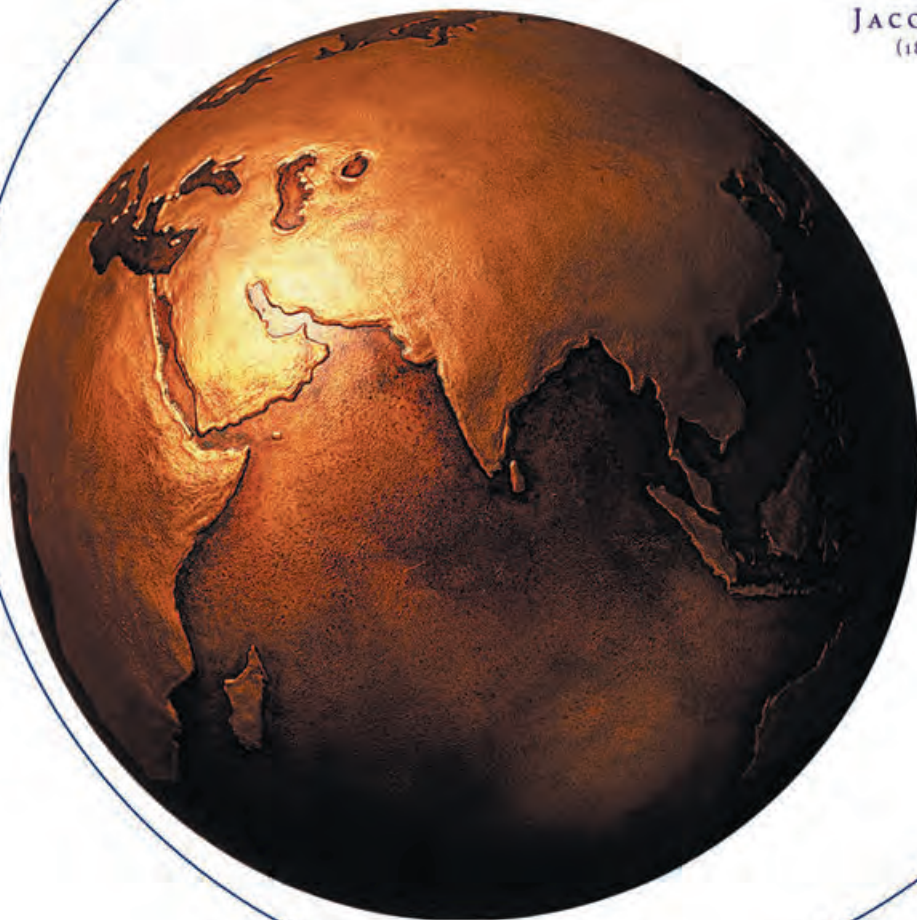
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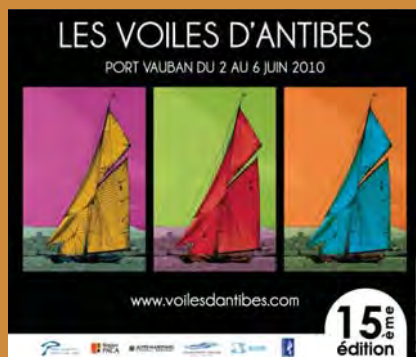
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Les Voiles d'Antibes

The 15th edition of France's classic Les Voiles d'Antibes opened the Panerai Classic Yacht Challenge between the 2 to 6 June 2010. The challenge is always organised early in the summer at the beginning of the season and is followed by coastal regattas and offshore races in Italy and France. The regatta brings together an impressive fleet of Vintage Yachts (built before 1950), Classics (built before 1976), Spirit of Tradition Yachts and Twelve Metres (which competed in the America's Cup from 1958 to 1987). As in previous years, CNI supported the event with the Trophée d'Elegance.



The Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta

As sponsors of the Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta 2010, CNI was delighted to gather with friends old and new for a week of racing at the event's third year. From the 8 to 12 June, 28 of the world's finest sailing superyachts went head to head off Sardinia's glamorous Costa Smeralda. The first day brought strong winds and sunshine and an exhilarating start to the regatta. Days two and three of racing were cancelled, due to even stronger winds on day two, and flat waters on day three, but the final day brought perfect conditions.

Following the two races the 30.5m (100') Indio from Wally Yachts took overall lead in the performance class, while the cruising division was won by the 32m (105') Ganesha, built by Fitzroy Yachts.

(sea&i scenes)

News from around the world of luxury yachting

SHOWS & EVENTS

BOAT SHOW SEASON GETS UNDER WAY

The Festival de la Plaisance, held in Cannes between the 8 and 13 September, sees CNI welcome a number of listings, including the 43m (141') Sofico from CRN, the 42.6m (139'9) Emerald Star, also from CRN, the 42.2m (138'5) Perla del Mare from Notika Yachts, the 35m (114'7) Johanna from Benetti, the 34m (111'5) Bonita J from Moonen Shipyards, the 30.2m (99') Jack Blu from Benetti, and the 27.4m (89'9) MM from Pershing.

The 20th Monaco Yacht Show, held from the 22 to 25 September, also sees a fine display from CNI. To date, CNI has confirmed it will have eight yachts in the show including the 56m (184') Selene from Perini Navi, the 48m (157'5) Flying Eagle from Bloemsmas Van Breemen, the 43.3m (142') Pure Bliss from Palmer Johnson, the 43m (141') Sofico from CRN, the 43m (141') Clear Eyes from Pax Navi, the 36.5m (120') Beverly from Benetti. The 60m (196'8) Cloud 9 and 56m (184') Panthalassa, both available for charter through CNI, will also be on display with CMN and Perini Navi respectively.



AWARDS

WORLD SUPERYACHT AWARDS

CNI would like to congratulate all the winners and finalists of this year's World Superyacht Awards that took place in May. The prestigious event gathered owners, builders, designers and brokers in London's historic Guildhall and saw many spectacular new yachts honoured with the prestigious Neptune award. Winners included Northern Star, Arkley, Celestial Hope, FX, Indio and the sailing yacht Riela. Available for charter through CNI, Riela is a stunning Perini Navi with naval architecture by Ron Holland and an interior by Rémi Tessier. Riela, winner of the Best Sailing Yacht in the 45m+ size range, faced some very strong opposition to claim her title.



RA wins Young Designer of the Year Award

As sponsor of the Young Designer of the Year Award at the World Superyacht Awards, CNI is delighted to congratulate this year's winner Adam Voorhees, a post-graduate from California, who was awarded with a Neptune for his impressive project, RA. The Young Designer of the Year Award is a worldwide initiative launched to encourage new talent into the yacht design industry. The award recognises the achievement of an outstanding young designer and the potential impact of their work on current or future superyacht design. The judges considered RA to be an imaginative project which fully met all aspects of the specification, and showed impressive consistency and proportion between internal and external areas.



CHAPTER ONE: THE SUPERYACHT INDUSTRY

The benchmark for the study of the marketplace is based on yachts above 45m/147' when it comes to the sale and purchase, brokerage and charter markets. However, when taking a look at the projects undertaken by the shipyards and designers, focus has been given to yachts above 20m/66', in order to differentiate between semi-custom and custom yachts against production yachts.

1.1 THE ACTORS

The format adopted in last year's Index met with much positive feedback, and has therefore been applied again to this year's analysis. There is certainly potential for additional research to be carried out. However, while there has been progress made with many yacht and designers, there is still part to be done. There is still room for improvement and more transparency in the data provided by all the actors in the superyacht industry.

1.1.1 THE SHIPYARDS

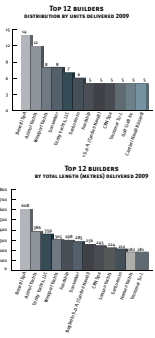
• DISTRIBUTION BY UNITS DELIVERED

203 superyachts over 20m/66' were delivered in 2009, built by six different shipyards. Benetti Yachts delivered 44 units, the largest amount, followed by Alcatraz with 22 units. Westport delivered 18 units, followed by 16 units each from the top 10 include Trinity Yachts (England), Sanlorenzo (Italy), Tecnomar, Bagliotti, Gulf Craft, Cantieri Navali (France), C&N and Fairchild (USA). When comparing the number of deliveries with 2008, there is a notable decline in the number of deliveries, down from 246 units in 2008 to 203 in 2009 - an 18% decrease. This clearly indicates that the number of orders placed in 2009, albeit in the latter part of the year, and 2008, were already declining compared with previous years. This is a sign of how the shipyards were affected by the global economic downturn right from the onset.

During 2009 the number of shipyards able to deliver such superyachts reduced by 10%, down from 104. It does not necessarily mean that no yards went out of business during the course of 2009, but it is an indication that their production levels were no longer at capacity, as they were during the boom period. There are also a number of shipyards that have now disappeared from the top 10, most notably Oceanwide (Malaysia) and Arco (Singapore), while others may be facing tough times (delivered only early 2009) if they built yachts on spec that might be hard to sell while the market has still not fully recovered.

• DISTRIBUTION BY TOTAL LENGTH

When looking at the total length, and average length per shipyard, we see some changes in the top 10. Benetti Yachts and Alcatraz kept their positions, with a total 404 metres and 385 metres of completed superyachts respectively. Number three on the list is Trinity Yachts with a total of 222 metres, followed by Westport with 205 metres and Fairchild with 198 metres. Even though they delivered just three units on an average of 65 metres each in 2009, Lürssen total 242 metres and still enter the top 10 when it comes to length.



CNI (super)Yachting Index
The third edition of CNI's (super)Yachting Index is now available to view online at www.camperandnicholsons.com. Published in collaboration with SuperYachtTimes.com, the Index looks at the year 2009, which, even with the economic climate, proved overall to be a good year for the yachting industry. Already the question on everyone's lips is what 2010 will bring, and research has already begun for the fourth edition of the Index, out in 2011.

Antigua Charter Show
Celebrating its 49th birthday, the Antigua Yacht Charter Meeting will be held from the 6 to 11 December 2010. Displaying some of the world's finest charter yachts, the show promises another stunning selection from CNI. With nine yachts from the fleet already registered, and more to come, Nelson's Dockyard and Falmouth Harbour will be bustling with the best. Yachts on the list to date include the 62.5m (205') Apogee, the 62.5m (205') Icon, the 53.5m (175') Hurricane Run, the 50m (164') Jo, the 39.7m (130'2) Parvati, the 38.1m (125') Northlander, the 34.5m (112') Catalonian Spirit, the recently refitted 41.4m (135'8) Mirabella III, and the 25m (82') sailing yacht Inukshuk.



A new look for Paraiso

The 46.6m (153') Paraiso is currently hauled out at the Astilleros Yard in Palma undergoing a major refit. The soft furnishings in the guest accommodation are being replaced with a modern interior providing a more spacious and light effect, while still respecting the Bannenberg design. The engines are being replaced with more economical MTU 4000 V12 engines with 1045Kw each, giving her a top speed of approximately 18 knots and a cruising speed of approximately 14 - 15 knots. The new engines mean that she will meet the emission standards in Europe and the US. The generators are also being rebuilt and all audiovisual equipment is being renewed. The large foredeck has been converted into a lounge and sunbathing area with Jacuzzi, and on the boat deck the crane system and tenders have been removed and replaced with a single RIB tender and a hydraulic crane aft, freeing up the entire deck. The refit is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

Sunrise signing

CNI's Simon Goldsworthy and Sunrise Yachts are delighted to announce the signing of a new superyacht build; a 61m (200') motoryacht scheduled to be launched at the end of 2013. Built to a new Espen Oeino design, the yacht will be Bureau Veritas classed and MCA compliant. Following an extensive selection process on behalf of the owners, designer Redman Whiteley Dixon has been chosen as interior designer, and project manager, and surveyor Burness Corlett has been appointed to follow the build as owner's representatives.

Following Sunrise Yachts' debut with its 45m (147'6) Africa at the Monaco Yacht Show last year, the yard has gone on to build another Sunrise 45m project Sunset, which is due for delivery in 2011, and has Hull 473, project Twilight, in development. The signing of the new 61m further endorses Sunrise Yachts as a significant player in the superyacht market.

NEW BUILD & LAUNCHES



ILLUSION LAUNCHES

CNI's Alex Lees Buckley was the sales broker and buyer's representative through to completion for the recently delivered 45.6m (149'7) Illusion. The resulting yacht is a fine example of why the Benetti yard has such an excellent reputation. An array of interior and exterior lounging and dining spaces offer great opportunities for

formal entertaining and easy relaxation, similar to those found on much larger yachts. The interior, with large main-deck saloon, full-width upper deck saloon, full-width owner's suite, two double and two twin cabins, is the inspiration of Carlo Galeazzi and Argent Design. Clean, contemporary yet rich, it represents the ultimate in modern style.

The stunning sun deck offers superb sunbathing and lounging areas both around the mosaic Jacuzzi/pool and aft. The dining area with full bar is totally shaded by the SatCom arch. Her bridge deck also offers dining for up to 12 guests, again with full bar and further lounging opportunities.

Her sizeable swim platform acts as an extra deck near the water level. Special attention has been paid to comfort at sea and at anchor, and she is equipped with zero-speed stabilizers and is extremely quiet throughout. Illusion is available for charter through CNI.

SPECIFICATIONS	
LENGTH	45.6m (149'7)
BEAM	8.9m (29'2)
YEAR	2010
BUILDER	Benetti
INTERIOR DESIGN	Carlo Galeazzi & Argent Design
GUESTS	10
CREW	9
PRICES FROM	€160,000/week



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(on charter)

sea&i rounds up the latest new additions to the CNI charter fleet



SAI RAM

The 51.8m (170') Sai Ram joined the CNI fleet at the beginning of the summer and has enjoyed a successful season of charters to date. Designed by Stefano Natucci with an interior by Lazzarini Pickering Architetti, Sai Ram is a spacious, stylish yacht and an exemplary charter vessel packed with innovative and exhilarating features. She offers a master stateroom on the main deck forward, a VIP stateroom on the upper deck and four guest cabins on the lower deck, comprising two doubles and two twins. Her outside deck areas include a large sun deck area with sun beds, Jacuzzi, sofas, a bar and a dining area. Sai Ram will remain in the Mediterranean this coming winter season.

- Length 51.8m (170')
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Mediterranean (winter & summer)
- Prices from €210,000 per week





ILLUSION

CNI is delighted to announce that the 46.55m (152'7) Illusion, delivered this spring from the Benetti Yard, has joined the charter fleet. This smooth-lined Benetti provides massive interior guest areas and exceptional deck space. Her Galeazzi of Rome and Argent Design of London interior is inviting with its warm blend of colours. Illusion has all the very latest communication and watersports equipment. Sleeping ten guests in three double and two twin cabins, she will be staying in the West Mediterranean this winter, and in summer 2011.

■ Length 46.55m (152'7)

■ Guests 10

■ Cruising area Mediterranean (winter & summer)

■ Prices from €160,000 per week

CALLIOPE

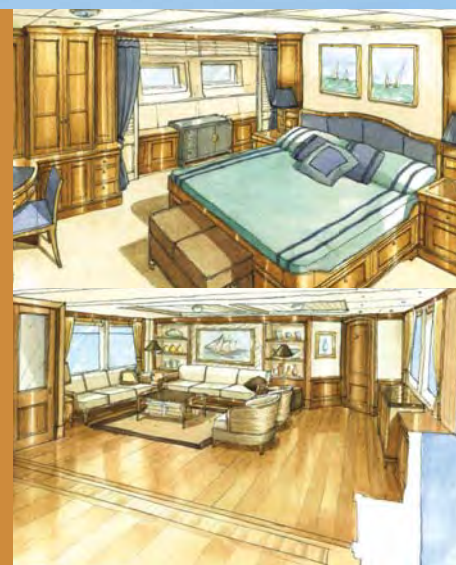
The 42m (138') Calliope was launched from the Holland Jachtbouw yard earlier this summer and spent her first few weeks cruising the fjords of Norway. Calliope represents an excellent combination of engineering and design by Langan Design Associates. Her splendid interior, by Rhoades Young, has been laid out and styled to the owner's requirements and is perfect for formal entertaining as well as relaxing in comfort. The owner's cabin on the main deck is full beam, and on the lower deck there are two double cabins and two twins. The bridge deck has ample lounging and alfresco dining spaces, while the top deck has a Jacuzzi and sunning area. Calliope will be staying in the Mediterranean for the winter before debuting at the Genoa Charter Show in May ahead of her first charter season.

■ Length 42m (138')

■ Guests 10

■ Cruising area Mediterranean (winter & summer)

■ Prices from US\$160,000 per week





LIFE'S FINEST II

The five-stateroom Life's Finest II is an ideal yacht for chartering the New England coastline and the archipelagos of the Bahamas and the Caribbean. At 40m (132'), she has a desirable main-deck master stateroom and four staterooms below deck, comprising three doubles and one twin. Her rich mahogany interior is offset with soft, neutral tones to suit any taste. A full array of watertoys make this the perfect yacht for a family or couples.

- Length 40m (132')
- Guests 10
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from US\$90,000 per week

MIRABELLA III

The 41.4m (135'8) Mirabella III has just emerged fresh from an extensive refit that delivers her into a new category of environmentally friendly sailing yachts, using only the greenest and highest-quality fuels for propulsion and generators when she isn't under sail. Among other eco upgrades, she has been stocked with biodegradable golf balls that become fish food when hit in the ocean. All her decks, including a new swim deck, and accommodations have been refitted to offer excellent living areas for up to ten guests. Mirabella III will be showing at the Antigua Charter Show in December before her debut season in the Caribbean.

- Length 41.4m (135'9)
- Guests 10
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from €87,500 per week





VIRAGO

The 30.5m (100') Virago joined CNI's sailing yacht fleet for the summer season, chartering in New England. One of only a few 100' Nautor Swan sailing yachts built, Virago is an outstanding choice for an unforgettable sailing charter. This fabulous high-performance yacht is the ultimate in luxury and comfort, with safety, speed and easy sailing paramount to the design. Virago boasts three cabins, including an oversized master cabin aft, along with two twin staterooms. Just forward of the guest accommodation is the bright and airy main saloon with its pale teak offset with soft white surroundings — each interior area reflecting Scandinavian and Italian design fusion. Virago is available for charter this winter in the Caribbean.

- Length 30.4m (100')
- Guests 6
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from US\$50,000 per week



NORTHLANDER

Launched at the end of 2009 from Moonen Shipyards, the 38m (124') Northlander is a beautiful tri-deck motoryacht with an elegant and spacious interior designed by Art Line. The decor has a tropical feel thanks to cherrywood and woven bamboo, leather detailing and wooden floors and shutters. On deck she has great spaces for relaxation — ideal for family charters.

- Length 38m (124')
- Guests 10
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from US\$90,000 per week



JURATA

New to the CNI fleet is the 26m (85'4) Jurata. Perfect for cruising the West Mediterranean, where she will remain for both the winter and summer seasons, this 2007-built Riva sleeps eight guests in three double cabins and one twin. She has a spacious and light interior and plentiful deck areas designed for easy entertaining and casual gatherings.

- Length 26m (85'4)
- Guests 8
- Cruising area Mediterranean (winter & summer)
- Prices from €44,000 per week



CATALONIAN SPIRIT

Catalonian Spirit is a casual yet elegant yacht. With her Jacuzzi and spacious sunning areas, she is perfect for lounging on deck and alfresco entertaining while cruising the Bahamas and Caribbean islands. The six staterooms comprise a king-bedded master, a queen VIP plus two queen-bedded staterooms below deck and two twin staterooms, each with a Pullman berth.

- Length 34m (112')
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from US\$65,000 per week



alternative (destinations)

From the cruising grounds of South America to the balmy waters of the Southern Hemisphere, CNI's Central Agency listings announce some exciting new locations for the forthcoming winter season



PATAGONIA & BEYOND

Those with a flair for adventure, and time free this winter, should waste no time booking a charter on Sherakhan as she'll be voyaging through the fascinating waters of Patagonia and available for charter from December through to the end of February. A classically stylish yacht, the 69.65m (228'5) Sherakhan is a head-turning vessel with an excellent charter reputation. She has a contemporary interior with outstanding features including a huge open main salon and dining area. She sleeps 26 guests in eight double cabins and four twin cabins.

Currently in the Netherlands, Sherakhan and her 18 crew are preparing for an exciting voyage to South America's icy waters via the Cape Verde Islands, Uruguay or Buenos Aires. Having explored the coastlines of Chile and Argentina in early 2011, she then sets her sights on Panama, offering spring charters in Costa Rica or the Caribbean

- Length 69.95m (229'5)
- Guests 26
- Cruising area Patagonia & Antarctica (Dec-Feb); Panama & Costa Rica (March/April)
- Prices from €395,000 per week

INDIAN OCEAN AND THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

A fleet of CNI central agency yachts are heading to the Indian Ocean this winter, including the 64.5m (211'7") Silver Angel, the 60m (196'7") Cloud 9, the 59.5m (195'2") Magna Grecia, the 56m (184') sailing yacht Panthalassa, and the 56m (184') Galaxy.

CLOUD 9

The 60m (196'7") Cloud 9 has announced plans to venture further afield to the Indian Ocean this winter. Following her appearance at the Monaco Yacht Show in September, she will be heading to Abu Dhabi for the Grand Prix before making her way over to the Seychelles, Maldives and Thailand for charters. Cloud 9 is the perfect choice for those looking for a low-key, beach-club style motoryacht. Her nautical, contemporary interior is complemented by her alluring exterior deck spaces and she boasts a wealth of facilities that will impress even the most discerning guests.

Accommodation includes the vast, open-plan owner's suite with private observation lounge on the main deck, a VIP with private balcony on the bridge deck, and four guest cabins on the lower deck.

- Length 60m (196'7")
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Seychelles, Maldives & Thailand (winter)
- Prices from €315,000 per week

SILVER ANGEL

Silver Angel is planning to head to the Indian Ocean this winter. Vast in size and appeal, she is probably the highest-volume yacht of her length. Elegant and sleek, her bespoke interior by Argent Design is opulent throughout. High-gloss, dark-oak panelling combines with white onyx, silver leaf and Lalique features. On deck she has an array of dining and relaxation areas. Silver Angel sleeps 12 guests in a full-beam owner's suite, VIP cabin, three double cabins and two twin cabins.

- Length 64.5m (211'7")
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Madagascar, Seychelles & the Maldives (winter)
- Prices from €450,000 per week





MAGNA GRECIA

Sprawled over four decks, the recently refit Magna Grecia has ample space to offer her guests everything a charter yacht should. Comfortable staterooms and secluded seating areas are balanced by an assortment of public areas for entertaining, socialising and fun. The perfect yacht for exploring the island idylls of the Indian Ocean.

- Length 59.5m (195'2)
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Indian Ocean (winter)
- Prices from €220,000 per week

PANTHALASSA

The recently launched sailing yacht Panthalassa is considering the Red Sea and Indian Ocean for winter charters. A fusion of contemporary living and the finest nautical heritage, she was built at the renowned Perini Navi yard. From naval architecture and engineering to interior space planning, she combines 21st-century innovation with intelligent design. Flexible, multifunctional spaces offer a host of lounging opportunities.

- Length 56m (184')
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Red Sea & Indian Ocean or Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from €200,000 per week



GALAXY

The owner of the 56m (184') Galaxy has announced that his yacht will be heading to the Indian Ocean this winter and returning via the Pacific on a six-month trip. She will be available for charters in the Maldives this November before she heads off to Australia for charters in December through to the middle of January. She will then be in New Zealand until mid March, before setting off to Fiji and Tahiti.

Designed to perfection, the award-winning Galaxy sleeps 12 guests in four double cabins and two twin cabins.

- Length 56m (184')
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Maldives, Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific (winter/spring)
- Prices from Please enquire



spotlight on Flying Eagle

Winging her way onto the brokerage market, the 48m (157'5) Flying Eagle is a shining example of craftsmanship, style and performance

As one might expect of a yacht named Flying Eagle, this 48m (157.5') Bloemsma Van Breemen build is a commanding and graceful sight gliding through the ocean. She also offers a great sense of freedom on board thanks to ample daylight and a clever use of space, which, artfully arranged over four decks, provides the level of volume one would usually expect on a yacht of over 50m (164').

Built of steel and aluminium in 2005, Flying Eagle has an impressive pedigree. Her naval architecture is the work of Vripack Naval Architects, while Reymond Langton of London, UK, designed and decorated her interior.

Her accommodation is a pleasing mix of dark Cuban mahogany, pale carpets and Italian marble, with its signature feature being a spiral staircase connecting all the decks. Enhancing each deck are striking glass artworks, including a unique eagle-wing piece on the main deck, beautifully illuminated by a skylight that also floods natural daylight to the stairs and marble landing. Light is a welcome feature throughout the yacht, thanks to this skylight and ceiling domes finished in satin gold leaf and silver leaf, which not only serve as a nice design touch but also add to the feeling of space in the yacht.

Adjacent to the main saloon is a dining saloon for ten guests, with the two areas being cleverly divided by concealed panels when occasion demands. The interior also features a full-width owner's suite complete with office, desk, sofa, dining table and a king-sized bed that can be electrically adjusted to view the concealed television. Walk-in wardrobes and a full-width Italian marble bathroom add to the decadence, and a shower room and dressing table with Lalique mirror complete the suite.

Four further staterooms have en-suite marble bathrooms and plenty of storage; three having queen-sized beds and one twins. All have full entertainment systems and hidden fridges for chilled Champagne.

Guests can also make use of a gymnasium and sky lounge. On deck, Flying Eagle has an expansive sun deck with loungers, a wet bar and Jacuzzi, which can be shaded from the sun by an awning, as well as many welcoming areas



for relaxing. She also makes space for eight crew in four cabins, and is equipped with innovative, state-of-the-art technology.

Launched in 2005, the yacht had her hull repainted in 2008, and her superstructure – from main deck to mast – refreshed in 2010. Her Lloyd's five-year class survey was completed in 2010.

For information on the purchase of Flying Eagle, contact Mike Payne, CNI Monaco, see page 6.

SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	48m (157'5)
BEAM	9.15m (30')
DRAFT	2.85m (9'4)
BUILDER	Bloemsma Van Breemen
YEAR	2005
GUESTS	10 in 5 cabins
CREW	10
PRICES FROM	€26,000,000





Colin Boyle
(on board
Cloud 9)

Colin Boyle was captain of Cloud 9 during her build and 2009 launch. Following two extremely successful charter seasons, he's now steering her to the Indian Ocean and beyond



BOYLE ON... HIS BACKGROUND

Growing up on the River Tay in Scotland provided ample opportunity to enjoy the sea, from windsurfing to sailing to watching seals, fishing boats and anglers. The variety of things to do at sea always fascinated me, so after a hectic decade in contemporary music [Boyle studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London and the Rotterdam Conservatoire, before touring Europe, the US and Japan], I took a break and went sailing. I never made it back ashore.

BOYLE ON... THE SUPERYACHT INDUSTRY

Imagination in all areas seems unlimited, and the industry does a tremendous job of encouraging, then realising, the dreams of owners and charterers. Technology and communications have moved things on tremendously. During my first Caribbean season the owners allowed the crew two minutes each on the SatCom phone on Christmas day. Now, if the VSAT internet connection drops for two minutes... crew protest! Regulation of any industry marketing privacy, such as we do, will always be lamented, but I feel the ever-tightening squeeze dilutes the essence of what we are trying to achieve.

BOYLE ON... TRAVEL

I love the Ionian Islands, Corfu, Ithaca, Cephalonia... it's still possible to find quiet anchorages and be in some great ports by evening. Turkey also caught my imagination recently, and I love Venice, and cruising up the Thames to London, and squeezing Cloud 9 into the smallest ports in Italy and Croatia. But Alaska is currently top of my list to visit, and I'd like to cruise the Indian Ocean and beyond. We're planning to take Cloud 9 there this winter, and I'm working on some exciting itineraries, including Myanmar and possibly Vietnam before continuing East.

BOYLE ON... BEING A CAPTAIN

Behind every shiny, polished superyacht is a large and (hopefully) efficient business. People are key to its success (be it crew, owners, contractors,

guests...) and learning to read people and communicate with them simplifies management enormously. I don't really get stressed – I'm too busy! – but my most taxing role is managing and interacting with a crew of 14, through all their ups and downs, work and personal, and still being able to sit down and relax with them at the end of the day's work.

BOYLE ON... UNUSUAL CHARTERS

I've had all manner of bizarre requests, including charterers wanting us to find a Russian Orthodox Church – when we were cruising Turkey! Another woman wanted the bath removed from the master bathroom as she didn't like it there. And I once encountered the challenge: "Captain, you have medical training – would you mind injecting some Botox in my forehead before dinner?"

BOYLE ON... CLOUD 9

Cloud 9 maintains an excellent life/work balance. The crew are great, and the owners are very appreciative of our efforts. Many of the crew joined us during the build, so their cumulative knowledge is a fantastic asset. Her design and layout make great use of space, and she has a pair of F7 Seabobs that are fantastic for zipping along the surface and below. ■

SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	60m (196'85)
BEAM	11.20m (36'75)
DRAFT	3.45m (11'32)
BUILDER	CMN Cherbourg
YEAR	2009
GUESTS	12
CREW	15
CRUISING AREA ..	Indian Ocean (winter); West/East Mediterranean (summer)
PRICES FROM	€315,000/week

charter cuisine

Taste notes with...

Ronald Pot

Having tasted victory at the Antigua Charter Yacht Meeting's Concours de Chef competition, Ronald Pot of Sherakhan shares his culinary journey to date

W I have worked in the culinary industry for about 20 years – my entire adult life [he is now 37] – and I think I must have made all the right decisions to have led me to where I am today as head chef on board the 69.65m (228'5) Sherakhan.

"I started my career in Holland, working in a variety of restaurants and soaking up as much experience as I could. It was during these days that I first learned about Asian cuisine – now my speciality – and it really shaped how my career progressed. I was mastering hands-on skills as I worked but I also went to college one day a week for four years to study the theory of cooking. During these years I worked in four very different establishments before hitting the jackpot and landing a job in a multi-Michelin starred restaurant. Ultimately, though, I'd always wanted to travel, and when I met a friend who worked on a yacht it gave me the idea of becoming a travelling chef.

A WORLD OF CHOICE

"Variety has always been my watchword, so the superyacht world and I fit well together. I find I can easily adapt to the cuisine of each country we visit, giving guests a real flavour of that area. In addition, thanks to the many influences I encounter, I constantly pick up new skills and ideas. I make it

my aim to cook dishes in the traditional way that locals would – if possible, even better than them. I worked so hard at mastering the art of making baklava that a Turkish guest once said it was the best he had ever tasted.

"Guests on board Sherakhan can expect lots of Asian and French-inspired cuisine. And I keep things simple so each flavour really stands out.

"During charters I'm up at 6am every day, and I often work through until 1am the next morning. As we can accommodate up to 26 guests at any one time, organisation is key, so I pre-prepare anything that can be frozen – sauces, stocks, ravioli, ice-cream, bread, desserts and so on. Having said that, I really like to involve the guests in the creative process to ensure they all have as much choice and flexibility as possible, so we'll often chat about ideas and I'll adapt the menus as the charter progresses and I get an idea of their tastes.

"Of course, choices depend on what ingredients are available in the local markets as I'll only use the finest and freshest. The Mediterranean is the easiest place to stock up with gourmet treats but, to be honest, we now have so many different international ingredients available to us worldwide that it is a great time to be a creative chef. What's more, a superyacht is one place where you can truly be master of your own kitchen. I think that's one thing that really makes us stand apart from many of today's restaurants – we have so much close, personal contact with guests that we take real pride in catering for them as individuals. And we still prepare almost everything from scratch.

WINNING WAYS

"Aside from guests' feedback, one of the most rewarding ways to excel as a superyacht chef is to enter the culinary competitions that have become an annual event on the cruising calendar. The Antigua Charter Yacht Meeting is probably the highlight of the winter season in this respect, so I was absolutely delighted to be awarded first prize for my dessert in the Carib Bean Coffee Roaster award. I prepared a four-themed coffee dessert that comprised a coffee-bean crème brûlée topped with a coffee-bean jelly and foam, along with a subtle crunch of coffee beans. Sherakhan also won the Piper Heidsieck Elegance de la Table competition at the same event so it was a great start to the winter charter season." ■



The 69.65m (228'5) Sherakhan





where in the
world...

sea&i brings you the latest
luxury travel news

LA PUTS ON THE RITZ

The greatly anticipated Ritz-Carlton, Los Angeles has now opened its doors to eagerly awaiting guests. Exuding elegance and glamour from the upper floors of a 54-storey tower, the luxurious hotel provides spectacular panoramic views of downtown Los Angeles. The spa has nine treatment rooms and a relaxation lounge, and there's an outdoor rooftop swimming pool that makes the very most of the city views. The hotel boasts a handful of gastronomic treats including the culinary creations of celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck, which can be sampled in WP24, the refined Asian restaurant that also offers impressive skyline views. www.ritzcarlton.com





BERMUDA'S NEW RETREAT

Elbow Beach Bermuda has undergone a huge US\$5.5 million renovation making it one of the island's most talked-about luxury resorts. Managed by the Mandarin Oriental Group, it offers 98 guestrooms and suites amid 50 acres of manicured gardens, and has its own stretch of beach on which guests can enjoy ocean-side spa therapies. All the accommodations have been refreshed, along with the fitness room, bar, gift shop and beachfront facilities. www.mandarinoriental.com/bermuda

A return to splendour

Built in 1909, Vanderbilt Hall is located in the heart of Newport city. Having just undergone a complete restoration, the property is, today, the only mansion hotel and private members club in this historic US city, which has been the enticing summer resort of New England and home of the America's Cup and yachting in North America for more than a century.

Vanderbilt Hall's restoration respects the mansion's heritage. The rooms are adorned with some of America's most impressive art works, and a palette of period colours with contemporary twists adorns the 33 rooms and suites. The hotel's Monty's Bar and Dining Room serves local seasonal dishes and British favourites, while The Conservatory and The Garden Terrace are already popular spots for the locals. www.vanderbilthall.com



Yoga in Italy

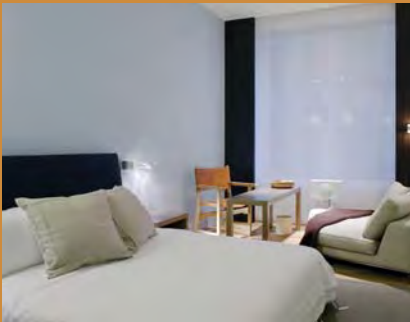
Destination Yoga, part of the in:spa brand, has added two new Italian locations to its portfolio of yoga retreats: one is a 16th century masseria in Puglia, and the other is located in two restored 17th century stone houses near Rome.

www.destinationyoga.co.uk

A healthy dose of Tuscany

The Tuscan retreat and spa at Castel Monastero has introduced a new therapeutic wellness programme that focusses on weight loss, detox and rejuvenation. The programme has been devised by Dr Mosaraf Ali and encompasses traditional and ancient healing techniques. To accompany the treatments, a specially tailored menu of suitably healthy but delicious spa cuisine has been devised by Michelin-starred celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay.

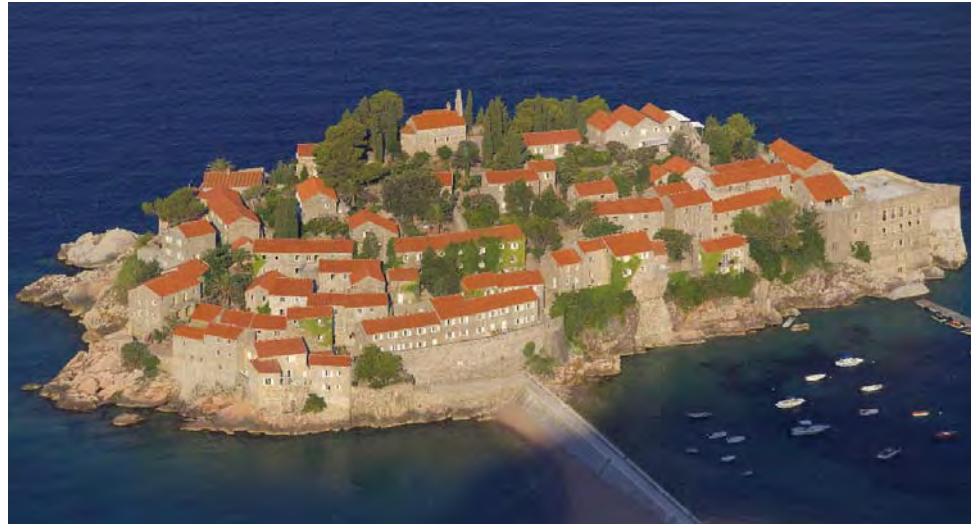
www.castelmonastero.com



Made in Manhattan

The newly opened Andaz 5th Avenue hotel can be found in the stylish district of midtown Manhattan. Evocative of industrial New York, the 184-room hotel has been transformed from an old department store. Benefiting from a central location, the vistas from the rooms are iconic and include the New York Public Library and the Empire State Building. Guests can take advantage of seasonal and locally sourced produce at the restaurant, and savour hand-blended cocktails in the hotel's stylish cellar bar.

www.hyatt.com



MONTENEGRO MAGIC

July saw Montenegro's tiny islet of Sveti Stefan welcoming guests in fine style at the converted Villa Miločer, the former summer residence of Queen Marija Karađorđević. Dating back to the 1400s, Sveti Stefan was originally a fortress and a fishing village but it was introduced to the international scene during the 1960s when Hollywood elite and royalty, including Princess Margaret and Sophia Loren, holidayed there. The island is currently undergoing an exciting transition under the management of the luxury Aman resort group. Named Aman Sveti Stefan, the resort will see the traditional cluster of stone buildings with red-tiled roofs amid evergreen trees converted into some 50 guest cottages and suites along the pink-sand coastline. As Montenegro has a reputation as one of the last unspoilt Mediterranean destinations, this tiny island will now be even more revered by connoisseurs of exclusive travel. www.amanresorts.com

Argentine appeal

Housed in a 1912 mansion, the luxurious Algodon Mansion is a noteworthy addition to the Buenos Aires' boutique hotel scene. Located in the elegant Recoleta neighbourhood of the city, the hotel is close to many fashionable boutiques, galleries, restaurants and cafés. Small and intimate, it has just ten suites, all of which offer 24-hour butler service. The dining room setting of the Chez Nous restaurant offers a menu of both French and Argentinean cuisine. The hotel also boasts a rooftop pool, an indulgent spa and a cognac bar. www.algodonmansion.com



HELIPORT HOTEL

The pioneering Hotel Verta, part of the Bridges Wharf in Battersea, London, England, opened its doors this September. Innovatively designed to combine a modern and luxurious hotel with a heliport, the hotel, with 70 bedrooms including 14 suites, has been designed in a classic and modern style reminiscent of the halcyon days of aviation. The Patrisey Restaurant serves food around the clock, and at the Vertilon bar guests can admire Thames views while enjoying its extensive cocktail selection. Spa Verta features a hydro-vitality pool, steam room, sauna and an assortment of indulgent treatments.

www.hotel-verta.co.uk



State of grace

After a five-year renovation, the iconic Poseidon Grace reopened its doors in spring. The hotel is located by the harbour of the main town on the Greek island of Spetses. Combining neo-classical architecture with magnificent modern interiors,

the hotel offers the highest standards of luxury. Along with a selection of 45 rooms and seven suites, there is a choice of three restaurants, a spa and a swimming pool.

www.poseidoniongrace.com



TYNE FOR RELAXATION

Set in a tastefully converted building overlooking England's River Tyne is the recently opened Hotel du Vin Newcastle. As well as having the advantage of an excellent location, the hotel is close to the new cultural centre on the south bank housing the Sage concert halls and the Baltic gallery. The hotel is, itself, part of the regenerated Ouseburn district and it offers stylish rooms, especially the suites. Rounding things off, the style, service, and (as the name implies) the wine list are all impressive.

www.hotelduvin.com

A rural idyll

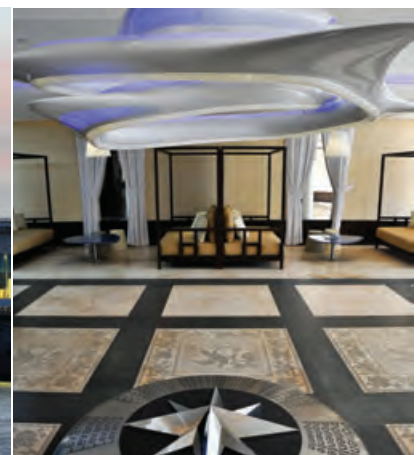
Step back in time, and tradition, to enjoy a one-off Alpine cabin experience. Nestled high up in the Swiss Alps is The Gstaad Palace's newly opened Walig Hut. Originally built more than 200 years ago, the hut was traditionally a summer home for farmers. As only a handful of these traditional residences now exist, the renovation has been sympathetic to honour the property's simple heritage. Guests can stay overnight, enjoying homely comfort and luxury food along with breathtaking views of Gstaad and the Saanenland. www.palace.ch



Sardinia's new Yacht Club

La Maddalena Hotel & Yacht Club is the new destination to head for on the island of La Maddalena, just off the northeastern coastline of Sardinia. One of an archipelago of islands, La Maddalena was once of great strategic significance to the US military, but the port has now been transformed into a marina. The hotel is an oasis of light-filled contemporary space and comprises 95 rooms including six suites, a bar and restaurant, swimming pool and a fully equipped spa with hammam and sauna.

www.lamaddalenahyc.com





ORIGINAL DIVE SITES

Original Travel has teamed up with underwater travel experts Dive in Style and launched into a new area of expertise — recommending the finest dive resorts worldwide. Diving enthusiasts can now enjoy access to the underwater wonders of the most impressive diving spots and then unwind in the comfort of superb hotels, without having to do all the legwork of finding the best of both. The latest *Dive in Style* book makes it easy, listing over 30 excellent resorts. Even better, thanks to a team of experts, bespoke itineraries can be tailored to your personal requests. www.diveinstyle.com

New Port of call

The recently opened Yeatman is situated amid ancient Port wine lodges in the magnificent World Heritage city of Oporto in Portugal. With a commanding hillside position, each of the 12 suites and 70 bedrooms has breathtaking views of the River Douro and the city. Absorb the history and culture of this ancient area, or retreat to the peace of the extensive gardens, which include a port-decanter shaped pool and a croquet lawn. The Yeatman also boasts an excellent restaurant where traditional Portuguese food and wine can be enjoyed. www.the-yeatman-hotel.com



New Forest retreat

Set in England's idyllic New Forest countryside in Hampshire is the new and much-anticipated boutique spa at the Lime Wood Hotel. The spa offers a range of skincare brands, eight treatment rooms, a large indoor swimming pool with glass doors that draw back to overlook the forest, a hydrotherapy pool, sauna, hammam, steam room and a fully equipped gym. Accommodation is in the main house of the hotel or in houses within the grounds.

www.limewoodhotel.co.uk



10-10-10

The hotly anticipated opening of the ambitiously restored The Savoy is set for the auspicious date of 10 October 2010. Having undergone a mammoth restoration, the opening of the iconic doors will reveal new rooms and suites, as well as a couple of bars, a tea shop, spa, and remodelling of the old rooms and restaurants. All will be revealed in the next issue of *Sea&I*.

www.fairmont.com

Relax in Bath

The new spa at Homewood Park near Bath completes the hotel's extensive renovations. Set within quintessential landscaped English gardens, the spa offers a varied menu of treatments along with a plethora of facilities including a heated outdoor swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool overlooking the garden, two therapy rooms, champagne nail bar, and mood-enhancing thermal suite, including sauna and steam room.

www.homewoodpark.co.uk



STYLE ON THE NILE

The 2010 opening of Kempinski's boutique hotel on Egypt's River Nile marks an exciting and luxurious addition to ancient and exotic Cairo. Located in the elite Garden City district, guests can enjoy awe-inspiring views of the legendary river from one of the 137 rooms and 54 suites. With four restaurants to choose from there is a chance to experience a range of culinary delicacies, from the hotel's French-inspired Floor 10 to The Blue restaurant, where each dish is made specially to order. Guests can enjoy further indulgence in the state-of-the-art spa and an assortment of bars, including a Jazz Bar, Chocolate Lounge and Shishawy. www.kempinski.com/en/cairo

More for Singapore

Situated on the waterfront in Singapore's historical Central Business District and Arts and Cultural precinct is the Fullerton Bay Hotel, which opened its doors this summer. Exquisitely designed, the hotel fuses the culture and heritage of Singapore and the modernity of the marina district. Local vintage pieces and commissioned contemporary art feature throughout the 100 rooms and five individually themed suites. A choice of restaurants include poolside dining on the hotel's rooftop and a modern brasserie, where floor-to-ceiling windows illuminate views of the Singapore skyline.

www.fullertonbayhotel.com



PROPERTY FOCUS

If you are looking to buy, rent or invest, Spain and Italy have many charms that make them well worth investigating



MAS MATEU, SPAIN

One of Spain's finest properties, Mas Mateu is now available to rent. Located in the Pyrenees, the property is privately owned and has undergone an extensive refurbishment to accommodate 20 guests. From a series of inviting lounges to the grand salon, the interior is impressive but welcoming. Each bedroom is decorated in Catalan tones, complemented by family heirlooms and locally sourced furnishings, as well as bathrooms fitted out in the latest contemporary designs. Mas Mateu's chef can prepare a Catalan feast served on the terraces or in the dining room.

The grounds of the property offer an array of leisure facilities including a cinema, swimming pool, spa, gym, football field, basketball court, paddle-tennis court and outdoor barbecue. The property is also home to one of Spain's leading equestrian facilities.

For further information, visit www.masmateu.com

CASTELLO DI TORRE A DECIMA, ITALY

A beautifully restored 900-year-old Tuscan estate, Castello di Torre a Decima is set in 450 acres of rolling hills, vineyards and olive groves on the Arno River near the romantic city of Florence. A team of Italian artisans have been working on the restoration and this summer seven converted farmhouses and seven apartments became available for purchase. Although each farmhouse is unique, they all have their own swimming pool, spa and tennis courts. The seven apartments, meanwhile, share a communal swimming pool and tennis court.

The estate is made up of a Medieval castle, a church, several historical buildings and a working vineyard. In 2012 the estate will also open an 18-room boutique hotel.

For further information, visit www.maurigiwineandresort.it



children's beachwear

Cool for kids

Children will look the part for a stylish charter with designer togs aboard and ashore

1. GET SHIRTY Label-loving boys can make a statement in this Ralph Lauren Navy USA Flag polo shirt.

www.alexandalex.com

2. THE RIGHT STRIPES Cover up on cooler days with this classically stylish cotton Hugo Boss shirt.

www.alexandalex.com

3, 4 & 5. TRUE BLUE Perfect nautical style with designer D&G Junior footwear and beach towel. www.dolcegabbana.com

6. BEACH BOYS Older guys need look no further than O'Neill for bold boardshorts that look the part on the

waves. www.oneill.com

7. EYE SPY View the underwater world through colourful Zoggs goggles.

www.zoggs.com

8. TRUNK CALL Young swimmers will love these quick-dry Sunuva swim trunks with a Velcro pocket for collecting shells and trophies ashore.

www.gift-library.com

9. TURTLE POWER Baby boys can dive into fun days with these turtle-print swim shorts with a hidden swim nappy.

www.jojomamanbebe.co.uk





1. GOING LOGO Girls will love the candy coloured style of this Ralph Lauren turquoise and pink swimsuit. www.alexandalex.com

2, 3, 4 & 5. TOP CAT Take a masterclass in summer style with this fabulous D&G Junior leopard-print beach set. www.dolcegabbana.com

6. PROTECT AND PERFECT Cover little heads, necks and ears in style with this colourful floral-design flap hat. www.jojomamanbebe.co.uk

7. POLKA PLAYER Little girls will love swim time with this Melissa Odabash Baby Micha one-piece in baby-pink polka dots. www.gift-library.com

8. DRESS TO IMPRESS This Burberry sleeveless check dress in pure cotton is ideal for days ashore. www.alexandalex.com

9. VESTED INTEREST Perfect for teaming with shorts, shirts or bikinis, this O'Neill strap top adds instant summer style to an outfit. www.oneill.com

10, 11 & 12. IN THE PINK Kit out little ones with this chlorine-tough but ultra-soft Berry Spring bikini, Miss Zoggy Bobin buoyancy aid and matching Little Zoggy character goggles with silicone seal for comfort and fit. www.zoggs.com

Rutland Bay

North Point

The waters surrounding Mustique are teeming with big game — ideal for offshore fishing excursions.

Ramier Bay

Royalty and legendary icons have been guests at Mustique since Lord Glenconner bought the island in 1958. Today it is managed on behalf of 110 villa owners, who come to escape during the peak season from December to April. The hideaways range from Roman palazzo-style villas to Chinese pavilions. Should you wish to stay ashore for a few days, there are 75 available for rent. Just choose your style.

Macaroni Bay

Macaroni Beach is one of the island's most popular beaches, and is a great spot for surfing — but even in peak season it is quiet as guests tend to remain in the privacy of their own villa grounds.

L'Ansecoy Bay



Originally a cotton store, the Cotton House is the only hotel on the island. Set on 13 acres between Endeavour Bay and L'Ansecoy Bay, the hotel has just 20 rooms and a couple of restaurants, including the Beach Café and Veranda. The liveliest evening is Saturday when the Beach Café has its weekly barbecue.



Endeavour Bay

Step ashore for an SE'Spa treatment at The Spa, Endeavour Bay.

Firefly has a quaint restaurant and cocktail bar serving French and Caribbean delicacies. Try the house cocktail, The Firefly Special.

Britannia Bay

The jump-up and barbecue at Basil's Bar is the place to be on Wednesday nights. The session begins with a barbecue and continues with live music and lots of dancing.



For further information on chartering in the Windward Islands, contact your nearest charter broker, see page 6.

ISLANDSNAPSHOT mustique

The 14,000-acre island of Mustique is as famed for its celebrity guests as it is for its beauty. Reminiscent of a simpler time, the island has become synonymous with the world of luxury and exclusivity and is perfect for few days' anchorage during a cruise of the Grenadines

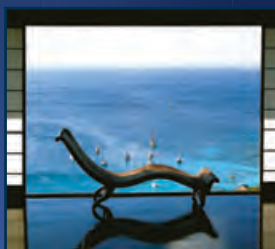
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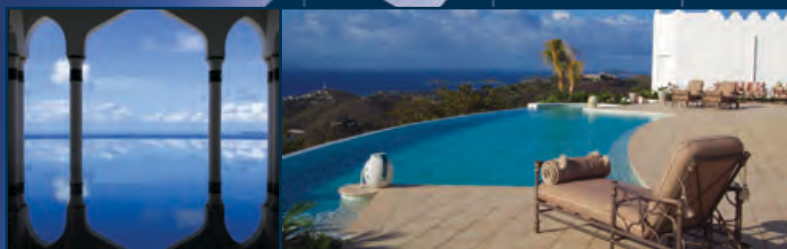


For the active charterer, Mustique has plenty of walking and hiking trails, as well as horse-riding tracks. Hire your mount from the island's equestrian centre.

South Point



The Sweetie Pie Bakery offers a vast selection of rustic breads, perfect for your crew to prepare a picnic for the beach.



Deep Bay

The focal point of the island, Britannia Bay is made up of quaint boutiques selling everything from casual beachwear to chic designer clothing, jewellery, furniture and accessories.

Lagoon Bay

Lagoon Beach on the Caribbean side of the island has calm shallow waters, and further along is the sheltered bay at Gelliceaux; both are perfect for swimming and snorkelling.

One FOR ALL

family resorts

Discovering a resort that promises seclusion and luxurious style for adults, and safe, exciting activities for children can be a challenge.

sea&i travels worldwide to bring you five top options

By Thomas Grant



LA MANGA CLUB, SPAIN

La Manga, near Murcia in southern Spain, is made for families. Children can choose from a feast of activities, including water sports, horse riding, cycling, quad biking and go-karting, or sign up to football, cricket and dance academies. Younger children (three months to 12 years) can head off to the supervised Children's Club, allowing the adults to enjoy the exceptional three golf courses, spa and 28 championship tennis courts. Accommodation is in the five star hotel or apartments and villas, some with private pools.

For more information, visit www.lamangaclub.com

TOP TIP Escape to the resort's private La Cala beach, complete with a great seafood restaurant against a stunning cliff backdrop



NAM HAI, VIETNAM

The words 'peerless elegance' and 'family' rarely sit in the same sentence, but Nam Hai achieves the perfect balance. Ensnore yourself in a two-to-five bedroom residence with infinity pool, then head to the 18-hole Colin Montgomerie golf course, or the spa, which is among the world's best. Your children, meanwhile, can run off to the air-conditioned kids' club in an ancient Hue Garden house in the grounds to enjoy beach trips, playing and soaking up local culture. Later, join up for family beach volleyball, yoga and Tai chi.

For more information, visit www.thenamhai.com

TOP TIP Three UNESCO world heritage sites are located nearby if you fancy exploring beyond the resort for a cultural family day out

HELL BAY, SCILLY ISLES

Occupying the tiny island of Bryher in the UK's Scilly Isles, Hell Bay is described as New England and the Caribbean meets Cornwall. Guests have the run of the island, meaning outdoor adventure is fuelled with snorkelling, fishing and diving expeditions, watersports, jet-boat rides or kayak trips to explore the coves and deserted islets — or simply relax by the heated pool. The hotel's Emperor or Shah suites are ideal for families.

For further information, visit www.hellbay.co.uk

TOP TIP Visit the world famous Abbey Garden on the nearby island of Tresco





SANDY LANE, BARBADOS

From sand crafts to crab crawls to limbo dancing, costume designing, wave jumping, kite flying, treehouse dining and all manner of sports, Sandy Lane ensures that children make the most of this gorgeous beach location while adults relax in style at the *Grande Dame* of the Caribbean. Golf, tennis, a pool, beach and a sumptuous spa cater for relaxation, and the hotel's five-bedroom villa is ideal for families thanks to its access to the Sandy Lane beach, garden gazebo, Jacuzzi and attentive staff.

For more information, visit www.sandylane.com

TOP TIP Ask the hotel to arrange a special experience for your family to swim with turtles

SHANTI MAURICE, MAURITIUS

Set on a coral sand cove amid tropical gardens, the suites and villas have their own pool, Jacuzzi and rain showers for indulgent homely luxury. The Kids' Club offers pools, DVDs, Wii games, arts and crafts activities and fun treasure hunts, and there is also yoga, kayaking, tennis and boating for children. Adults, meanwhile, will love the African-themed spa and the new Stars restaurant. For family meals, try the beachside Fish and Rhum Shack or enjoy a family picnic in the exotic gardens.

For further information, visit www.shantimaurice.com

TOP TIP Take a day out and head beyond the resort to swim with dolphins at Tamarind Bay, zip-line, or windsurf in the Indian Ocean





Children on charter

family cruises

Some of life's toughest critics are under the age of 18, so when it comes to holidays it pays to get it right because if your children are happy, you're free to relax to your heart's content. **Kate Rigby** suggests how to optimise your charter with the perfect balance of quality 'together' time and indulgent 'me' time.



Among their many attributes, superyachts have the significant double-edged advantage of being a fun social setting that brings everyone together, while at the same time ensuring everyone has their own personal space. When it comes to families, this is all the more valuable; children feel free to do their own thing, while parents can rest assured that youngsters are in a safe, self-contained area. Added to this, as you're regularly moving from place to place you never again need suffer the dreaded "I'm bored" refrain from restless youngsters.

Naturally, 'together' times are particularly special on a yacht, with family barbecues, shore expeditions, lazy breakfasts, beach picnics, and unique opportunities to explore the world's highlights. But, designed to please, superyacht decks equally allow for a little

independence, doubling up as a dynamic 'playground' for children and a peaceful retreat for adults. For example, while you're on the aft deck chatting and sipping cocktails, your children can be lying in kids' heaven in their cabin with access to the yacht's CD and DVD library. Alternatively, while you are browsing magazines in the sky lounge, youngsters can play on deck under the watchful eye of the crew; and while you're relaxing in the Jacuzzi, they can take a dip in the ocean. Evenings can be equally flexible, with adults socialising in the main lounge and the sky lounge becoming the 'kids' zone'. Or arrange a double-bill movie evening for youngsters, leaving you free to linger over a gourmet silver-service meal.

Superyachts also have the significant benefit of garage-loads of water toys, adding a fun dimension to your cruise and absorbing many a sunny afternoon. Some yachts also have →

Above: the 60m (196') Cloud 9 has plenty of deck space for all the family

a mini gym, popular with adults and teenagers alike, or the same room sometimes sees use as either a spa room for treatments, or as a playroom for younger children – adding an extra dimension to your charter.

Countless cruising grounds worldwide can be adapted to excellent family charters. Below is just a taste of what's available, so chat with your CNI charter broker (see page 6) for further itinerary options as well as alternative destinations, such as Thailand, Polynesia or the Pacific Northwest.

West Mediterranean

Adults love the West Mediterranean for its gourmet cuisine, achingly beautiful scenery and chic vibe, and youngsters love its beaches and club scene — the latter of which generously extends from beach to sports to night to kids' clubs.

Generally speaking, charters focus on France's Côte d'Azur; Italy's Amalfi Coast and outlying islands; Corsica and Sardinia; and the Spanish Balearic islands.

As the West Mediterranean is where luxury chartering first began, it's perhaps unsurprising that it has perfected the art. Balance is key, and there's plenty of variety to be found on the mainland, on the larger islands and on the smaller isles — many

Iron Mask, picnic at the old fort on the hill, and swim in the bay.

► **ILE DE PORQUEROLLES:** explore the depths of the Mediterranean with a diving expedition off these tranquil isles.

AMALFI COAST & SICILY Trickling down the West coast of Italy, the Amalfi Coast is famed for its vertiginous landscapes, gourmet food and picturesque shoreline. Visit the islands of Ischia, Capri and Sicily, and step ashore to the mainland highlights of Amalfi, Positano and the ancient city of Pompeii. For a few nights ashore, try the Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria in Sorrento.

► **CAPRI:** explore the island's mythical Blue Grotto with its world-famous blue water and enchanting silvery light.

► **VULCANO:** bathe in the island's natural mud baths.

► **POSITANO:** relax on beautiful beaches beneath one of the most dramatically picturesque cliff-fronts in the world.

► **POMPEII:** treat your children to a real-life history thrill at this ancient city, rediscovered around 1,600 years after being buried under volcanic ash.

CORSICA & SARDINIA Rustic fishing villages rub shoulders with elite designer boutiques on these two islands, which, combined in one charter, offer a fabulous cocktail of French and

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of which have quaint hidden churches, winding trails and beautiful secluded beaches. Depending where you cruise you can encounter uninhabited islands, world-famous restaurants, celebrity-studded beaches and designer boutiques all on the same day. Cuisine ranges from tasty paella on the beach to polished Michelin-starred restaurants.

CÔTE D'AZUR This celebrated stretch of French coastline runs from Monaco down to the Iles d'Hyères. In between, you have a feast of legendary destinations, including Nice, Cannes, Antibes and St Tropez. Although it's renowned for these high-profile spots, the Côte d'Azur also has a wealth of peaceful, picturesque islands that shouldn't be missed. For a few nights' luxury ashore, reserve rooms at the Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, complete with spa, pool and children's playground.

► **MONACO:** set off on a helicopter ride for an exciting panoramic view of the principality.

► **CANNES:** stroll the world's most famous beach promenade, and pay a visit to a few favourite boutiques the likes of Chanel, Dior and Hermès.

► **ILE SAINTE MARGUERITE:** visit the prison of *The Man in the*

Italian charm. Expect crystal-clear seas, ancient landscapes studded with vineyards and olive groves, sleepy villages and historical intrigue in abundance. For excellent family accommodation ashore, try the new La Maddalena Hotel & Yacht Club in Sardinia.

► **CORSICA:** ride the Trinicellu railway to discover the island's mountain landscapes.

► **CORSICA:** encounter the secrets of the haunted castle of the da Gentiles.

► **SARDINIA:** sand-surf down the huge dunes of Piscinas Beach.

► **SARDINIA:** indulge in ice-creams in the pretty piazza in the tiny, lofty village of Sant'Antonio di Gallura.

BALEARICS These Spanish islands include Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza. Sun-soaked through the months of June to September, they are the ideal place to lounge on the beach by day and party into the small hours at night. Cuisine is suitably tempting with tapas and seafood aplenty, and hidden bays and sleepy inland villages make for a peaceful antidote to the more colourful, Euro-chic towns. For a few days ashore, book into the new Cap Rocat in the bay of Palma de Mallorca. →

Clockwise from top: helicopter transfers can make an exciting journey for younger charterers; the children's pool at Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat; kayaks are a great way to explore; the 62m (203') Roma is ideal for family charters





- ▶ **MALLORCA:** visit the dramatic Caves of Drach and their underground lakes at Porto Cristo.
- ▶ **IBIZA:** spend the day at the exclusive Blue Marlin — teenagers and adults alike can't get enough of this ultra-stylish beach club.
- ▶ **MENORCA:** speed along the go-cart track in Costa Nova, or time your trip to enjoy the open-air summer jazz festival at Es Freginal Park.

East Mediterranean

The East Mediterranean — encompassing Greece, Turkey and Croatia — has many of the advantages of the West Mediterranean but is a little quieter and slower-paced. Being a cradle of ancient civilisation, it will also appeal to any budding historians, archaeologists or classicists in your family. The charter season, similar to the West Mediterranean, typically runs from late June to September.

This is very much the place for gentle cruising along quiet coastlines, watersports in deserted bays, discovering little fishing villages with local tavernas for feet-on-the-beach lunches, and bringing to life the ancient myths that children love — after all, these are the lands of the Titans, Olympian gods, Athena, Medusa and countless other classics. In the evenings, wander ashore to explore the quaint, buzzing towns by starlight. Scenically, the East Mediterranean is stunning, with

- ▶ **ITHACA:** delve into the mythical Cave of Nymphs, and ask your crew to arrange a treasure hunt for your children around the island caves.
- ▶ **ATHENS:** wander the Olympic Stadium in Athens, home of the 2004 Games and stretching back in history to 330BC, when it was a site for gladiatorial contests.

TURKEY The Southern coastline is perfect for swimming and water sports, while cycling, walking and stepping back in time are in order ashore. In the evening, colourful bazaars line winding streets, selling the trinkets, leather accessories and ethnic fabrics that children love to adorn themselves with. For a few days ashore, book into the Swissôtel Göcek.

- ▶ **FETHIYE:** initiate your children into the local culture by way of colourful Turkish dancing with the locals in Türkü Evi.
- ▶ **KUSADASI:** soak up the benefits of a traditional Turkish bath.
- ▶ **BODRUM:** delve down to the mysteries of the underwater Archaeology Museum.

CROATIA The western coastline of Croatia runs along the Adriatic Sea. It is a relatively new superyacht cruising ground but it is fast gaining popularity. The beaches and waters are wonderful, and there are bewitching towns to explore. Cruises often start in the floating city of Venice, Italy, which, despite

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beautiful blue seas and skies, rich green pine-clad hills and snow-white buildings to keep your camera busy.

GREECE The two key charter areas are the Aegean and the Ionian. In the Aegean, explore the countless isles of the Sporades, the Saronic and the Cyclades groups — including the party island of Mykonos, which older teenagers will love. Cruises often start in Athens, which is Greece's 3,400-year-old capital city and the site of the 2004 Olympics — making it well worth a visit. The Ionian islands, meanwhile, lie off the northwest coast of mainland Greece. Think rugged mountains, olive groves, vineyards, and islands the likes of Corfu and Cephalonia — the latter famed for being the setting of the book and Hollywood movie *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*. Great family hotels for an ashore stay include the Grecotel Daphnila Bay Thalasso in Corfu, and the Arion Resort and Spa in Athens.

- ▶ **CORFU:** visit Aqualand — an oasis of fun and one of the most popular water parks in Europe.

its romantic associations, can be fun for children with gondola rides and 'gelato' and pizzas galore. Stay in the Cipriani, whose Smile Club is aptly named for children.

- ▶ **MREZNICA:** explore the canyons and waterfalls of upper Mreznica.
- ▶ **MLJET:** discover the tiny ports and tranquil bays of the Adriatic paddling along in a kayak.
- ▶ **HVAR:** tour the island at your own pace on bikes, stopping for regular refreshing dips in the ocean.
- ▶ **LOKRUM:** visit the ruins of the 1023 Benedictine Monastery and the Botanical Garden on this tiny island near Dubrovnik. →

Clockwise from top left: Swissôtel Göcek in Turkey; family fun on the beach; take a gondola trip from the Cipriani in Venice; the 62m (203') Icon and the 45.6m (149'6") Illusion are both excellent family charter yachts

Clockwise from top: the Lazy River ride at Atlantis; Coki Beach on St Thomas; watersports abound in the Caribbean; the Children's Club at Carlisle Bay; underwater exploration at Sea Trekkers

Floating assets, from top: the 51.4m (168'6) Lazy Z airs the watertoy's fun on the jet skis; children can play safely supervised by the crew

Caribbean

The Caribbean arguably offers the greatest attractions for all the family. It has perfected barefoot indulgence, it has endless islands to explore, fantastic watersports opportunities and friendly locals, with many family-focused resorts, restaurants and parks to absorb your time. The best season is late December to early March, although the Bahamas has a welcoming climate year-round. There's also an endless volume of sea to cruise and islands to explore — and each group has a distinct identity, so you can choose the vibe that best suits your family.

Charters can be as hectic or as relaxed as you like. Swing from hammocks under palm trees, drift along the beach collecting seashells, and eat ice-creams in colourful beach shacks. Alternatively, swim with barracudas, snorkel sunken shipwrecks and hike the local mountains.

The Caribbean is also home to some world-class hotels, restaurants and spas, so sprinkle the occasional meal and pampering treatment into your charter.

VIRGIN ISLANDS Over 50 islands are divided into two chains: the United States Virgins (USVIs) and the British Virgins (BVI). The British islands (including Virgin Gorda, Tortola, Jost Van Dyke, and Anegada) are largely unspoilt, whereas the US

there is something for everyone. For excellent family accommodation ashore, try the Carlisle Bay hotel in Antigua.

- ▶ **ST MARTIN:** head here to see Caribbean creatures in their natural settings, and to shop in the outdoor markets.
- ▶ **ANTIGUA:** swim with rays in the crystal-clear waters of Stingray City, or visit historic Nelson's Dockyard.
- ▶ **ST BART'S:** shop in Gustavia or head to sea for a day of big-game fishing.
- ▶ **ST KITT'S:** explore the hill trails of the island by quad bike, or hike the ancient jungle terrain of the dormant volcano Liamuiga.

WINDWARD ISLANDS These are a little more remote, and, as a result, natural. Lush rainforests, majestic mountains and sandy bays offer pure peace and escapism, making them ideal for genuine quality family time with few distractions. The islands include St Vincent, Grenada, Mustique, Martinique, the Tobago Cays and St Lucia. For excellent accommodation ashore, try the Canouan Resort on the island of the same name.

- ▶ **TOBAGO CAYS:** spend a day at the Marine Park.
- ▶ **ST LUCIA:** discover Marigot Bay where they filmed the original *Doctor Dolittle* musical.
- ▶ **ST VINCENT:** hike through forest trails to the Dark View or Trinity waterfalls for a cooling dip in the island's scenic pools.

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islands (such as St Croix, St Thomas, St John) are a little more visited, and therefore lively, so aim for a balance of the two. For excellent family accommodation ashore, head to The Ritz-Carlton, St Thomas.

- ▶ **NORMAN ISLAND:** swim ashore to Robert Louis Stevenson's inspiration for *Treasure Island*.
- ▶ **ROYAL MAIL STEAMER RHONE:** introduce teenage divers to this famous sunken ship.
- ▶ **ST THOMAS:** visit the Coral Undersea Observatory on Coki Beach to spot sharks and stingrays.
- ▶ **TORTOLA:** swim with dolphins in the Caribbean Sea at Dolphin Discovery.

LEEWARD ISLANDS These islands are an enticing mix of French, Dutch and West Indian style. They are well visited and reflect the fact with their world-class resorts and restaurants. From the glamorous island of St Bart's to the historic appeal of Antigua and the lazy charm of Anguilla,

- ▶ **MUSTIQUE:** go horseback riding along the beach; or hire quad buggies to explore the island.

THE BAHAMAS With 700 islands easily accessible just 50 miles south of Florida, the Bahamas are especially popular as a lively 'sun, sea and sand' destination — ideal for families. Divers and snorkellers are in their element here, and the Atlantis Resort on Nassau is a magnet for children, so ideal as a starting point before exploring the Abacos and Exumas.

- ▶ **HARBOUR ISLAND:** sink your feet into the beach while your children make castles out of its pink sand.
- ▶ **ALLEN'S CAY:** make the children shriek with delight as they feed grapes to giant iguanas.
- ▶ **NASSAU:** swim with dolphins, feed stingrays, discover the lost city and 'walk' with sharks at Atlantis.
- ▶ **PARADISE ISLAND:** spectacular game fishing abounds here, as it does at many nearby islands, so take the children off for a day of wild-water encounters.



FLOATING ASSETS



Whatever your destination, the following can be arranged...

- ▶ On-board parties with a fancy dress or special theme
- ▶ Beach barbecues
- ▶ Treasure hunts in caves, bays and beaches
- ▶ Tender trips ashore to explore
- ▶ Afternoons of watersports and adventure supervised by certified instructors
- ▶ Kayak explorations of the coastlines
- ▶ Moviefests in the main saloon with a mammoth screen, surround-sound, several hundred movies, snug blankets on vast sofas and bottomless bowls of popcorn
- ▶ Board games on the aft deck
- ▶ Child-minding services when you want time to yourself
- ▶ Children's non-alcoholic fruit cocktails while you enjoy more powerful apéritifs.



Simply perfect seychelles

The Seychelles archipelago of 115 islands is scattered across the Indian Ocean just south of the equator. With five Marine National Parks and a host of exclusive resorts, it is the perfect cruising ground for an alternative winter charter

By Miriam Cain

The largest island of the Seychelles archipelago, Mahé, is home to its capital, Victoria, and to 64,000 of the 84,000 Seychellois. Approaching the island's international airport, you will fly over a multitude of stunning desert islands in the Inner Island archipelago, which will whet your appetite for the yacht charter to come. But before stepping aboard your yacht to discover them it is worth having a few days on Mahé.

Starting ashore

The Seychelles has long been associated with high-end resorts but there are only a handful that have broken into the domain of 'ultra luxury'. The likes of Frégate Island Private, Banyan Tree, North Island, and the latest addition, Maia Luxury Resort & Spa, are among the few that can truly claim to be both luxurious and honouring local traditions.

Of the aforementioned, Maia lies on the southwest coast of mountainous Mahé, on the secluded beach of Anse Louis. The

resort prides itself on its seclusion, and with its position on a rocky hillside among more than 30 acres of gardens and tropical forest, it certainly ensures maximum privacy. There are four styles of villa to choose from, but to take full advantage of the scenery, opt for one of the Ocean panoramic villas that sit

atop the hill and offer spectacular 180-degree views over the Indian Ocean. Alternatively, the Ocean-front beachside villas are well suited to families with children as access to the beach is just a few steps through a tropical garden. All have generous terraces, dining areas, day beds, kitchens, an

outdoor bath, and a private infinity-edged swimming pool (12 strokes long). The 30 thatched villas have been designed to be the utmost in luxury but in a very understated way, using cream fabrics and wood detailing throughout. To add to the luxury, each villa has its own butler, so there really is no need to leave your private enclave at all.

There are five international chefs on site, and dining in →



Opposite page: startlit bathing overlooking the ocean at the Maia Luxury Resort & Spa
Right: the secluded beach of Anse Louis on Mahé



ITINERARY

Days 1–3

Mahé

Day 4

Mahé to Praslin

Day 5

Praslin

Day 6

Praslin to Cousine to Praslin

Day 7

Praslin to La Digue

Day 8

La Digue

Day 9

La Digue to Félicité

Day 10

La Digue to Frégate Island

Day 11

Frégate Island to North Island

Day 12

North Island to Silhouette Island to Mahé



The mountainous interior of the island is steep and thick with forests and large granite boulders

the comfort of your villa is certainly an option but the open-air dining pavilion by the beach is equally peaceful, while the beachfront bar is the perfect place for that all-important first Seychelles' sundowner.

Just 17 miles long and five miles at its widest point, you only need a day or two to explore Mahé. Victoria is a bustling capital with shops and boutiques selling local art and Creole souvenirs, but don't expect fashionable boutiques or big stores. Most development is in the north of the island and along the coastal areas, while the mountainous interior is steep and thick with forests and large granite boulders. The most remote beaches are on the west and south coasts and are, in the main, deserted.

Island gems

Most of the Inner Islands in the Seychelles can be reached by inter-island flights, helicopter or small aircraft, but the best way to discover each unique coastline is, of course, by yacht. The

warm equatorial currents and pollution-free environment lend themselves to perfect sailing conditions, but are equally suitable for cruising by motoryacht. CNI has a number of yachts heading to the Indian Ocean this winter season, including the recently launched motoryachts Silver Angel and Cloud 9, and the new sailing yacht Panthalassa.

Split into two groups, the Inner Islands are made up of 41 granite isles with safe anchorages and easy sailing distances between them. The Outer Island chain is made up of four low-lying coral atolls – the Amirantes, Farquhar, Cosmoledo and Aldabra – and are generally uninhabited. The latter is only accessible by sea and special permission is required for cruising to this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

From Mahé, cruise the short distance to Saint Anne's Marine Park – a small group of islands just off the eastern coast, perfect for a spot of swimming and snorkelling and a picnic lunch ashore. A few hours' cruise further northeast is the popular

Opposite page, clockwise from top left: accommodation at the Maia Luxury Resort hides amid the island forests; the Seychelles beaches are among the best in the world; the endangered Seychelles magpie robin



island of Praslin. Anchor off Anse Lazio (one of the world's most photographed beaches) and take the tender ashore to discover the famous pelvic-shaped coco-de-mer palm, which grows in the Vallée de Mai: the Seychelles' second UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Praslin has a number of satellite islands, including the twin islands Cousin and Cousine. The latter is privately owned and currently in the midst of a lengthy ecological development process. The islands were heavily cultivated by the French, who harvested premium-quality spices and coconuts here, severely depleting the diverse populations of indigenous birds and other native species of wildlife, flora and fauna, which normally thrive in the equatorial climate. Cousine is currently being restored to its primal state with the planting of indigenous trees and the re-introduction of endangered wildlife, including magpie robins and giant tortoises. The majority of the island is, therefore, not accessible to visitors as it undergoes the most intensive stage of its conservation programme. However, cruising past you will witness a lack of palm trees (they are not indigenous to the islands) and an abundance of birdlife as the island seeks to return to its original ecological state. →

YACHTS AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER IN THE INDIAN OCEAN



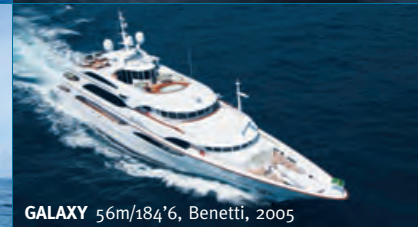
SILVER ANGEL 64.5m/211'6, Benetti, 2009



Cloud 9 60m/196'8, CMN, 2010



MAGNA GRECIA 59.5m/195'2, Elslether, 1986/2006



GALAXY 56m/184'6, Benetti, 2005



PANTHALASSA 56m/183'7, Perini Navi, 2010

For further information on chartering in the Indian Ocean this winter season, contact your nearest CNI charter broker, see page 6



Clockwise from top left: while away an afternoon on Petite Anse beach on Praslin; a busy day on Praslin island; North Island – the Indian Ocean hues range from neon to turquoise to deep navy blue

An example of the finished result can be seen towards the end of your itinerary on Frégate Island, which has already been through the conservation process.

Just four miles southeast of Praslin lies the small island of La Digue. Yours to discover are nine miles of spectacular coastline dotted with scenic coves the likes of Reunion, Union and Patate. Here you will also find another of the world’s most photographed beaches – Anse Source d’Argent, accessible only by boat or bicycle — and a handful of Creole restaurants. The west coast of the island is protected by a reef and has calm waters that are ideal for snorkelling. For bird-watching enthusiasts, La Digue’s bird sanctuary is home to the rare Black Paradise Flycatcher. Numerous small islands encircle La Digue, including Félicité, Mariana and Grand Soeur, all of which are perfect for a peaceful overnight anchorage.

Jungle adventure

Solitary Frégate Island to the east is believed to have once been the haunt of pirates. It is worth a visit to witness the success of its conservation programme – which began in the 1980s and has involved the planting of over 75,000 trees. Designed as a

luxury eco-hideaway before such a thing was fashionable, the island offers a number of walks through the restored jungle terrain to vast granite outcrops with spectacular 360-degree views of the tree canopy. You can wander in the company of soaring birds, including the endangered magpie robin, which has been successfully reintroduced to the island. Along with the birdlife, all the reptiles native to the Seychelles can now be found on Frégate, including the giant Aldabra tortoises.

An overnight cruise northwest of Mahé takes you to North Island, host to the exclusive resort of the same name. Following in the footsteps of Frégate, the island is another conservation-oriented resort endeavouring to rewind the ecological clock having been transformed from an abandoned plantation into a luxury island retreat with just a handful of villas dotting the main beach. For your final evening, step ashore and enjoy a sunset cocktail and meal at the rustic open-air restaurant amid old Takamaka tree trunk tables and chairs. Cruise back to Mahé and stop for a few hours’ peaceful anchorage, swimming and snorkelling around Silhouette Island before disembarking your yacht and gently acclimatising with 21st century life. ■

For further information on Maia Luxury Resort & Spa, visit www.maia.com.sc



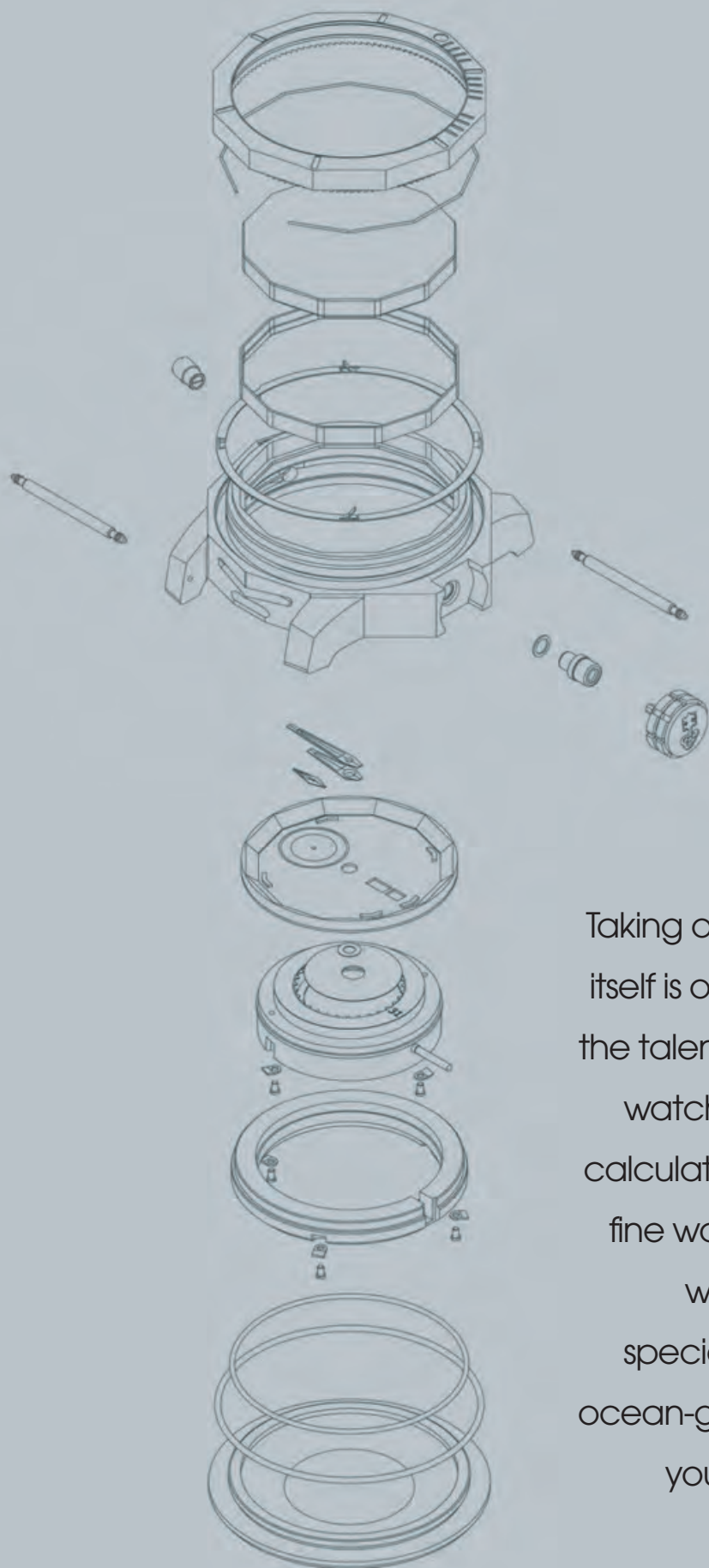
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Navigating through time

Since the dawn of humanity, the sun's progression throughout the day has been an aid to travellers calculating how much time they had to reach a destination. As far back as the 15th century BC, Egyptians used portable sundials, and in the 4th century BC explorers had regional maritime records listing the tides of the Mediterranean. The Vikings used other methods, incorporating observations of birds and ocean currents. The Chinese then invented the compass, a major navigational aid, and later still the Arabs developed astronomical measuring instruments and produced the world's first nautical charts.

As long as they sailed near the coast and in daylight, sailors could always work out their position by sight. It was not until the 15th century that Henry the Navigator refined the methods of celestial navigation using the sun and the North Star. By this method one could determine the position of a ship along the lines of latitude, but calculating a course along lines of longitude was still not possible. Time and time again these experiments would end in dramatic shipwrecks and the question of how to calculate longitude became an affair of state. Whichever nation resolved this problem would dominate world trade and the great nations would stop at nothing to win control of sea routes.

With the Longitude Act, the British Parliament in 1714 offered a prize of the then unimaginably large sum of £20,000 for anyone who could come up with a method of accurately determining a ship's position with a deviation of, at most, one-half a degree of longitude.

Among those who heard about this was English clockmaker John Harrison. He had, until this time, been making large clocks but he set about creating a new piece, and in 1759 he produced the H4 – an oversized pocket watch that was not only robust and therefore seaworthy, but also accurate. Around the same period the sextant was invented to measure angles and this, combined with celestial navigation and the exact time, meant that it was possible for the first time to precisely determine a position at any location. Harrison went on to create an improved version, the H5, and henceforth, the marine chronometer became one of the most important aids on board a ship. Harrison, happily, took the prize money for his revolutionary precision clocks. All of his pieces, from the H1 to the H5, can now be viewed in operating condition in the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London.

It was only through radio navigation in the 20th century, and the introduction of satellite-based Global Positioning Systems (GPS), that navigation became simpler and even more precise. Since then some of the most impressive timepieces have become as much a form of expression as a personal statement.

Watchmaker Bremont is currently building a marine clock in tribute to John Harrison. Inspired by the original Ships Chronometer, the clock will include unique features such as three time zones, a 30-day power reserve, the date, 90-day chronograph and a fully waterproof case.



Above: The marine clock from Bremont – inspired by John Harrison's invention

Ocean adventures

Yachting and the art of watch-making are both forms of expression governed by precise, considered designs. It should come as no surprise, therefore, that the two have evolved side by side

As tides shape and govern our existence in much the same way time does, it is only logical that the world of yachting and watchmaking exist in perfect symmetry. Today, many of the established brands have grasped the yacht industry's potential as a means of communication and promotion and thus their presence at yachting events worldwide is increasing.

Officine Panerai has been associated with the nautical industry since it was first linked with the Royal Navy in 1936, but recent years have seen the brand associate itself with the world of classic yachts. The Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge is now

in its sixth edition. The circuit has grown thanks to the addition of the Classic Yacht Club Cowes Regatta (UK) and the Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta (USA). More than 500 vintage boats take part in the regattas which take place all over the world, from Antigua to Cowes. 2010 saw the debut of Eilean at Les Voiles d'Antibes. The Bermudan ketch was originally built in 1936 in Scotland and was purchased and restored by Officine Panerai, as part of its commitment to safeguarding and promoting classic yachting. In keeping with annual tradition, Officine Panerai created a special limited-edition watch for the season – the Radiomir Regatta 1.8th Second Titanio 47mm.

Rolex has been associated with the world of yachting and competitive sailing since the early 1960s and has a line of watches called the Yachtmaster. Throughout the year the brand sponsors some of the major events on the yachting circuit.

Corum has also established itself in many of the major competitions on the circuit and this year the watchmaker marks the 50th anniversary of the America's Cup with the Admiral's Cup Deep Hull 48.

Hublot's name is also well-known in the yachting world, as demonstrated by its partnerships with the Monaco Yacht Club, the Real Club Nautico in Palma, and with Alinghi, Swiss Defender of the 33rd America's Cup. The brand is also in partnership with Monaco-based yacht manufacturer Wally Yachts. As the official timekeeper of the Wally Class during their regattas, Hublot creates a piece in honour of the event. At the end of the last season they presented the Big Bang – a chronograph that incorporates innovative materials, with design and colours evocative of Wally Yachts.

As official sponsors of the Monaco Yacht Show for the second year running, Ulysse Nardin will unveil a limited edition timepiece exclusively for the Monaco Yacht Show's 20th anniversary. The Monaco is the latest addition to the renowned Maxi Marine Collection and has been designed for those passionate about yachting. Ulysse Nardin also produced a limited edition

PANERAI RADIOMIR REGATTA 1/8TH SECOND TITANIO

The Radiomir Regatta 1/8th Second Titanio is a chronograph with a split-second function, enabling the measurement of several simultaneous events, and a function to measure fractions of a second. The piece is also fitted with an express scale in knots for the calculation for the average speed of the vessel, a high-tech instrument that honours the long tradition that has always linked Officine Panerai with the creation of the best tools for use on the high seas.





CORUM ADMIRAL'S CUP DEEP HULL 48

The Admiral's Cup Deep Hull features a 48mm titanium version of Corum's well-known 12-sided case. The Deep Hull is designed to withstand pressure to 1,000 metres. Fitted with a black vulcanized rubber strap showcasing a titanium buckle, the model is resistant to salt water. It is available in a limited edition of 500 pieces, with a black PVD version available in a limited edition of 255 pieces.



ULYSSE NARDIN MAXI MARINE DIVER K1999-10TH

Produced in a limited edition of 50 pieces by the Manufacture Ulysse Nardin, the Maxi Marine Diver K1999-10th is a self-winding timepiece that retains its legendary titanium case. The limited edition is fitted with a black bezel, with a rose gold dial and orange hands. The black dial displays the Ulysse Nardin logo facing the Kronometry 1999 logo, which are both also engraved on titanium plates on the rubber strap.



IWC PORTUGUESE YACHT CLUB CHRONOGRAPH

Using one of the most modern and robust chronograph movements from IWC, the Portuguese Yacht Club Chronograph is an ideal sailing companion. It has a flyback function and analogue display of the long stop times via two hands on the inner dial. Water resistant to 6 bar, and with luminous hands and indices, the large, clear dial makes it easy to use. Available in steel with a black or silver-plated dial and in red gold with a slate-coloured dial and black registers, all three variants are worn on a black rubber strap with a folding clasp and have a sapphire glass back showing the IWC-manufactured movement.



RICHARD MILLE RM 028

The 100-piece special-edition titanium dive watch combines the exceptional case and skeletonised movement that has become the hallmark of all Richard Mille watches, with the specific timepiece features required of divers and sailors alike. The exceptional water resistance to 980 feet is achieved with a three-part case construction and 22 torque screws integrated into the 27mm case. This configuration prevents any accidental dislodging of the bezel from its case while diving. The RM 028 Les Voiles de St Barth edition is distinguished by elements in bright yellow, a prevalent color in all sailing and diving pursuits. The logo of Les Voiles de St Barth is featured on the dial.

of the Maxi Marine Diver for Kronometry.

For the sixth year running Blancpain is supporting the Cannes Festival de la Plaisance held from the 8th – 13th September. During the show, Blancpain will launch the first ten watches of a brand-new Fifty Fathoms model – a flyback chronograph with complete calendar and moon phases. With this new timepiece, the brand intends to broaden its sporty creations at the same time as continuing its relationship with the maritime world.

Richard Mille reinforces its presence in yachting by sponsoring the new Les Voiles de Saint Barth regatta. Held in St Barth's in April, the event saw 23 teams compete to win the trophy, plus Richard Mille's limited edition RM 028.

The manufacturer, Audemars Piguet, has a well-established tradition of commitment to sailing. In 2000 it became involved in the America's Cup and the first Swiss challenge Be Happy, before accompanying Alinghi in its successive feats at the 31st and 32nd editions of the Cup. Building on this rich past in the nautical world, this year Audemars Piguet supported the winning Ladcats team, largely made up of female crew, in the 72nd edition of the Bol d'Or.

These are just a handful of illustrations highlighting the watch industry's interest in yachting. Several brands that are not involved in events this year have also launched some fine ocean-going pieces. As IWC's Portuguese collection enters its eighth decade the watchmaker launches the Portuguese →

BLANCPAIN FIFTY FATHOMS 5066F

The latest Fifty Fathoms is driven by a complex 448-part movement featuring a series of innovations developed by Blancpain. The piece has a complete calendar and moon phase that can be modified at any time of the day. The chronograph consists of a classic flyback movement controlled by a column wheel and a vertical coupling-clutch. The 45mm diameter stainless steel case is fitted with an unidirectional blue sapphire crystal bezel and a matching dial.



HERMES CLIPPER

Rounded curves, a titanium case, and a self-winding chronograph movement all pay homage to the original elegance of the Clipper. Available in various sizes, ranging from a 24mm case to a 44mm case, all the pieces have gem-settings, engraving, rotating bezels and gold studs. The Clipper is available in steel, steel and yellow gold, or steel and rose gold, with a brown strap.



BREITLING SUPEROCEAN

The Superocean collection features a rubber or steel bracelet option, Breitling's Caliber 17 self-winding movement, and over-sized Superluminova hands and hour-markers. It is also water resistant to 1,500-metres. The new dial colors are Abyss Black, Abyss Silver, Abyss Blue, Abyss Red and Abyss Yellow; the watch size remains 42mm.



Yacht Club Chronograph, reviving the name of one of its most successful pieces at the same time as introducing a sporting element to the Portuguese collection. The new Yacht Club has been upgraded to make it a perfect companion for navigation and sailing.

Hermès has launched a new Clipper model. The new line pays homage to the collection originally designed by Henri d'Origny in 1981. Rounded curves form a shape reminiscent of the portholes on the legendary sailing ships, and the titanium case is light but has exceptional resistance.

Breitling has long been associated with the world of aviation, but the brand is also well-known in the yachting arena. In 1957 it launched the Superocean, designed for professional and military divers. The piece was extremely sturdy, equipped with an ultra-readable dial, and armoured glass and a monohull case watertight to a depth of 200 metres – a remarkable feat at the time. The model soon gained a following among diving enthusiasts and gave rise to a whole line of diver's watches and chronographs. This year, Breitling has updated the leg-

endary collection by debuting a Superocean with an entirely revamped design.

Tag Heuer has always had a passion for the open seas and its association with professional diving and sailing is as legendary as its involvement in the world of motor sports. The Swiss brand patented its first water resistant case in 1895 and launched its first water-resistant wrist chronograph in 1939. In 1942, it presented a regatta stopwatch, the Yachting Timer, followed by the world's first watch and tide indicator, the Heuer Solunar, launched in 1949. Since then there have been several diving and yachting series, including the Aquagraph and the Aquaracer – the latter of which now includes a further two prestigious models for 2010: the Aquaracer 500m Chronograph and the Aquaracer 500m Full Black.

With all these prestigious event associations, it seems that yachting has become the most prominent port of call for watchmakers. From partnerships with yacht builders and designers to yacht clubs and yachting events, the glamour of the yachting industry is one that the watch brands don't seem to be able to get enough of.



TAG HEUER AQUARACER 500M CHRONOGRAPH & TAG HEUER AQUARACER 500M FULL BLACK

The Aquaracer 500M Chronograph is the first chronograph in the Aquaracer 500M series. Robust and functional, and water resistant to 500-metres, this timepiece has a unidirectional bezel that has polished studs and luminescent markers. The stainless steel crown and bezel have a black touch coating and an automatic helium valve. The crystal is made from scratch resistant sapphire and treated internally with anti-reflective coating.

The Aquaracer 500M Full Black is an aptly named diving watch. It has a black dial, black hands and indexes with luminescent markers coloured in a unique yellow-green. Housed in a black PVD coated titanium case, the timepiece has a black rubber unidirectional bezel that has a black, soft touch, coating. The watch has a black rubber strap that has an embossed titanium clasp. As with the Aquaracer 500M Chronograph, the Aquaracer 500M Full Black has an automatic helium valve; a scratch resistant, anti-reflective sapphire crystal; and a smoked sapphire crystal case back. The watch is water resistant to 500M.



Happy Anniversary

It seems that watchmakers have more birthdays and anniversaries than plausible but 2010 is certainly a year for many to celebrate. This year marks the 275th year since Jehan-Jacques Blancpain became a watchmaker. In celebration of its 275th anniversary, Blancpain announced three new pieces during Basel 2010. The Le Brassus grand complication builds on the brands flying one-minute carousel married with the world's first carousel powered cathedral gong minute repeater movement. The unique combination is housed in a 45mm red gold case with a brushed white gold chapter ring and red gold applied numerals, with an opened dial centre and sapphire case back. The Villeret collection follows Blancpain's more traditional line; while the new complicated addition to the L-evolution Collection is now enriched with a Semainier model, driven by an automatic winding eight-day power reserve movement offering a week of the year indication.

Paying homage to 165 years, A Lange & Sohne also commemorated its anniversary with three timepieces. The trilogy consists of the Tourbograph Pour le Mérite; the Lange 1 Tourbillon; and the 1815 Moonphase. The first mentioned follows on from the grand complication that was presented in 2005. The Tourbograph Pour le Mérite is the first one-minute tourbillon in a wristwatch format with a fusée and chain transmission. Due to its complexity, only one piece could be produced per month



and so 51 models have now been delivered and the second edition is now presented in honour of Ferdinand Adolph Lange in the brand's 165th year. The case will be in a harder gold.

Celebrating their 150th anniversaries are Chopard and Tag. The former has marked the occasion with four new mechanical movements designed, developed, fine-tuned and produced by Chopard Manufacture in Fleurier. The L.U.C 150, nicknamed the 'all-in-one', is composed of 516 parts including a tourbillon, equation of time, sunrise and sunset times, perpetual calendar, orbital moonphase and power reserve. It is manufactured with an alligator leather strap, and issued in a limited edition of 15 in white gold, 15 in rose gold and 15 in white gold set with baguette cut diamonds. Other pieces include the L.U.C Louis-Ulysee Tribute developed in collaboration with the Geneva Watchmaking School; the L.U.C Engine One Tourbillon, designed as a tribute to motor racing; and the L.U.C 1937, the first 'all-terrain' calibre to be made in-house and one that has been designed for easy assembly, lending itself to a more efficient production quantity.

These four new calibres from Chopard are a remarkable accomplishment for the watchmaker. The simultaneous presentation of four new in-house mechanical movements is a rare





Opposite page, from far left: Blancpain Le Brassus grand complication, front and back; A Lange & Sohne Tourbograph Pour le Mérite.

This page, top left: Chopard L.U.C 150 **Bottom left:** TAG Calibre 1887 with black alligator strap
Below, left to right: Corum Golden Bridge; Piaget Calibre 1200P

occurrence in the field of fine watchmaking, and demonstrates the knowledge that Chopard Manufacture has acquired over the past century and a half.

2010 also sees TAG Heuer celebrating its 150th anniversary, as well as its 25-year partnership with McLaren. Founded by Edouard Heuer in Saint-Imier in 1860, the brand has set many milestones in the creation of accurate timing instruments and watches for the world of sports. In tribute to the double celebration, TAG presented two creations: the Silverstone, a new edition of the iconic timepiece, and the Calibre 1887 with an avant-garde chronograph movement. The in-house self-winding chronograph Calibre 1887 movement is housed in a 41mm stainless steel case with a round bezel fitted with the signature tachometer scale. The case incorporates an anti-glare coated, scratchproof sapphire crystal, and an exhibition case-back. Water resistant to 100-metres, the model comes in two dial variations: silver and black, with either a black alligator strap or a stainless steel bracelet.



During 2010, many other luxury watchmakers are celebrating major anniversaries. Corum celebrates three – 55 years of the brand; half a century of the Admirals Cup Collection, and the 30th anniversary of the Golden Bridge. Zenith celebrate 40 years of the El Primero with the launch of the El Primero 1/10th Second Chronograph; and Piaget pay tribute to the 50th anniversary of the legendary Calibre 12P. The thinnest mechanical self-winding movement when it launched in 1960, Piaget's hallmark style once again sets new limits when used in the Altiplano anniversary edition as the Calibre 1200P is the thinnest self-winding movement currently on the market, at 2.35mm.

Every brand has something to celebrate, be it centuries at the top or anniversaries for specific successful collections, but one thing they all have in common is their knowledge, innovation and technical know-how – and this continues to surprise even the most avid watch enthusiasts each year.

Timeless glamour

Ladies timepieces were once just a piece of fine jewellery, but today's collections show that this segment of the market has changed. Not only is the technology behind the dials equal to those behind the latest men's collections, but the intricate design details and the variety of precious stones is equal to that of spectacular jewellery pieces.

Chopard

To celebrate its 150th anniversary, Chopard has created a Haute Joaillerie collection of 150 unique animal-themed pieces. The anniversary edition comprises 15 watches featuring exotic and endangered species, as well as imaginary animal life.

The trio pictured below includes the mischievous mango-stealing macaque monkey timepiece. The mother of pearl dial with diamonds sets the monkey moving. The 18ct gold bezel and crown is also set with diamonds, complemented with a gold-satin strap. The polar bear timepiece has an 18ct white-gold crown paved with diamonds reminiscent of frost flakes and comes with a light grey satin strap. The 18ct white-gold penguin timepiece features an Antarctic penguin on a mother-of-pearl dial, complemented by a sprinkling of moving diamonds and a contrasting black satin strap.



Van Cleef & Arpels

This year has seen a stunning collection of new pieces from Van Cleef & Arpels, two of which depict scenes with the movement of time. The Butterfly Symphony timepiece shows two butterflies in mid-flight indicating the time, with one highlighting the

minutes and the other the hours. The butterflies alternate in position above and underneath the foliage of a majestic oak tree.

Another piece for the city depicts two lovers in Paris. The Pont des Amoureux timepiece, sculpted in white gold, brings the lovers closer together as they move to a retrograde movement, meeting at midnight.



Jaquet Droz

Especially made for Kronometry, the Grande Seconde Eclat from Jaquet Droz is an elegant interpretation of its flagship model, Large Second. Multiple diamonds adorn the case and dial, and there are four versions of the piece: a 43mm case set with 701 diamonds, or a 39mm case set with 665 diamonds, in either 18ct white or gold rose. Pieces are limited to eight for each version.



Corum

Corum has introduced a limited edition (333 pieces) to its Golden Bridge collection. The Miss Golden Bridge is available in white gold, red gold, white gold with diamonds, and red gold with diamonds. There is no dial, so the dark skeleton hour and



minute baton hands are placed in the middle of the movement. The case is fitted with four sapphire crystal windows on each side, providing a view into the famous Golden Bridge movement. The movement bridge is engraved – contrasting with the simple polished case.

Piaget

Men clearly don't have a monopoly on sporting and casual pieces, which is why Piaget has unveiled a feminine version of the Piaget Polo Forty Five. With its round shape, its water resistant case (up to 50 metres) and comfortable rubber strap, the new timepiece has been developed in the same spirit as its masculine alter ego. But with its gold case, brilliant-cut diamonds adorning its bezel, and refined dial and white-rubber strap, the ladies model is more 'sport chic'. The 38mm diameter case is available in white or pink gold.



Jaeger LeCoultre

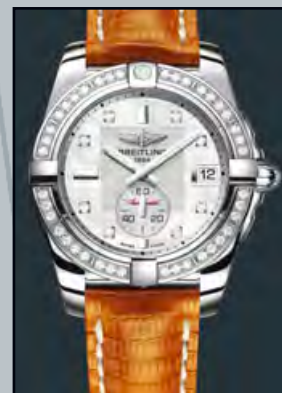
Jaeger LeCoultre had such success with the Reverso Squadra for men that last year it presented a collection dedicated to women. Adding to the Reverso Squadra Lady range in 2010 is a new version of the boldly styled piece. Still with two faces and an easily changeable strap, one face is set with diamonds on the square bezel and a day/night disc with sun and moon symbols on a mother of pearl dial; the reverse is a straightfor-



ward hour and minute display revealing the Jaeger LeCoultre Caliber through a discreet aperture in the centre. The new version comes with a purple strap.

Breitling

For the first time, Breitling has created a model with a feminine design inspired by the world of luxury aviation. The mechanical movement of the new Galactic 36 Automatic is housed in a steel case, and the bezel displays numerals engraved on a polished or satin brushed background. The dial is available in six colours, while versions featuring mother-of-pearl and diamonds lend a touch of glamour. Available with four different straps, the Galactic 36 Automatic is a feminine take on Breitling's men's collection.



Harry Winston

Harry Winston's Avenue Squared New York pays homage to the great city. With the same complication as Harry Winston's Ocean Dual Time, the Avenue Squared piece is set within a bold, yet feminine case. The dual time-zone dial features a composition of linear shapes and forms, like a city map. Brushed silver and black finishes are punctuated with brilliant diamonds. A full diamond version is available in a limited edition of 20 pieces.



Ralph Lauren

Ralph Lauren has followed its debut into the industry (last year) with the introduction of the Slim Classique Collection. A 42mm diameter timepieces and only 5.35mm thick, the ultra-fine watch uses a Piaget movement. A mechanical hand-wound movement (calibre RL430) with a thickness of only 2.1mm is held in the elegant case. Available in rose gold, white gold and platinum, the crown is either polished or embellished with a black diamond (on the platinum version). The guilloché pattern on the dial sets off the black Roman numerals and hands (navy on the platinum version).





The top lots

The watch's status as a collectors' item shows no sign of waning. On the contrary, if the results of Patrizzi & Co's last 12 months of auctions are anything to go by, aficionados still very much have their eyes on collectible timepieces. Many look at these as an investment; indeed, analysts have said that certain watches offer an annual yield of up to 11 per cent — a return that is very welcome in today's economic climate.

The trend for the most elusive pieces from manufactures such as Patek Philippe and Rolex continues, with a selection of historic pieces always being in vogue.

Patrizzi & Co June 2009 – June 2010

NEW YORK 4 JUNE – IMPORTANT POCKET WATCHES, VINTAGE & MODERN WRISTWATCHES

- ▶ Lot 286 Patek Philippe Ref 3448 – US\$125,000
- ▶ Lot 208 Patek Philippe Ref 3971 – US \$120,000
- ▶ Lot 289 Patek Philippe Ref 5959P – US \$260,000

MONACO 24 SEPTEMBER 2009 – ONLY WATCH

- ▶ Lot 11 Confrerie Horloger – €280,000
- ▶ Lot 28 Patek Philippe Ref 5106 – €535,000
- ▶ Lot 7 Cabestan Winch Tourbillon – €220,000

NEW YORK 7 OCTOBER 2009 – IMPORTANT POCKET WATCHES, VINTAGE & MODERN WRISTWATCHES

- ▶ Lot 187 Patek Philippe Sky Moon Tourbillon – US \$1,200,000
- ▶ Lot 193 Patek Philippe Ref 5079 – US \$360,000
- ▶ Lot 195 Vacheron Constantin Ref 30030 – US \$280,000

GENEVA 25 OCTOBER 2009 – WATCHMAKING MASTERPIECES

- ▶ Lot 111 The Hunt – CHF300,000
- ▶ Lot 193 Patek Philippe Observatory tourbillon – CHF310,000
- ▶ Lot 240 Patek Philippe Ref 1463 – CHF275,000

MILAN 29 NOVEMBER 2009 – IMPORTANT POCKET WATCHES, WRISTWATCHES & CLOCKS

- ▶ Lot 167 Panerai Radiomir prototype – €115,000
- ▶ Lot 181 Guisepppe Campani circa 1665 – €90,000
- ▶ Lot 168 Panerai Marina militare prototype – €100,000

NEW YORK 14 DECEMBER 2009 –

EXCEPTIONAL WATCHMAKING MASTERPIECES

- ▶ Lot 57 Square Mystery Clock circa 1931 – US \$380,000
- ▶ Lot 58 Tree of knowledge of good and evil – US \$340,000
- ▶ Lot 92 Patek Philippe Ref 2499 – US \$720,000
- ▶ Lot 91 Set of Patek Philippe Ref 3970E – US \$640,000

NEW YORK 9 MARCH 2010 – TIMELESS EMOTIONS COLLECTING POCKET WATCHES, WRISTWATCHES & CLOCKS

- ▶ Lot 110 Louis Cartier, Platinum Tank – US \$135,000
- ▶ Lot 109 Cartier Complicated Comet Clock – US \$250,000
- ▶ Lot 163 Patek Philippe Ref 5102 – US \$180,000

GENEVA 7 MAY 2010 – TIMELESS EMOTIONS IMPORTANT COLLECTORS' POCKET WATCHES, WRISTWATCHES, CLOCKS & DOCUMENTS

- ▶ Lot 311-317 (sold as 1 lot) Breguet's History & Philosophy – CHF2,300,000
- ▶ Lot 100 Patek Philippe Ref 5004 – CHF210,000
- ▶ Lot 305 Patek Philippe Ref 2497 – CHF200,000

NEW YORK 15 JUNE 2010 – TIMELESS EMOTIONS COLLECTORS' MODERN WRISTWATCHES, POCKET WATCHES & CLOCKS

- ▶ Lot 94 F.P.Journe Sonnerie Souveraine – US \$400,000
- ▶ Lot 122 Cartier Art Déco Mystery Clock Model A – US\$280,000
- ▶ Lot 121 Cartier Complicated Comet Clock – US \$155,000

From left to right:
Patek Philippe Sky Moon Tourbillon – lot 187, sale 7 Oct 09 NY;
Patek ref 2499 – lot 92, sale 14 Dec 09 NY;
The Hunt – lot 111, sale 25 Oct 2009 GVA;
Cartier Mystery Clock – lot 122, sale 15 June 2010 NY



THE BEAUTIFUL GAME kenya

Thanks to its vast landscapes and tropical climate, Kenya remains a premium destination for game reserves, many of which are home to the legendary 'big five'. **Miriam Cain** explores the sweeping plains of the Masai and the lesser-known Samburu

If you've long harboured a desire to spot the 'big five' — lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo — then the Masai Mara is the place to go; but if you are looking to avoid the tried-and-tested safari hot spots, then the remote bush area of Samburu in northern Kenya is well worth exploring. Together, they combine to make the ultimate safari experience.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Just a short flight from Nairobi, past imposing Mount Kenya, lies the Samburu National Reserve. The big cats can be found here, along with elephants and buffalo, but the Samburu 'big five' is slightly misleading in numbers as it also includes wildlife indigenous to northern Kenya. These include the Grevy zebra (which has narrower stripes than the common zebra found elsewhere in Kenya), and the gerenuk gazelle that can stand on its hind legs. You might also spot a reticulated giraffe or beisa oryx.

This is also where you will encounter the Samburu people. Colourful cousins of the Masai, the Samburu are a desert tribe of warrior nomads who still live a traditional way of life, tending their cattle over a semi-arid savannah prone to drought.

Vegetation flourishes solely alongside the rivers, but even this only really occurs when the rains come between March and November. As a consequence, during these months it is here that you will also find the majority of wildlife, and just a handful of lodges to watch them from. One such lodge, the most luxurious of them all, is Sasaab. Nestled on the hillside above the Ewaso Nyiro River, which divides the Buffalo Springs National Reserve and the Samburu National Reserve, the lodge occupies community land next to the latter.

Sasaab is managed on behalf of the local community by the Tamimi Group, a safari company with a mission to conserve and expand natural habitats via a strategy of high-end, →

low-volume tourism. Samburu tribe members run the day-to-day activities at the lodge, and the plan is for them to eventually take on its management. The lodge's game drives are guided by local Samburu warriors (dressed in their traditional tribal finery), who know the terrain as well as each family of elephants, and will take you as close to nature as possible. The best time to venture out is early morning or late afternoon — the latter offers the added bonus of a sundowner on your drive.

Sasaab is also heavily involved in local conservation and community projects, including the building of a new school for the village children, and the provision of a clean water supply, saving the tribal women and children having to carry water for miles every day.

The lodge itself comprises nine individual accommodations that are something between a tent and a villa. Split over several levels, they have thatched roofs, a private plunge pool, a living area, large four-poster beds and a huge outdoor/indoor bathroom. The Moroccan-influenced design, which carries through from the accommodation to the communal lounging, swimming and dining areas, is incredibly stylish. But it is the view of the river and the elephants bathing below that stretches over 100 miles (160 kilometres) into the distance that is the most spectacular, and the vista can be experienced from everywhere in the lodge — you can even watch the elephants bathe while you are being pampered in the spa.

Whether you choose to enjoy sunset cocktails from the comfort of your lodge, join the other guests in the communal area, or venture away from camp on camel back for sundowners, there is always a local Samburu around to update you on the day's movements of the local pride of lions, or to answer

questions on the tribal way of life. Time your visit right and you may even be lucky enough to experience a traditional evening of song and dance as warriors from the local tribe court their potential future wives.

MASAI MAGIC

Southern Kenya's Masai Mara, one of the world's most famous safari destinations, is where you will find Sala's Camp. Tucked away in the far south of the famous reserve right on the Tanzanian border, this tented camp is as luxurious as it could possibly be without losing the magic of sleeping under canvas. With hot showers and huge beds, and a kitchen capable of creating a gastronomic delight every day, it is hard to believe that the camp disappears for four months of the year to allow the rhino and other wildlife to settle back in. Even during its peak period when it is full of guests, the camp is so cleverly hidden that even when you know its location it is still impossible to spot when returning from a game drive.

The grassy plains of the Masai Mara are a stark contrast to the semi-arid landscape of the Samburu. Rolling plains are blanketed with pale golden grass teeming with wildlife and home to the big five. If you happen to be at the camp between July and October, you may well find yourself in the middle of the world's largest animal migration. It is during this time that the wildebeest cross the Mara and Serengeti plains that lie just minutes away from camp. Nothing separates you from the wild, and should you wish to spend a leisurely day in camp you might spot a pride of lions crossing the river bed as you doze in your deck chair listening to the call of the local birds. ■

For further information on Sasaab and Sala's Camp, visit www.sasaab.com

Opening page: beach dining at Sala's Camp
Below from left: enjoy amazing vistas from the Sasaab camp; the wildebeest migration
Opposite page, clockwise from top: the colourful Masai; a leopard takes things easy; 'glamping' at Sala's; an elephant enjoys a refreshing dip; get up close and personal with leopards and lions







san diego Some like it hot

Scenic, diverse and dynamic, San Diego's star continues to rise as one of North America's finest cities. **sea&i** heads to where the sun shines year-round

By Kate Rigby

It's believed humans first settled along the coastline area that is now San Diego some 20,000 years ago. Clearly they liked what they found because they stayed, developed it into one of America's top ten largest cities, and set it well on its way to becoming one of the nation's finest cities. It's not hard to see why. San Diego has year-round beautiful weather (the best in the US), it's the safest large city in the US, its population is young, vibrant and accomplished, and, despite its size, the city still has a welcoming, small-town atmosphere. Set along 112 kilometres (70 miles) of Pacific Ocean coastline on the border with Mexico, the city's location is enviable, meaning you can sometimes experience mountain, coastal and desert environments all in one day. An upcoming business destination, it's also a wonderful place for cultural breaks or family holidays.

PILLOW TALK

Hotel del Coronado — or, more fondly, The Del — is a National Historic Landmark that has welcomed everyone from Marilyn Monroe (the hotel was the backdrop for her film *Some Like It Hot*) to Babe Ruth and Charles Lindbergh. Built in 1888, its accommodations range from suites in the Victorian building to Californian Cabanas and villas at its ocean-front Beach Village.

Also check out **The Westgate** in the heart of the downtown area (secure the panoramic Presidential suite); **The Grand Del Mar**, complete with its own Tom Fazio-designed course at The Grand Golf Club; the **US Grant** — an Edwardian hotel with classic *beaux-arts* architecture and millions of dollars worth of new art; and the simmeringly stylish **Sè San Diego Hotel's** penthouse suite. For a genuine Californian feel, try the **Hotel Solamar**; and for a fusion of Italian/Soho/Californian chic, head to **The Keating Hotel** in the Gaslamp Quarter to enjoy panoramic views of the city skyline and 35 seriously striking rooms. →



This page, clockwise from top: Hotel del Coronado; Sè San Diego Hotel's pool; The Westgate; the pool at The Grand Del Mar
Opposite page: Oceanside Harbor



EAT, DRINK, DANCE

EAT... The **Gaslamp Quarter** dates to 1850 and is now the city's premier shopping, dining and entertainment district with over 100 bars, restaurants, nightclubs and lounges. As such, it's a great place to wander and cherry-pick the type of food you fancy that day. Likewise, **San Diego Waterfront** has a great range of eateries served up with the buzz of the boating community.

If you're staying at The Del, try its signature restaurant, the award-winning **1500 Ocean**, or its ocean-front **Sheerwater**, which specialises in fish dishes and children's treats.

For more gourmet experiences, **Tapenade Restaurant** arguably serves the best French fare in San Diego. Also delightfully French is **Bleu Bohème**, reminiscent of the Bohemian Left Bank of Paris, while those after Italian menus should book into **Baci Ristorante**. For American cuisine, **Bertrand at Mr A's** is just minutes from downtown and has fantastic views of the skyline and bay with a wraparound balcony for sunset watching; while **Mille Fleurs** serves award-winning French Californian cuisine.

DRINK, DANCE... Envy is a four-level nightclub in the Andaz San Diego hotel. While you're there, head up to the **Ivy Rooftop** – a lounge, pool and sundeck where you can listen to the guest DJs while lounging in a private cabana and soaking up the down-

town skyline with VIP services, including massage, gourmet cookies, personal photographers and hangover kits. **Stingaree** is a restaurant and nightclub with floor-to-ceiling waterfalls and a rooftop bar, while **Thin** and the **Onyx Room** combine a classic cocktail experience with cutting-edge nightclub vibes. For lively, live music, **The Shout! House** sees two piano players duelling against each other with classic 1950s rock 'n' roll hits.

SEE, SHOP

SEE... Historic sites include the **Cabrillo National Monument** – commemorating Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542 as the first European to set foot on what is now the West Coast of the United States. Also the floating **USS Midway Museum** – one of America's longest-serving aircraft carriers. **Balboa Park** is also a must visit as it's the largest urban cultural park in the US, with 15 museums, numerous art galleries, beautiful gardens and the Tony Award-winning **Old Globe Theatre** to satisfy every cultural taste. Speaking of which, opera, orchestra, movies, classic music festivals and arts festivals abound in this diverse city – so find out what's on and schedule some into your trip.

SHOP... One of the best places to shop is the **Gaslamp Quarter**. It's historic, charming and bursting with boutiques, art galleries and shops, making it the perfect place to wander and soak up the spirit of the city. As an added advantage, its streets are sprinkled with numerous cafés, bars and eateries to fuel your energies.

DO AND DISCOVER

DO... Thanks to its year-round sunshine and coastal/desert/mountain setting, San Diego is made for outdoor living. Oceanwise, it's famed for its sportfishing, so deep-sea trips abound. It also has a thriving boating community and compelling sailing, diving and surfing opportunities. Head to **San Diego Harbor**, **Oceanside Harbor**, and **Mission Bay** for watersports. The east end of Mission Bay is particularly popular with wake-

AT A GLANCE...

Best travel time: any season as it has an excellent year-round climate

Currency: US dollar

Language: English

Vibe: San Diego strikes a good balance between dynamic, diverse and relaxed living. It's a friendly, cosmopolitan city with excellent natural and manmade attractions, including a compelling Pacific-beach town ambience.



IN THE EVENT...

TIME YOUR TRIP TO COINCIDE WITH THESE HIGHLIGHTS

TOULOUSE-LAUTREC'S PARIS EXHIBITION

Current – 12 December

The San Diego Museum of Art in Balboa Park presents almost 100 works by Lautrec.

FESTIVAL OF SAIL

2 – 6 September

The annual event takes place at the Maritime Museum of San Diego and is five days of entertainment, food, Tall Ship tours, historic vessel displays and children's activities.

SAN DIEGO FILM FESTIVAL

29 September to 3 October

One of the hottest film festivals in the US, attracting the big Hollywood names and featuring US and international films.

SAN DIEGO BAY PARADE OF LIGHTS

12 & 19 December

Every year the boating community hosts fireworks and a parade of more than 80 vessels in the bay.

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Opposite page from left: the Gaslamp Quarter; fine dining at The Keating Hotel **This page, clockwise from top:** Andaz San Diego's rooftop; USS Midway; the city skyline; the Keating hotel; Orfila Vineyards; Legoland California; SeaWorld; the Museum of Man in Balboa Park; Cabrillo National Monument

boarders and waterskiers, while windsurfers stick to the west end. Those who like to take things easier will love the area's 30 kilometres (19 miles) of sandy beaches.

Heading landwards, San Diego is a feast of parks abounding with playgrounds, wildlife, landscaping and lavish gardens. Aside from these natural attractions, it also has a wealth of theme parks, including the world-famous **San Diego Zoo**, complete with giant pandas; a **Wild Animal Park**; **SeaWorld**; and **Legoland California**, which now has the world's first and only Lego-themed water park. Also factor in time to visit **Birch Aquarium at Scripps** for more marine magic.

For relaxation, take yourself off to the **Spa at the Del** — which is furnished with 21 massage and treatment rooms, a private terrace and an infinity-edge pool — or the eco **Blue Marble Spa** at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina. There are also over 90 golf courses in the region, including the scenic, world-class **Torrey Pines**.

DISCOVER... to combine culture, exploration and relaxation, it's worth heading to the San Pasqual Valley, about 30 minutes from San Diego. San Diego's North County is one of the finest grape-growing areas in the Western United States and the **Orfila Vineyards**, which has won more than 1,300 medals since 1994, offers wine-tasting and tours. If you want to combine sight-seeing with fitness, **San Diego Jogging Tours** can speed you past the most famous sights, while **San Diego Sky Tours** gives you a fantastic insight into the city from a more lofty angle. ■



Tandy Althoff



Sussie Kidd

antibes Teamtalk

sea&i travels to France to meet up with CNI's Antibes-based charter brokers

CNI's Antibes office, based on the Avenue de la Libération, is one of the company's key offices for yacht management, crew placement, marketing and charter brokerage. The three ladies who handle the latter department are Tandy Althoff, Sussie Kidd and Tina Montzka. Here they recount their yachting backgrounds and current roles.

TANDY ALTHOFF

"My family moved every year within North and South America before settling in Fort Lauderdale, and it was here that I had my first taste of the luxury yacht industry. My first job, at the age of 15, was working after school as a listing secretary for a prominent international charter broker. When I graduated from high school, I sailed between Newport, Rhode Island and Fort Lauderdale



Tina Montzka

for the summer before studying at the University of Chicago. But the warm weather and sea were too strong a calling and I returned to Fort Lauderdale to continue my studies there while working full time as a personal assistant to three very busy yacht brokers. I then went on to work for several well-known yacht surveyors, mainly typing up surveys but sometimes crawling alongside them in bilges, too! I then spent time sailing; cruising the Mediterranean and doing three transatlantic crossings. It was always my ambition to become a charter broker, and following a year establishing the CNI crew department I achieved my aim and have since been with the company for 15 happy and successful years.

"I organise charters in the popular areas of the West and East Mediterranean, Adriatic and Caribbean, but also in more adventurous locations such as Southeast Asia, Patagonia, the Pacific Northwest, Scandinavia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

"Travelling has always been a vital part of my life and I very much enjoy visiting as many yachting destinations as possible, and I love exploring any potential up-and-coming areas. I always enjoy a challenge and treat every charter with the same attention to detail and personal care."

SUSSIE KIDD

"My father was in the Australian Navy, which meant I grew up alongside the water both in Australia and overseas. In my early professional life I was a personal assistant in the Department of Science in Canberra, and I was also involved in the service industry – supplementing my main income with waitress and bar work. I fell into sailing when I left Australia, aged 24, and crewed on classic sailing yachts in Southeast Asia, before venturing further afield. Working as professional delivery crew, I virtually circumnavigated the globe and along the way got bitten by the racing bug. Regattas and racing yachts then became my passion for many years and I competed in the USA, Hawaii, Australia, the Caribbean and Mediterranean... sailing pretty much on any yacht that was racing.

"On my return to Australia, I started my own company Craftcare Marine, which specialised in varnishing and general maintenance work. In 1989 I was asked to manage Noumea Yacht Charters (NYC), so I left a manager in charge of my company and moved to New Caledonia to run NYC. I stayed until 1995, and then travelled to the Caribbean and finally back to Europe where I returned to classic sailing as mate aboard Belle Aventure. I left that role in 1997 to join BCR Yachts, where I was responsible for developing its charter fleet and charter sales.

"I have been with CNI since January 2007, and love working here with the charter team. Chartering is the best holiday anyone can have, which makes my job all the more pleasant."

TINA MONTZKA

"Since early childhood, travelling has been a very large part of my life. I spent many years of my youth in Japan and Asia as my father was a German diplomat working there, and I was lucky to meet fascinating people and experience diverse cultures from a very early age. I later studied hotel management back in Germany, which gave me a sound basis for the hospitality industry I work in today.

"My life in the yachting world began about 20 years ago when I started working on board a 24m (80') sailing yacht in the Caribbean. I cruised on board sail and motoryachts for over ten years as a cook and stewardess, and have travelled the Caribbean extensively, as well as the Western and Eastern Mediterranean.

"I've worked for CNI since 1998, when I started as a charter manager, and since 2004 I have been a charter broker. I love creating unique and unforgettable dream yachting holidays for my clients, and I pride myself in having organized countless successful charters in many different areas of the world. Thanks to my job, I am able to continue my love of travelling and constantly meet fascinating new people." ■

To contact the charter brokers at CNI's Antibes office, call +33 (0)4 92 91 29 12 or email info@ant.cnyachts.com



MIRABELLA V 75.22m (246' 8) VT Shipbuilding, 2004

superyacht brokerage

LOOKING BACK TO THE FUTURE

The third edition of CNI's *(super) Yachting Index*, released in July, looks at the year 2009. It shows that, although the industry has suffered, the market leaders are still paving the way forward

Analysing data on both the sales and charter side of the yachting industry, the latest CNI *(super) Yachting Index* provides statistics on current trends and gives numerical comparisons with previous years. But it is the perspectives for 2011 that everyone is interested in. The *Index*, developed in collaboration with SuperYachtTimes.com, concludes that certainly things are tough for many shipyards. The year 2009 proved that it was time for harder work for smaller gains, be it on the sale and purchase or charter side of the industry. However, 2009 also showed that things were not as bad as they could have been. It was not long before this that many companies would have signed on the dotted line to guarantee the level of business they secured in 2009. The

industry has also witnessed positive signs, with new regions slowly joining the yachting scene, and clients from emerging markets interested in building, buying and chartering.

Not everyone will be able to recover from the current situation with the same success. The yachting industry is no longer immune to the economic movements that shake and shape the world. On the contrary, as much as it can benefit from the growth of wealth around the globe, it can also suffer from the traumas that impact on wealth. While this is probably the price to pay for further growth, it can also be a

considerable opportunity.

For further information and a complete overview of the yachting industry and business in 2009, log onto www.camperandnicholsons.com





FLYING EAGLE 48m (157' 44") Bloemsma Van Breemen, 2005



IDYLLWILD 44.2m (145') Benetti, 2005



DISPLAYED AT THE FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE LA PLAISANCE DE CANNES - **EMERALD STAR** 43m (141') CRN, 2007



DISPLAYED AT THE FESTIVAL DE LA PLAISANCE DE CANNES AND THE MONACO YACHT SHOW - **SOFICO** 43m (141') CRN, 2009



SEVEN SINS 41.3m (135' 46) Heesen, 2005



DISPLAYED AT THE FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE LA PLAISANCE DE CANNES JOHANNA 35m (115') Benetti, 2003



HIDE OUT 34.14m (111' 9") Westport, 2007



MY WAY 31.4m (103') Cheoy Lee, 2002



HERO 31.1m (102') Falcon Yachts, 2008



JACK BLU 30.2m (99' 15) Benetti, 1981 **DISPLAYED AT THE FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE LA PLAISANCE DE CANNES**



BAR-CO 25.8m (84' 62) Geta Corp, 1991



DISPLAYED AT THE MONACO YACHT SHOW - CLEAR EYES 43.1m (141' 4) Pax Navi, 2010



SEA SHUTTLE 28.07m (92') Jongert, 1983



MR GECKO 25.3m (83') Wally Yachts, 1990



EMOTION 25m (82') Holland Jachtbouw, 2002



L'AVVENTURA 24m (78' 72) Valdetaro, 2004



Photography: Christian Lant

before you go

Travel tales from *Alain Ducasse*, internationally famed chef of Monaco's Le Louis XV and London's Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester

What essential travel items do you take...

In your hand luggage en route? A pen and a sheet of paper to jot down ideas.

In your suitcase for when you get there? I leave empty space as I know I will hunt for antiques to bring back home.

What's the first thing you do when you arrive at a new destination?

Rush to the local open-air food markets to see, smell, touch and taste all the fantastic local produce.

What are your favourite destinations for:

A luxury one-night/weekend stay? La Bastide de Moustiers – a lovely 12-room French country inn that is the most enchanting retreat one can find in Provence.

A week away? L'Andana, a sophisticated property in the heart of Tuscan Maremma and once the sumptuous residence of Duke Leopold.

An extended holiday? The new W Hotel on Vieques Island, in the heart of the Caribbean.

What inspires you to travel?

Curiosity. I can't stop wondering what happens elsewhere in the world, and what people's daily life consists of.

What's your one piece of foolproof advice when it comes to travelling?

Eat locally. Getting to know what people eat and how they prepare food is a very good way to understand their psyche.

Dream destination yet to visit / travel ambition yet to experience?

I'm particularly fascinated by Asian culture. What I already know makes me wish to know more.

Do you explore the local gastronomic scene when visiting new destinations?

Restaurants, chefs and food producers are all number one on my agenda of people and places to visit – by far – whenever I go away.

On holiday, do you relax or try to jam in as much as possible?

I must admit, I like being overly busy. However, I've found an acceptable compromise: during breaks I really relax – but I keep the breaks rather short!

Travel light or pack the kitchen sink?

Light or not, but always with Goyard luggage.

Take home only photos – or shop until you drop for mementoes?

I'm an antiques addict, especially for dining-room furniture, tableware and cooking utensils. ■



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Mediterranean Sea, 1940s. "Gamma" men in training.
The diver emerging from the water is wearing a Panerai compass on his wrist.



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