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At this time of the year our minds start focusing on our planned summer cruises, the destinations that we will discover and that will take our breath away.

Summer is just beginning, and for you boat and sea lovers, this is the start to enjoy the best time of the year, relieving us from our business stress and worries.

Even though we try repeating our summer cruises every year, it is always a new adventure, and a new experience discovering paradisiac sites and new cultures.

We have been used to Custom Line new products on a yearly basis, this issue will include the Custom Line 106, Paszkowski design, following the Custom Line 120 also from the same designer.

Sea Pros is happy to introduce Technohull, the towable ribs for the utmost luxury and performance namely when discovering islands and bays inaccessible to your yacht, and as a transportation means delivering optimum comfort.

In order to better organize your next summer 2019 purchases, you will discover in this issue, boat novelties that I hope will lead you to a new and passionate dream. Wishing you a joyful summer.

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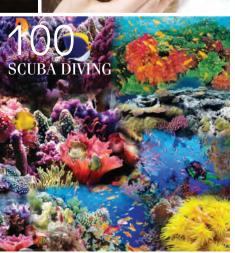






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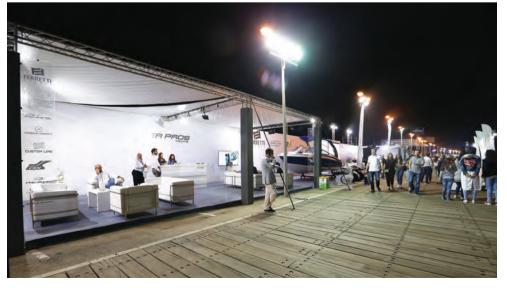
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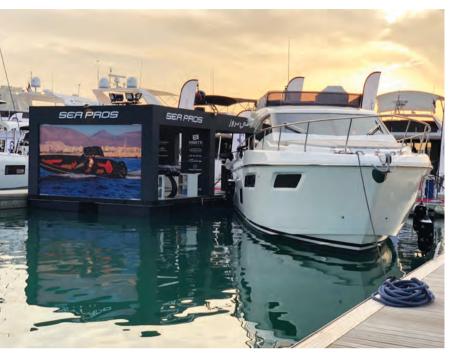






BEIRUT BOAT SHOW 9th to 13th May 2018

After a few years of absence, the most famous boat show in the region is back in full strength at the Zaitunay Bay marina in Beirut central district. This year's edition witnessed great attendance of visitors, with local and International exhibitors displaying a wide range of boats and marine accessories and related products. Sea Pros was the main exhibitor with 10 yachts from the Ferretti Group, among which 5 regional premieres (Custom Line Navetta 37M. Custom Line Navetta 28M. Riva 56 Rivale, Pershing 62 and Pershing 74), a special edition Riva Gucci, and 2 boats from Regal and Technohull on display; The large showcase and lounge area at the main entrance of the show, and another lounge at the Yacht Club area facing the Custom Line 37M Navetta displayed for the first time in the Middle East were manned by Sea Pros' dedicated team who hosted a number of new prospects and potential clients. The Beirut Boat Show was inaugurated by a number of Lebanese officials and welcomed over 52 exhibitors from Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.





FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW 1ST to 5TH November 2017

Claiming to be the biggest boat show worldwide in terms of areas of display with 278'000sqm, 105'000 visitors, and with an estimated \$4billion worth in products on display, this show certainly lives up to its reputation, and showcases all the best the marine industry has to offer.

KUWAIT BOAT SHOW 27th to 30th March 2018

After the 2017 edition which took place at Al Kout Marina, the Kuwait Boat Show is back at Salmiyah Marina, its favorite location in Kuwait City. This boat show was well attended with about 5000 quality visitors over a 3 day period, with the first day being exclusively reserved for VIP visitors. The show was supposed to last for 4 days unfortunately a major sand storm prevented this to happen on the 30th March (last day of the show). Sea Pros with a prime on water location displayed for the first time in the gulf region a new Ferretti 450 which attracted serious clients who were impressed with the high quality of finish and the volume for a boat this size.

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DUBAI BOAT SHOW 28th February to 3rd March 2018):

Taking place in its new destination, at the tip of Dubai Canal, for the very first time, the Dubai Boat Show was host to 845 exhibitors from 61 different countries, who displayed a wide variety of yachts and boats as well as marine accessories attracting visitors from the entire gulf region. The show also included the major players in the superyacht industry displaying their projects in the Sybass area. The Ferretti Group was by far one of the major exhibitors with 5 yachts on display from Ferretti yachts, Pershing and Riva. The FG stand was manned by Art Marine welcoming visitors from the UAE, Qatar, Oman and Egypt, and Sea Pros welcoming visitors from Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Kuwait and Bahrain.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? UPCOMING MAJOR YACHTING EVENTS



MONACO YACHT SHOW

Port Hercules, Monaco (26th to 29th September 2018): Under the patronage of his Highness Prince Albert II de Monaco, this (very) exclusive Superyacht show has consistently delivered and is rightly defined as the pinnacle of luxury yachting. We are looking forward this year for the gathering of the most reputable superyachts builders showcasing the ultimate in superyachts and watertoys.

FERRETTI GROUP EVENT

Monaco (8th to 9th September 2018): It has become a habit; the yearly long awaited event organized by the Ferretti Group in Monaco facing the Monaco yacht Club. An event showcasing the best Ferretti Group is offering from Ferretti Yachts, Riva, Pershing, Custom Line, Itama, and CRN. This year's event is expected to be even more spectacular with over 15 yachts all from the latest models and with a number of exclusive World premieres displayed and available for sea trials for a selected list of guests and potential clients.



FESTIVAL DE LA PLAISANCE

Cannes (11th to 16th September 2018): Last year's show was spectacular with an impressive number of exhibitors (528), boats on display (791), and visitors (50'000), and our expectations for this year for an even better and more successful show are well founded. The Ferretti Group will of course be one of the major participants with a record number of boats on display of which a considerable number of World premieres.



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CUSTOM LINE 106' A MADE-TO-MEASURE MARVEL

The new addition to the Custom Line planing range was presented at the 2018 Miami Yacht Show. It is the second model by Francesco Paszkowski Design and it will make its debut in late 2018.

ustom Line is broadening the horizons of perfect yachting with a new project that got an enthusiastic response from the public and members of the trade at the recent US boat show.

The Custom Line 106' is a new addition to the planing range. It is a product of the partnership between the Francesco Paszkowski Design studio, the Ferretti Group's Engineering Department and the Product Strategy Committee led by the engineer Piero Ferrari.

The design of the lines on the bottom and the hull helps it to replicate and build on the outstanding hydrodynamic performance of the latest models in the brand's planing range.

"The Custom Line 106' marks another step forward in the growth of the Ferretti Group brand dedicated to large fibreglass yachts. This exceptional vessel complements the Custom Line planing-hull selection, which comes together with the array of semi-displacing models to form a comprehensive range for owners who want sizeable spaces, cutting-edge technological solutions, style and comfort: in other words, Custom Line excellence," stated Alberto Galassi, the Chief Executive Officer of the Ferretti Group.

"In the design of the new 106', a number of the brand's



distinctive features have been emphasized and new stylistic traits have been introduced. As is plain to see in various places, efforts have been made to break down the boundaries between the exterior and the interior. The new technical solutions and all of the aspects of the exterior and interior lines are closely interlinked, as they are all parts of a single architectural arrangement with perfect balance between the forms and functions," explained Francesco Paszkowski.

EXTERIOR

The new yacht has large floor surfaces (a total of 220 $m^2/2,370$ sqft) that are all interconnected. To the stern is a more advanced version of the patented DMT - Dual Mode Transom system. It features two hatches that cover the stairs when the vessel is in motion, thus giving the stern an unbeatably clean-cut appearance. When the ship stops, they disappear into the central part of the door so that guests can climb up. From the garage, a 505 Williams Jet tender and a three-person jet ski can be lowered into the water.

The forward area is even bigger than on other recent models: on the raised central island there are sofas and up-



EDITOR'S CHOICE BOAT



holstered seating with reclining backrests and on the bow area there is a large sun pad spanning a total of 36 m^2 (387 sqft). There is also an additional garage for a Williams 2.80 Jet or a three-person jet ski.

The forward area is directly connected to the 53 m² flybridge by a walkway. Protected by two large windows on the sides, it has a standard hard top with two skylights. In addition, Bimini tops or canopies can be fitted to provide shade in the external areas.

INTERIOR

The interiors of the main deck are bathed in natural light thanks to the large, full-height windows. On request, the central window on the starboard side of the lounge can be fitted with an electric opening mechanism. The support columns used on the Custom Line 120' can also be found here, with lighting, audio and air conditioning systems on them.

Further along the starboard side, there is a full-beam master cabin in the foredeck. It is 6.50 m (21'4") wide and contains plenty of storage space for the owner, as well as two dressing rooms and a large bathroom with dual facilities and a central shower. On request, a panoramic terrace can be added.

The port-side bulwark of the main deck provides access to the galley, the crew quarters (consisting of a cabin for the captain with a bathroom and a separate shower, and two crew cabins with a separate bathroom), and the integrated raised bridge.



The layout on the lower deck contains four standard cabins: two VIP cabins amidships and two twin ones forward, all with separate bathrooms. The beds in the VIP cabins face the bulwark to make the most of the view from the large hull windows, while an optional additional Pullman bed can be fitted in each of the two twin cabins.

The style of the vessel continues in the same vein as the Custom Line 120': it explores greater formal balance and there are distinctive, strong colour contrasts in the furnishings and coverings.

Like the other recent Custom Line models, the 106' comes with innovative software that allows an iPad to be used to operate the entertainment system installed in the lounge on the main deck, meaning that the various remote

CUSTOM LINE 106' Technical Specifications

Engines/ Power	2 x MTU 16V 2000 M86 power 2217 mhp/
	1630 kW at 2450 rpm (Std)
Displacement unladen	116 ton
Displacement laden	136 ton
Maximum speed	24 knots
Cruising speed	21 knots
Cabins	5 Cabins + 3 Crew
Length Overall	32.80 M
Max Beam	7.25 M
Fuel Tank Capacity	14700 L
Water Tank Capacity	3000 L
Maximum number of people on board	20

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The full beam master cabin on main deck as well as other cabins are customizable giving each owner the possibility to reflect his own preferences

controls can be replaced by a single device. This technological solution can be extended to all of the different parts of the maxi yacht and it can also be used in conjunction with the owner's personal devices.

The Custom Line 106' is fitted with twin MTU 16V engines rated at 2217 mhp, which can take it to a maximum speed of 23 knots (preliminary data). Alternatively, it is possible to ask for twin MTU 16V engines, which can generate 2638 mhp and reach a maximum speed of 26 knots (preliminary data).

The standard version is equipped with electro-hydraulic stabilizing fins, offering both underway and zero-speed modes. On request, gyroscopic stabilizers can also be fitted for maximum comfort at anchor.



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Even more futuristic shapes, Pershing's unique performances and innovative onboard technological equipment characterize the new 70-footer of the Mondolfo-based brand, ready to astonish yachting enthusiasts from all over the world.





ershing, a Ferretti Group brand and one of the leading manufacturers worldwide of highperformance open motoryachts between 15 and 43 metres in length, has launched the Pershing 70 as part of the new aggressive and sporty Pershing line and style.

The new yacht - which is the result of the cooperation between yacht designer Fulvio De Simoni (the name behind the entire Pershing range), the Engineering department - is strengthening the Italian brand's offer in the strategic 60-to-80 feet market segment, only one year after the launch of the Pershing 62, the first of a 'new generation' of Pershing crafts, characterized by increasingly dynamic and extreme lines, luxurious design solutions and innovative, cutting-edge technologies.

From the very first glance, the Pershing 70 strikes the eye for its futuristic and imposing shapes, further enhanced by a carefully-selected colour palette and an original structural design. On this first hull, the brilliant 'Champagner Pearl' of the hull, main deck and superstructure contrasts with the carbon grey of the hardtop, from which two large side wings open up, connecting to the gunwale and featuring a glazed surface at the beginning of the side walkways, which result in a restyled, generous cockpit, comparable to that of larger models, extending across the entire width of the hull. The yacht's sporty appearance is completed by the handrails that 'cut across' the side glazing on the main deck and the large windows on the hull, at the height of the owner's quarters, which draw inspiration from those seen on the 62 footer, so as to maintain the same family feeling. The windows of the VIP cabin, located forward, feature an identical design.

The interiors too stand out for their innovative layout and décor, characterized by a skilful use of contrasting colours, with the light shades of ashwood of the furniture frames alternating with the dark tones of the charcoal grey lacquered finishes. White is the colour chosen for the deck structure and the ceiling panels, consisting of parallel strips fitted with LED lighting systems. Wooden floors complete the décor on the main deck, while furnishings comprise a large leather sofa with storage drawers, an extendable dining table seating up to six people, and a low unit with a 46'' screen TV (a concealing TV screen is available upon request). The starboard-side pilot station features a Poltrona Frau two-seater leather bench.

Next to it, a second living area hosts an L-shaped sofa which can be replaced with a bar area upon request.



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PERSHING 70

Technical Specifications

Engines/ Power 2 x MTU 10V 2000 M94 Power 1623 mhp/ 1193 kW at 2450 rpm Displacement unladen 41.50 ton Displacement laden 47.34 ton Maximum speed 46 knots Cruising speed 40 knots Cabins 3 Cabins + 1 Crew Length Overall 21.44 M Max Beam 5 MFuel Tank Capacity 3500 LWater Tank Capacity 900 LMaximum number of people on board 16

Below deck, the layout comprises three cabins with three bathrooms and the galley.

The full-beam master suite is accessed by descending from the mezzanine level towards the stern of the yacht. Inside the cabin, a partition element decorated with waveshaped leather inserts visually separates the entrance area fitted with a double wardrobe - from the bedroom itself. The same inserts can be found throughout the cabin, on the wall behind the bed and besides the book unit with audio/video system standing in front of it. The master bathroom on this first Pershing 70 features extremely original décor choices, especially in the shower box, where the main wall is fitted with horizontal metallic strips in different colours which,



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The large salon opens up completely to the cockpit area



when 'soaked' with light, create a 'palette' in line with the latest trends in interior design.

All other areas below deck are accessed directly from the mezzanine level: to starboard is the galley, while to portside is the large third cabin, with twin beds and bathroom with separate shower, which also serves as a day toilet thanks to a secondary access directly from the lobby. The VIP cabin, at the extreme bow, is truly spacious and well-equipped, with a double wardrobe and an en-suite bathroom with separate shower.

The new Pershing 70 is also truly impressive for the wide range of technological solutions that can be installed upon request and that really make the difference when this yacht is compared with similar crafts of the same size.

A series of MOSFET electronic control units (a technology based on power transistors) has indeed been installed across the entire yacht, allowing to simplify the electrical system, reduce the number of cables onboard, and apply power electronics to the electrical system. In a nutshell, instead of being controlled through traditional control panels and switches, the entire yacht can now be controlled through NAVIOP touch-screen displays installed on the pilot station and, on request, in other areas of the yacht. In addition, a series of power boards allow, upon request, to monitor and control

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Master bedroom & head

the individual onboard systems, as well as to display onboard data, providing the yacht owner and the crew with a home automation system whose features and extension potential are comparable to those normally available on mega-yachts. The Shipyard has indeed created a series of optional system configurations (about ten different 'packages') allowing the Owner to choose one or several 'custom solutions' that can be adapted to suit specific onboard requirements or expanded with additional functions and 'dedicated' software applications, thanks to the assistance of the AYT&D engineers

If required, MOSFET units can be integrated with the innovative audio/video interaction system VOTIS (Videoworks One Touch Infotainment System), the result of the cooperation between Engineering department and Videoworks, the Group's technological partner. VOTIS allows to control the entertainment system installed in the main salon via an iPad, thereby replacing the various remote controls required for the different devices with one unit only. Upon request, the same control function can be extended to other areas on the yacht or installed on the Owner's own devices. If integrat-



Guest Cabin & head





VIP Cabin & head





ed with the home automation system, this service can also be used to access the digital libraries stored on the central server, adjust lighting levels to create different atmospheres or read/watch TV, control awnings and curtains, adjust the room temperature, as well as, obviously, use the Internet. Last, but notleast, thanks to the AirPlay technology and a wifi connection, audio/video contents can be shared in streaming in the different areas of the yacht.

The Pershing 70' also boasts impressive engine characteristics and performances. Indeed, the yacht is fitted with twin MTU 10V 2000 M94 engines (developing a power of 1623 mhp), combined with a Top System 85P surface drive system, allowing to achieve a maximum speed of 46 knots and a cruising speed of 40 knots. SP

RIVA 90 UNMISTAKABLY RIVA

The exterior design is unveiled at Boot Dusseldorf 2018

very new Riva is a fresh, thrilling chapter in a nautical story that enthralls millions of fans across the globe.

Therefore, it is only natural for there to be huge interest in every item of news about the projects that are taking shape.

There was a warm response from owners and enthusiasts when a number of renderings were presented of the exterior design of the Riva 90' at boot Dusseldorf.

RIVA 90

Technical Specifications

Engines/ Power	2 x MTU 12V 2000 M96L power
	1948 mhp / 1432 kW at 2450 rpm
Displacement unladen	87 ton
Displacement laden	100 ton
Maximum speed	26 knots
Cruising speed	22 knots
Cabins	4 Cabins + 2 Crew
Length Overall	28.50 M
Max Beam	6.50 M
Fuel Tank Capacity	8700 L
Water Tank Capacity	1320 L
Maximum number of people on board	20



The Riva 90' combines and enhances the strengths of its two predecessors. It is a product of the partnership between Officina Italiana Design (the studio founded by designer Mauro Micheli together with Sergio Beretta) and the Ferretti Group's Product Strategy Committee and Engineering Department.

The exterior design has an extremely streamlined profile, with expansive hull glazing featuring integrated portholes.

On the deck a floor-to-ceiling window runs along the entire length of the lounge. A carbon fiber frame surrounds panes of glass that send natural light flooding into the yacht.

The exterior design is rounded off in the foredeck by a second large window, in this case for the wide-body owner's suite. At the raised helm station, there are broad front wind-screens and side windows. To the stern, the lateral fiberglass structures finished with glass are back to boost the aerody-namic qualities of the profile.

In addition, the Riva 90' boasts the Ferretti Group's patented concealed stern stairs, which has proved to be a big success on the new 56' Rivale.

The garage can accommodate a Williams 395 tender and a jet ski, which can be launched independently.

Three engine options are available for the Riva 90'. As standard, there are twin MTU 12V 2000 M96L engines producing 1948 mhp each, which enable the yacht to reach a cruising speed of 22 knots and a maximum speed of 26 knots. Alternatively, customers can order twin MTU 16V 2000 M84 engines rated at 2218 mhp, allowing the flybridge to cruise at 24 knots and attain a maximum speed of 28 knots. A third choice, which is installed on the first unit manufactured, is twin MTU 16V 2000 M93 engines generating 2435 mhp each. They propel the yacht to a cruising speed of 26 knots and a maximum speed of 30 knots (preliminary data).

The Riva 90' will be equipped with underway and zerospeed stabilizing fins as standard and Seakeeper stabilizers can be fitted on request.

The new 90-foot yacht is part of the new Riva flybridge generation. It has joined the range alongside the 100' Corsaro which enjoyed remarkable success in 2017 – and the 110' Dolcevita, which was launched in March 2018.

Streamlined profile unmistakably RIVA

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The new flybridge yacht, natural heir in the 75-foot category and the ideal link between the under 70-foot fleet and larger vessels, made its worldwide debut last September at the 2017 Cannes Yachting Festival.

he new Ferretti Yachts 780 is the magnificent result of an intelligent evolution, the boat where you wish to be when you dream of a modern and rewarding sailing experience. A fantastic flybridge yacht that fulfils its owner's every desire in terms of comfort, style, seaworthiness and safety.

It is therefore only natural that this astonishing craft sparked such a high level of anticipation and interest long before its official début, at the 40th Cannes Yachting Festival.

The Ferretti Yachts 780, product of the collaboration between the Ferretti Group's Product Strategy Committee, its Engineering Department and the Studio Zuccon International Project, has inherited many of the successful features of models launched over the last three years (Ferretti Yachts 550, 700, 450 and 850), to which new and important elements have been added in a continuation of the philosophy – part of our brand's heritage since its founding – of always developing cutting-edge solutions.

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Aerodynamic design manifested in sleek lines and clean shapes



This philosophy is evident in its aerodynamic design, manifested in sleek lines and clean shapes, accentuated by the choice to resize the height of the hull's topsides, to the benefit of the yacht's overall sporty character.

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The hull design, in particular, takes from the Ferretti Yachts 450 and 550 the stylistic feature consisting of three windows corresponding to the guest cabins. In the superstructure we find a design we can recognise from Ferretti's over 80-foot flybridge yachts, to which is added the front and side dome at the helm station.

STERN AREA

An important innovation can be found in the area aft, which offers the comforts of a real beach club, thanks to the new tailgate operating system. Above the large swimming platform - where a tender can be stored upon request – the two sections that form the tailgate can be lowered together or separately. These contain two large sun pads which, once the tailgate is fully opened, transform the space into a relaxing area close to the water. Ample storage spaces have been built into the sides of the companionway leading up to the cockpit, which can be used to store a seabob, ropes and other technical material.

EXTERIORS

The outdoor area located forward features a private lounge of considerable size, comparable to the sort you would find on a maxi yacht. It is fitted with a U-shaped sofa and a vast central sun pad with lockers located beneath it.

The large flybridge sports a hard top equipped with a fixed window. It is furnished with free-standing furniture to aft and amidships. Meanwhile, forward to starboard, the helm station is provided with a small table and two facing



sofas that can be converted into sun pads. All of the outdoor furnishings have been developed in collaboration with the Italian company Roda.

INTERIORS

Beyond the glass door of the cockpit, you enter the main deck lounge, located on a single level and fitted with exquisite Mardegan parquet flooring in brushed oak. Resting atop the elegant Stepevi carpet we find a large Cshaped sofa by Minotti, the Freeman "Lounge" model, upholstered in Ecru fabric and ocean-blue leather, adorned with decorative cushions by Casamance. Three Aeron accent tables by Minotti, one veneered in Sucupira and two each with a lacquer finish, one in Sand and the other in Corten, complete the furnishings. Beyond the living space is the dining area, with its large table and Dea model chairs by Potocco, seating up to 8 guests.

As on a larger yacht, the forward section of the deck is divided by a bulkhead, in Florim portoro, with the galley occupying the starboard side. Upon request, the galley can instead be made open to the lounge, creating a single space

> Bow seating area and Sun Pad

FERRETTI YACHTS 780



stretching to the foredeck.

The raised pilot house, furnished with two facing sofas, is a technical area featuring a next-gen steering system, the same as on the Ferretti Yachts 920: the instrumentation, composed of multiple touchscreen displays, integrates the craft's navigation systems with the controls for its technical instruments and propulsion systems. A door on the starboard side provides rapid access to the exterior walkway. Meanwhile, on the port side bulwark, owner and guests will find a companionway that will allow them to proceed down towards the sleeping cabins independently. Once below deck, a corridor coordinates circulation flows to and from the 4 guest cabins, each with an en-suite bathroom.

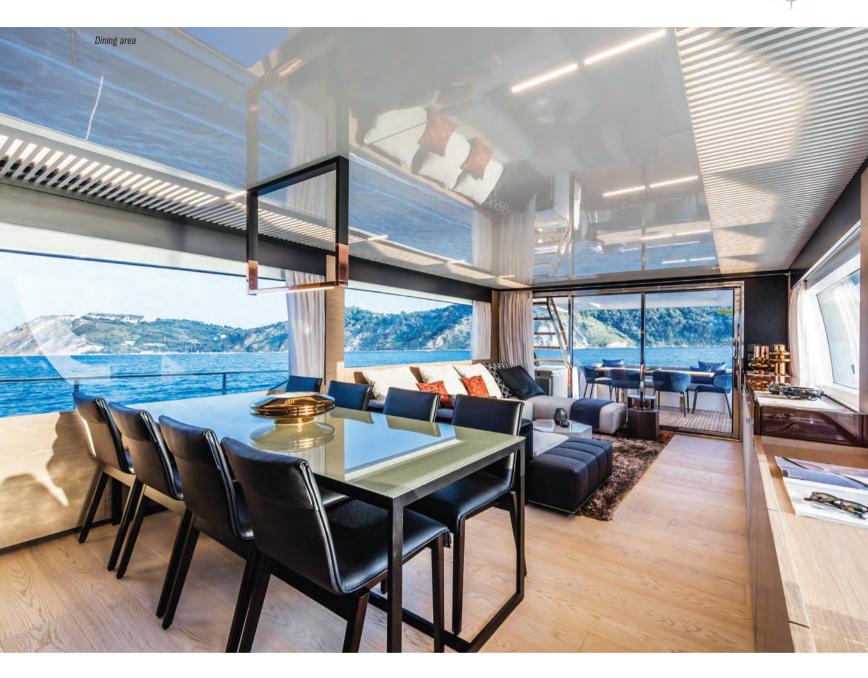
The full-beam Master Stateroom enjoys magnificent natural light thanks to double glazed windows with integrated flush portholes, over which can be drawn fine Zim-







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mer - Rohde curtains. It is furnished with a double bed with a Minotti headboard and pillows by Casamance. The bathroom, located behind the bed along the port side bulwark, features a separate shower, decorated with Casamood Neutra mosaics. In the same aft area, but on the starboard side, is a walk-in closet partially concealed by a bulkhead with cladding in Vetrite glass panels by SI-CIS. Low furnishings, with a vanity and study area, a sofa and a lounge chair complete the space. Before reaching the VIP cabin located at the foredeck, there is a lobby that leads to the two guest cabins, one to starboard, with a separable double bed, and another, with twin beds, to port, both decorated in the same style chosen for the master cabin and the main deck.

Far aft, separated from the guest areas by the engine

FERRETTI 780

Technical Specifications

Engines/ Power	2 x MAN V12 1550 - power 1550 mhp /
	1140 kW at 2300 rpm
Displacement unladen	56 ton
Displacement laden	65 ton
Maximum speed	31 knots
Cruising speed	27 knots
Cabins	3 Cabins + 1 Crew
Length Overall	24.01 M
Max Beam	5.80 M
Fuel Tank Capacity	5000 L
Water Tank Capacity	1050 L
Maximum number of people on board	20





Master cabin, wardrobe & head







VIP cabin & Head



room, is the crew area, which can be accessed from the cockpit. Designed with comfort in mind, it is among the most spacious in this market segment. It includes a cabin for the captain and a second, with two bunk beds, for the crew. Each cabin has its own separate bathroom. In the standard version, there is a storage area in place of the captain's cabin.

A watertight door leads directly to the engine room, which is also accessible via the cockpit hatch.

ENGINES

The Ferretti Yachts 780 are equipped with optional engines assembly consisting of twin MAN engines, providing 1550 MHP and ensuring the yacht a cruising speed of 27 knots and a top speed of 31 knots or standard engines consisting of Twin MAN engines providing 1400 MHP with cruising speed of 24 knots and a top speed of 28 knots. To ensure maximum comfort even when at anchor, this new 78-footer is also equipped with a Seakeeper stabiliser.

RIVA 50M The steel dream taking shape

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Extraordinary manoeuvres for the Riva superyachts division's firstborn at Ferretti group's super Yacht Yard in Ancona.





he dream of Riva super yachts in steel and aluminium is taking a step closer to becoming a reality. Carlo Riva already had it in his mind in the '70s, and this spectacular design is the best birthday present that Ferretti Group could give him.

The new 50-metre Riva is the first born of the Riva Superyachts Division, and the heir to the celebrated "Caravelle", "Atlantic", "Marco Polo" and "Vespucci" M/Y series, entirely customisable to meet the demands of owners in terms of layout and interior design.

The steel hull of the new superyacht measures 50 metres in length overall with a maximum beam of 9 metres.

She was the "star" of a spectacular manoeuvre to enter

the brand new and innovative premises for the Riva Superyachts Division at the Super Yacht Yard in Ancona, reserved by Ferretti Group for the construction of its 28- to 90-metre yachts in light alloy, steel and fibreglass for the CRN, Pershing, Custom Line and Riva brands.

This giant of the waves is a unique masterpiece for its technology, attention to detail and fidelity to the brand's identity and is the result of the partnership linking Officina Italiana Design, the studio founded by Mauro Micheli and Sergio Beretta that designs the entire Riva range, Riva SYD Engineering, the team of engineers that works on the engineering of the new Riva superyachts, and Ferretti Group's Product Strategy Committee.

The 50-metre Riva has 4 decks. The master suite on the



The iconic brand goes (much) bigger

RIVA 50M

Technical Specifications

Engines/ Power	2 x MTU 8V 4000 M63
	1000kW @1800 rpm
Displacement	485 ton
Maximum speed	15 knots
Cruising speed	11 knots
Length Overall	50 M
Max Beam	9M
Fuel Tank Capacity	48000 L
Water Tank Capacity	12000 L

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The hull of the Riva 50M entering the new Riva Super Yacht division shed

main deck is preceded by a luxurious VIP cabin. There are another 4 VIP suites on the lower deck, accommodating a total of 12 people.

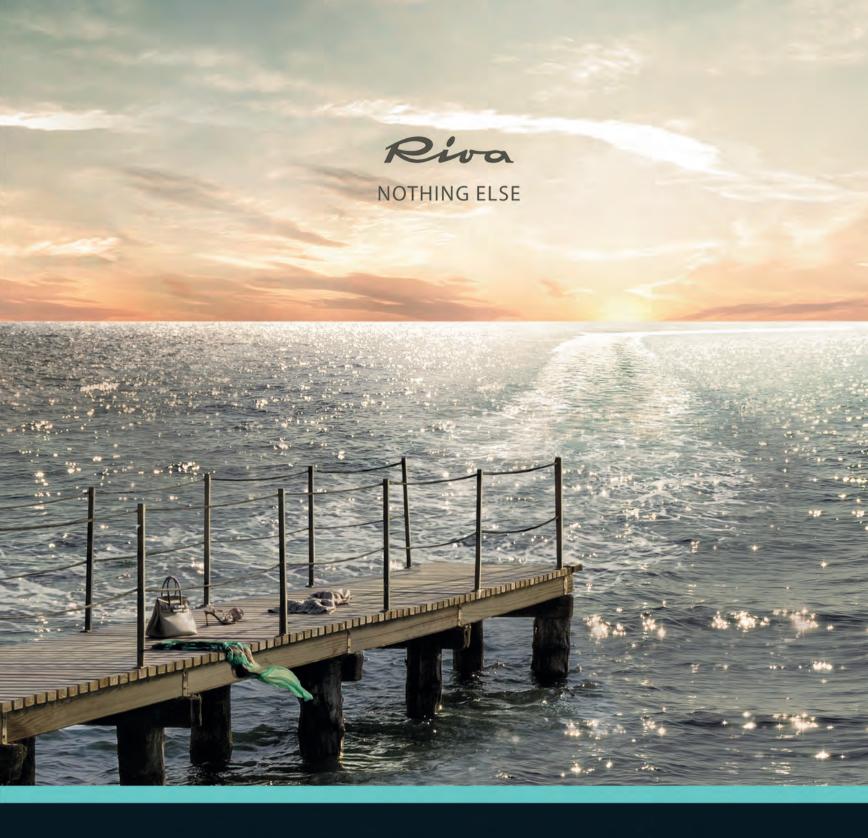
The lower deck also houses the 4 cabins for the crew, with the captain's cabin on the upper deck.

The galley is on the lower deck, ahead of the cold room and storage room: an innovative choice enabling all decks to be served via a convenient dumbwaiter.

The large beach club at the stern is both an incredibly generous area for relaxation as well as a garage capable of accommodating a Williams Dieseljet 625 tender. The bow houses a living area as well as a second garage with a hatch that opens to reveal a rescue boat. At the foredeck, there will be two jet-skis to guarantee maximum fun, with a carbon davit for easy launching.

The sun deck is completed by a Jacuzzi, a sun pad and a generous area for dining and relaxing.

The 50 metre Riva will be launched in 2018: another milestone event in the history of the brand and the yachting industry.



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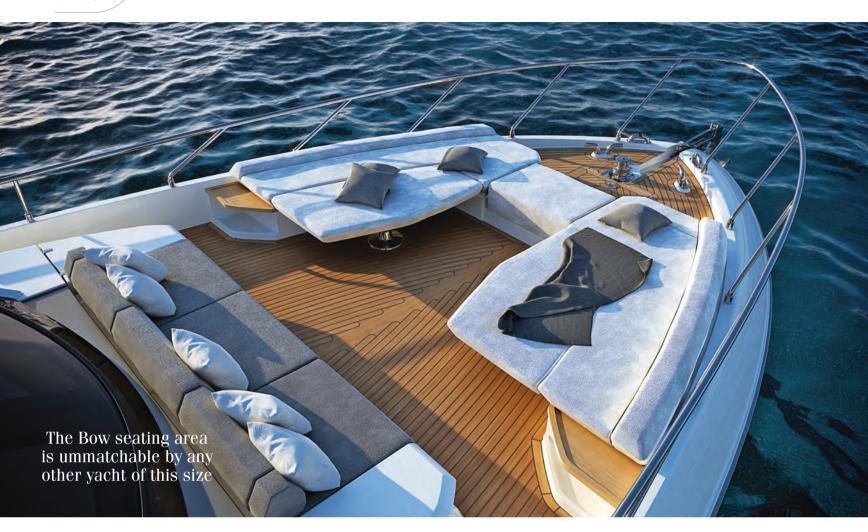
FERRETTI YACHTS 670 ROOM FOR BEAUTY

The design of the new Ferretti Yachts flybridge was presented at Boot Düsseldorf. Its many strong points include innovative space planning, which guarantees an exceptional sailing experience. Debut: summer 2018.

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he Ferretti Yachts 670 is the first gift from the shipyard to itself and the whole nautical world as part of the spectacular celebrations of its 50th anniversary in 2018.

Officially presented at boot Düsseldorf, the fantastic flybridge has taken the style, comfort and performance that have always been part of the brand's DNA to an even higher level. A product of the partnership between the Ferretti Group's Engineering Department and its Product Strategy Committee, it is the first Ferretti Yachts creation with an exterior to be jointly designed by the Ferretti Group and the architect Filippo Salvetti. The interiors are by the Group's architects and designers. The Ferretti Yachts 670 is the natural heir to the shipyard's popular 65-footer and manufacturing work will start on the first unit in January 2018. As part of a smart evolution process, it will combine some of the characteristics of the models launched in 2016 and 2017 (Ferretti Yachts 450, 780, 850 and 920) with some significant new features. They include exceptional space optimization in both the interior and the exterior, which instantly catches the eye and offers owners and their guests the perfect blend of socializing and independence. The Ferretti Yachts 670 measures 67 feet (20.24

metres) but it boasts a number of solutions that tend to be associated with larger vessels. The approach taken is plain to see from the layout: the standard version has 3 very sizeable cabins on the lower deck. The sleek lines and clean-cut shapes of the aerodynamic exterior design follow in the wake of the success enjoyed by the last Ferretti Yachts creations presented in 2017: the 780 and the 920.

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To the stern there is a large swimming platform with a vertical tender lift that can accommodate a 3.5 m jet tender. Among the distinctive features in this area are two storage compartments: one in the upper part and one in the lower part of the stern sofa. A Seabob can be kept in the latter.

A truly innovative space optimization solution can be found in the outside forward area: three substantial sofas face each other and dominate the large living area, making the most of the potential for relaxation. On request, it is possible to put two dining tables facing each other alongside the side sofas. They can also be converted into relaxation surfaces, making the whole area into one big sun pad.

With approximately 25 m² of surfaces, the large flybridge is the most competitive in its class. Free-standing furniture



The hydraulic swim platform provides a practical launching system for a tender or a jet ski can be chosen in the stern and there will be a fully equipped bar on the left of the central zone, facing an entertainment area with a C-shaped sofa and a dining table. Heading forward, you come to a second control station on the left and then a very large sun pad. Ferretti Yachts proposes 3 different layouts for the flybridge: a standard open version, a version with a roll bar for the satellite systems that can also accommodate a bimini top, and a hard top version.

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A glass door in the cockpit opens up onto the main deck lounge, where there are two big sofas either side of a central coffee table. Further along is a dining area with an open galley and a dining table opposite it. Past the galley is the helm station: a cutting-edge technical area with integrated instrumentation for monitoring the main functions, as inspired by the innovative solution found on the Ferretti Yachts 780 and 920.

Another noteworthy feature is the new electro-hydraulic steering system that has already been seen on other recent creations by Ferretti Yachts. Among its many benefits are greater steering comfort thanks to the extremely easy handling of the helm and maximum efficiency when turning, even at high speeds.

Moving along, to starboard there is a door that provides direct access to the helm station from outside.

Hidden under the steps to the lower deck is a space that can be used as an additional stowage compartment.

Below decks, even in the standard version there are 3 cabins, thus underlining that the goal of optimizing space has been achieved. The owner's suite is located in the centre of the yacht. It has a large study that acts as an antechamber. The bed is in the centre of the room, and towards the stern behind it are a walk-in wardrobe on the port side and a large bathroom to starboard. This layout offers better soundproofing against the noise from the engine room, which is another significant benefit of the design.

There is the option of replacing the study next to the owner's cabin with a fourth, smaller cabin or a laundry room. On the starboard side there is a double cabin, while the foredeck is home to the VIP cabin. Both have a bathroom and separate shower.

On the lower deck there is also a crew cabin with a bathroom. It is at the far end of the stern and it has easy access to the cockpit thanks to built-in steps.

The interior design is inspired by Oriental trends and a big part is played by linear units and strips of wood, with contrasting light and dark hues. Wood, leather and lacquered surfaces are the materials of choice.

A number of metal items in the lounge and bronze glass pieces in the owner's cabin have a big visual impact.

A special Tai He Ban version of the Ferretti Yachts 670 will be available especially for the Asia Pacific market, with the galley below decks and an "entertainment room" on the main deck.



Modern ample interior spaces bathed in natural light



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2 x MAN V8-1000 power 735 kw/

FERRETTI 670

Technical Specifications

Engines/ Power

	1000 mhp at 2300 rpm (STD)			
Displacement unladen	38 ton			
Displacement laden	46 ton			
Maximum speed	32 knots			
Cruising speed	28 knots			
Cabins	3 Cabins + 1 Crew			
Length Overall	20.24 M			
Max Beam	5.38 M			
Fuel Tank Capacity	3830 L			
Water Tank Capacity	1000 L			
Maximum number of people on board	18			

ENGINES

The Ferretti Yachts 670 will be fitted with twin MAN engines rated at 1000 mhp, giving it a cruising speed of 25 knots and a top speed of 28 knots (preliminary data). Alternatively, customers can order twin MAN engines providing 1200 mhp, for a cruising speed of 28 knots and a top speed of 32 knots (preliminary data).

On request, the yacht can be fitted with a joystick for manoeuvring and two Seakeeper systems for maximum stability at anchor.

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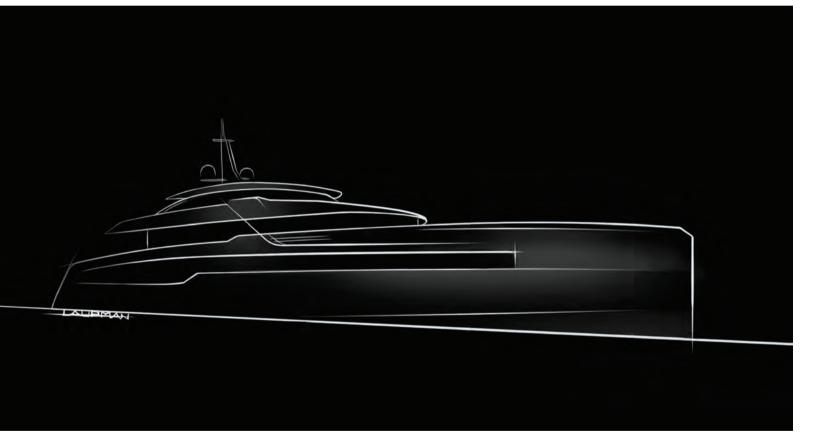


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CRN TO BUILD A NEW 62 METRE MEGA YACHT designed by omega architects

The art of bespoke shipbuilding mastered by CRN, Ferretti Group's brand specialising in the construction of super and mega yachts, is about to create a new masterpiece. The Ancona-based shipyard has indeed announced the sale of a new 62-metre fully-custom yacht - the shipyard's hull no. 138.



he new project has been developed by CRN's engineering department in close cooperation with the Dutch design firm Omega Architects by Frank Laupman, who are taking care of the exterior concept, and with the Italian architecture & design firm Pulina DNA, in charge of interiors. Characterised by sporty and sleek exterior lines - Omega Architects' distinctive design feature, CRN's new fully-custom yacht skilfully combines the infinitely large

 huge size and impressive perfomances – and the infinitely small, in the form of precious, functional details.

The sale of this 62 m vessel is yet another success stemming from CRN's long-standing cooperation with Omega Architects, which, in 2014, had already led to the creation of an iconic yacht like the 73-metre Yalla.

CRN is currently building three other vessels: a 50 m M/Y CRN, to be launched in February, 79 m M/Y CRN 135, and 62 m M/Y CRN 137.

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REGAL'S NEW 33 SAV OFFERS THE BEST IN LUXURY AND SPORT

Regal Marine Industries is excited to introduce the new 33 SAV ("Sports Activity Vessel™), the ultimate marine craft that allows you to go anywhere and do anything.

he 33 SAV is an action-friendly day cruiser with an overnight cabin, offering all the amenities you need for fishing, diving, tubing, and more. Powered by dual Yamaha engines, the 33 SAV features optional Optimus 360 Joystick perfect for docking, a closed array radar, and a Seakeeper gyroscopic stabilizer, ideal for keeping the boat level in choppy conditions.

The standard Garmin 7612xsv and B60 Transducer combination allows the freedom to explore new waters, while the Garmin Autopilot and 100 VHF radio options provide smooth cruising and confident communication.





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The 33 SAV offers optional top gun outriggers for fishing, along with eight-rod holders surrounding the cockpit. The optional ski pylon is available for tubing, waterskiing or wakeboarding and the cockpit foldaway bench seat provides a convenient space to gear up for diving. Large storage compartments located throughout make it easy to store away all your sporting equipment including fenders, dive gear, paddles, inflatable SUP, sea scooter and more.

Recreational enjoyment on board is further enhanced by

the premier sound quality of Fusion signature speakers. And, the spacious seating in the cockpit combined with the starboard lounge, abound with spacious comfort and luxury for entertaining. The full-service wet bar includes an area to prep and cook meals, complete with a solid surface countertop, refrigerator, sink, storage drawers, and optional electric grill.

The spacious and inviting cabin features a convertible forward queen bed that is raised or lowered at the touch of a button, with a head, standing shower, toilet, and sink completing the space.





Optimized interior spaces

REGAL 33

Technical Specifications

Length Overall	9.8 M
Beam	3.2 M
Draft – Drive Up	0.5 M
Draft – Drive Down	0.9 M
Approximate Dry Weight	5,330 Kg
Fuel Capacity	851 L
Water Capacity	144 L

"The 33 SAV sets the standard in luxury, comfort and endless opportunities for fun. This is not just a boat that caters to water sports enthusiasts. It is an all-around Sports Activity Vessel™ with the newest technology, performance, and handcrafted design that make the 33 SAV unique. We have gone above and beyond in the design of this boat to stay true to what our customers expect from the Regal brand," says Regal Regional Sales Manager, Jake Kuck.

The 33 SAV was a fan favorite at the 2018 Miami International Boat Show and will continue to impress with its unparalleled versatility matched with premium luxury.

EXTREME SPORTS GAINING IN POPULARITY

The commonly used definition to describe an extreme sport is "a competitive activity, within which the participant is subject to natural or unusual physical challenges such as speed, height, a high level of physical exertion, and often needs a highly specialized gear". Extreme sports are constantly evolving and reaching out for more, higher, faster, more thrilling, and more daring experiences, especially with applied advanced technologies and gear optimization and performance. The label "Extreme Sports" encompasses a wide variety of sports, it would take forever to list them all, but here are 13 activities with secured adrenaline rush, and the most stunning destinations to try them.



WING SUIT FLYING

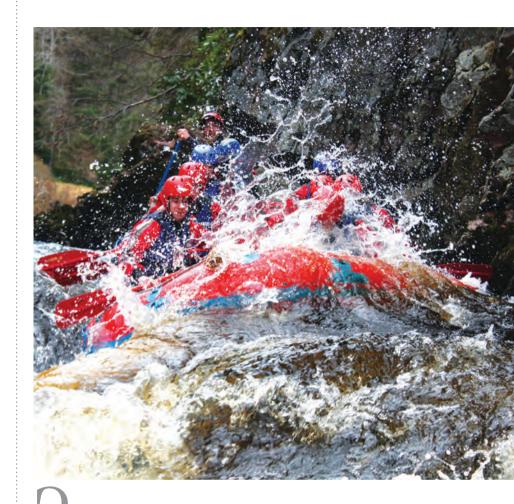
Feeling like an eagle and gliding through the air with the essential wing suit. The latter is often referred to as "birdman suit". A wing suit flight normally ends by deploying a parachute towards the end of the descent, whether jumping from a plane or a mountain. An early attempt at wing suit flying was made on the 4th of Feb 1912 by Franz Reichelt, who jumped from the Eiffel tower but unfortunately did not survive.



You will find below some of the nicest destinations for Wing Suit Flying:

- Taupo, New Zealand
- Dubai
- Everest, Nepal
- Honolulu, Hawaii
- Mont Blanc, France
- Aerodrome de SPA La Sauvenière, Bruxelles
- Rappinee Land Airport, Berlin
- Skydive Spain, Seville.





WHITE WATER RAFTING

A purely outdoor activity which uses an inflatable raft to navigate a river or any other body of water. It is considered as a leisure sport, but rafting on certain sections of rivers with very rough waters is definitely considered as an extreme sport. There are six grades of difficulty in white water rafting. They range from simple to extremely dangerous.

> According to experts, some of the best places in the world for white water rafting are:

- Colorado river, Grand Canyon
- Zambezi river, Zimbabwe
- Oshawa river, Canada
- Pacuare river, Costa Rica
- North Johnstone River, Australia

IN THE SPOT

B CLIFF DIVING

Diving into water from a relatively high cliff, is also known as tombstoning. This daredevil sport dates back to 1770, when King Kahekili II (from Hawai) leapt from a 19 meter cliff and entered the water below, unharmed and without causing a splash. He earned the nickname of birdman. He called it "lele kawa" which means jumping in the water feet first, without making a splash. His warriors were forced to jump to prove that they were courageous and loyal to the king. Nowadays cliff divers have achieved impressive records such as speeds of descent of 96km/h. The new world record of highest cliff diving jump was done by Laso Schaller, a stunning height of 58.80 meters. Avid cliff divers travel the world seeking for the next great thrill and the ultimate leap.

Among the most beautiful locations and popular cliffs you will find:

- Cancun Cliff diving
- Rick's Café, Jamaica
- Kamari beach, Accapulco
- Santorini Greece
- Buza Cafes, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Old river, Kimberly, west Australia
- Brontallo, Switzerland
- Serpent's Lair, Ireland
- Horseshoe lake, Canada.





The most thrilling places to slackline are at:

- Gavea stone, Rio de Janeiro, Bresil
- Cala Goloritze beach, Sardinia, Italy
- Last Arrow Sprice, California
- Seal Roches, Australia
- French Alps, France
- Table Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa
- Phuket, Thailand.

SLACKLINING

Refers to the act of walking or balancing along a suspended length of flat webbing that is tensioned between two anchors. It is similar to rope walking. It can be practiced in various environments with few components. The origins of modern slacklining are attributed to a rock climber named Adam Grosowsky in 1979 in the U.S.A.

There are different styles of slacklining, some of them are:

Urbanlining: It is practiced in city parks, or on the streets. One type of urbanlining is timelining, where one has to stay on the slackline as long as possible without falling down.

Tricklining: Where a great number of tricks can be done on the line such as walking backwards, turns, drop knee, running and jumping...etc.

- Waterlining: It is slacklining over the water.
- **Highlining:** Is slacklining at very high elevations above ground or water.
- Slackline yoga: uses traditional yoga poses and moves

on the slackline. It has been described as "distilling the art of yogic concentration".

The highest slackline world record ever walked above the ground was made by Alex Niklas in May 2017. He highlined between two hot air ballons. The longest highline was walked in France by Danny Mensik, at a length of 1km.



ZIP LINING

A zip-line consists of a pulley suspended on a cable, usually made of stainless steel, mounted on a slope. It enables users to travel from top to the bottom of the inclined cable by holding on to, or attaching to, the moving pulley. The zip-wire has been used as a transportation method in some mountainous countries for many years. In September 2015 the world's steepest zipline was opened in Slovenia, it is 566m long and 202 meters vertical drop. The world's longest zip-line as of January 2018 is the 2.8 kilometer "Jabal Rais Flight" in Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates.

The nicest areas to zipline can be found in:

- Arenal Volcano, Costa Rica
- Jaguar Cave, Belize
- The Eiffel Tower, Paris
- Icy Straight Point, Alaska
- In Lebanon, you can zipline in Ehden (the highest zipline
- in the Middle East. It is half a kilometer long and over 100m high).



ICE-SWIMMING

Swimming during winter in outdoor locations, when the water is frozen over is definitely a chilling experience. This requires breaking the ice and swimming in the frozen water or entering an outdoor unheated pool, without wetsuits (where the water is at 0 degrees Celsius and below). In Eastern Europe and Russia, winter swimming is part of the celebration of Epiphany Day. The health advantages are numerous. When compared to a control group, winter swimmers experience less stress and fatigue and more vigor, better memory function and better mood. This activity is also known to relieve pain due to rheumatism and asthma. The incidence of infectious diseases affecting the upper respiratory tract is 40% lower among winter swimmers.

Some of the best winter ice swimming places are:

- Pexito Moreno Glacier, Argentina

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ICE CLIMBING

Ascending inclined ice formations is very physically demanding, and can be very treacherous. Usually, ice climbing refers to roped and protected climbing of ice falls, frozen waterfall cliffs, and rock slabs covered with refrozen ice.

The most famous places for ice climbing are in:

Alberta, Canada

- Colorado, USA
- Rjukan, Norway (must visit)
- Kanderstag , Switzerland
- Helmcken Falls Spray Cave ,
 British Columbia , Canada
 (Best ice climbing in the world if you)

like it steep, hard and super fun).

BOULDERING

Climbing has become so popular, it was considered for the 2020 Olympics. Bouldering means climbing without safety equipment. It is a form of rock climbing on small rock formations or artificial rock walls, without the use of ropes or harnesses. Most climbers use climbing shoes to help secure footholds, and chalks to keep their hands dry and provide a firmer grip. Artificial climbing walls allow boulders to train indoors.

The most popular bouldering areas are:

- Mount Evans in Colorado, U.S.A
- Squamish, British Columbia, Canada
- Fontainebleau, France
- Albarracin, Spain
- Various mountains in Switzerland such as Tinico.



W KITEBOARDING

This sport combines aspects of wakeboarding, snowboarding, windsurfing and sailing. A kiteboarder uses the power of the wind with a large controllable power kite, to be propelled across the water, land or snow. There are different styles of kiteboarding including freestyle, freeride, and speed.



The best spots to kiteboard or kitesurf are

- Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, (where the wind tends to be steady and warm)
- Naba Bay, Egypt (shallow and flat water)
- Calamianes Islands, Philippines (best kiteboard destination. As it has beautiful clean, warm water, steady trade winds)
- Jupiter, Florida (for advanced riders)
- Tarifa, Spain (most popular area in Europe, with nearly 300 days of sun and wind).

10 HELI-SKIING

Off-trail, downhill skiing or snowboarding, with a departure point only accessible by a helicopter. Skiers board the helicopter and are carried to a landing zone on the mountain. It's the ultimate challenge for the powder hungry skiers, in the quest to carve tracks in soft snow. Daredevil freestyle skiers and snowboarders provide us with the most captivating photos and video footage commemorating their descents, and often used in top movies.



The best places for heli-skiing are:

- Tordrillo Mountain, Alaska (breathtaking views, stable weather)
- Bella Coola, British Columbia, Canada (fluffy snow, peacefull setting, with hundreds of runs and glaciers)
- Zermatt, Switzerland (big descents, majestic views)
- Hokaido, Japan (skiing on dormant volcanoes and through perfectly spaced birch trees, snow as powder, very deep)
- Southern Alps (France and Italy)
- New Zealand (endless winter adventure)
- For the more fortunate ones, heli-skiing from a Superyacht can also be possible, with the skippers
- moving the yacht to the inland waterways of Alaska, British Columbia, Greenland, Iceland, or d'Aosta Valley in Italy,
- then taking their helicopter for a short flight to the most astounding mountain summits.



11 DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKING

Is practiced on steep, rough terrain, that often features jumps, drops and other obstacles.

The best places to practice it are:

 Rotorua, New Zealand . Bike your way through a scene from the Lord Of The Rings.
 More than 100 km of trails in the Whakarewarewa Forest.

- The French Alps. Incredible scenery, great accomodations to rest at night and amazing trails to occupy your days.
- Alpes d'Huez, France.
- Yungas Road, Bolivia. Amazing thrill for experienced downhill riders, as the trails are very steep.
- Annapurna Circuit, Nepal. A technically difficult trail, as it takes place on one of the highest mountain in the world.
- Tignes, France, with its professionally developed trails.

Val di Sole, Italy (The Valley of Sun).
 A downhill skiing resort that is more of a bike park. It offers challenging trails and gorgeous views, there are trails for all levels.
 Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.

It is a must visit destination and considered to be among the best place to mountain bike in the world.

In Lebanon, there are trails in Zaarour. There is also a trail that goes from Mzaar to Sannine.

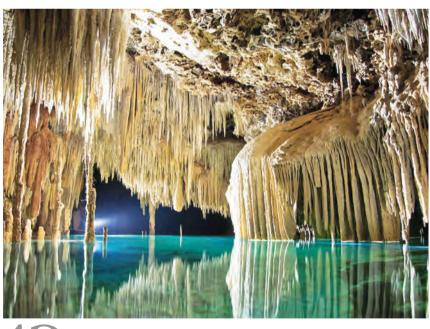
12 sky-diving

Also called Parachuting, performed as both a recreational activity and a competitive sport. It is widely considered as an extreme sport due to the risks involved. The first parachute jump in history was made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin, the inventor of the parachute. On October 22nd 1797, he tested his invention by leaping from a hydrogen balloon (980m) above Paris and landing without a scratch.

The 9 most scenic skydiving spots in the world are:

- Interlaken, Switzerland.
- Palm Jumeirah, Dubai.
- Mount Everest, Nepal.
- Fox Glacier, New Zealand.
- Queenstown, New Zealand.
- Victoria Falls, Zambia.
- Namib Desert, Namibia.
- Santa Barbara, California.
- ∎ Hawaii.





The best dive sites in the world are:

- Cenote Angelita, Mexico.
- Indian Springs, Florida.
- Ben's cave, Lucayan National Park, Bahamas.
- Nero Cave, Alghero, Sardinia, Italy (known as the largest underwater cave in the Mediterranean Sea).
- Kilby's Sinkhole, South Australia.
- Emergence du Russel, Dordogne, France (best cave diving in Europe).
- Orda Cave, Perm Region, Russia
- (longest cave in the world, this cave diving heaven is filled with white walls and ever-changing scenery).
- Anhumana Ahuaa Danit
- Anhumas Abyss-Bonito, Brazil (most exhilarating experience).

13_{CAVE DIVING}

Definitely not a sport for claustrophobic persons, underwater diving and exploring water-filled caves, may very well be labeled as an extreme sport. Despite risks, water filled caves attract scuba divers and speleologists due to their often unexplored nature, and present divers with a technical diving challenge.

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MUSIC FESTIVALS

Cognac Blues Passions Festival in Cognac, *France:* 3 - 7 July. This eclectic music festival held annually will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. Blues, jazz, soul, folk, pop and acoustic music take centre stage as the festivals animate the beautiful public gardens for a week of shows, during which there will be concerts by more than 20 artists, such as Santana, Sandra Nkake, James Blunt, Alice Merton, and many more.

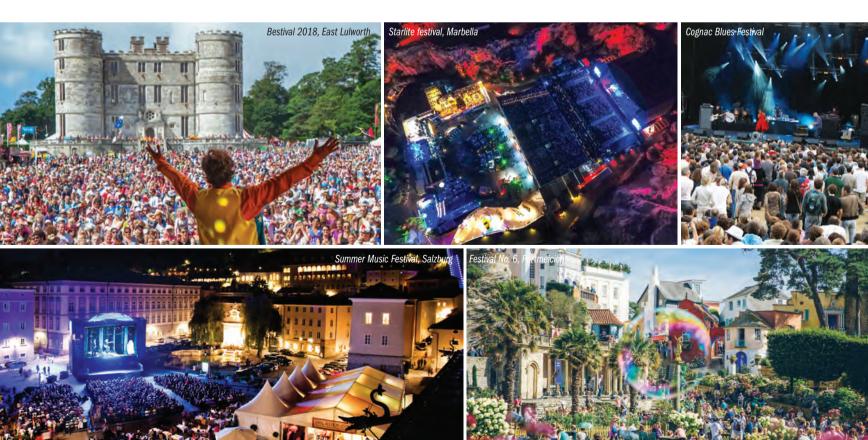
Jazz a Juan Les Pins, Antibes, France: 12 - 22 July.

An annual event which takes place by the seaside: Ideal for discovering classic and contemporary jazz, soul and blues singers and musicians. There will be around 20 performers such as Lenny Kravitz, Earth Wind and Fire, Marcus Miller, Norah Jones, Andre Manoukian and many more.

Nice Jazz Festival, France, 17 - 21 July.

With its first event dating back to 1948, this festival is one of the oldest jazz festivals and has hosted some of the biggest names. The venues are at Place Massena and le Theatre de Verdure, where 5 concerts will be held by performers such as Massive Attack, Parov Stelar, Jack Johnson, Rag'N'Bone Man, and Gregory Porter.

Starlite festival Marbella, Andalousia, 2018, *19 July - 13 August.* Where music, culture and gastronomy gather in a single place, in the Cantera de Nagueles. The stage is surrounded



by 60 meter-high rock walls, which creates an intimate atmosphere. You can choose during this festival among a variety of concerts with 22 notorius performers, such as Sting, James Blunt, the Pet Shop Boys, Texas...etc.

Summer music festival Salzburg, Austria, *20 July - August 30.* A prominent festival of music and drama established in 1920, within the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Fans of the Salzburg festival can look forward to an exquisite summer under the direction of Markus Hinterhauser. You will have the choice between 206 performances, by world famous artists from around the globe. Expect 5 new productions of older works, a selection of operas, concerts, theatrical shows and plays.

Tomorrow Land 2018, Provinciaal Recreatiedomein De Schorre, Boom, Belgium, 20 - 22 July and 27- 29 July.

The festival transforms a corner of Belgium's countryside into a magical world. It is an electronic dance music festival, one of the world's largest and most notable. Lineups featuring the most popular DJs on the planet, mind-blowing stages and spectacular firework displays. There are around 130 performers, some of them are Armin Van Buuren, Carl Cox, Charlotte de Witte, Tiesto...etc.

Boom Festival, Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal, 22 - 29 July.

A music festival, but also a week of alternative culture with people from all over the world, where all share ideals, values and ambitions for the future. It goes beyond a mere festival. It is a state of mind. It connects thousands of contrasting cultures and people, giving them a time and a place where they have the freedom to hope about a more peaceful and united world and do something to achieve it. It is a true cultural melting pot.

Wilderness festival 2018, 2 - 5 August.

This festival takes place in the woodland of Conbury Park in Oxfordshire. Eclectic musical lineup, immersive games, theatre, lakeside spa, paddle yoga, etc...There is an impressive line up of artists, such as Nile Rodgers, Dan Owen, Groove Armada...etc. **Bestival 2018, East Lulworth, UK,** 2 - 5 *August.*

A pop and rock music festival, which takes place in an enchanting wooded country estate at Lulworth. It is the most colourful show on earth. You will enjoy the music of 25 artists such as London Grammar, Grace Jones, Plan B, Chaka Khan, Jimmy Cliff...etc.

Creamfields 2018, Daresbury, UK, 23 - 26 August.

The iconic UK dance music festival with a lineup of superstar, DJs, artists of house, trance, D&B. Some of the performers are Carl Cox, Armin Van Buren, Code Black, Jamie Jones, Andy C, Bruno Martin, and hundreds more. This festival offers over 300 of the world's hottest dance acts, with epic stage production, visuals, light shows and pyrotechnics.

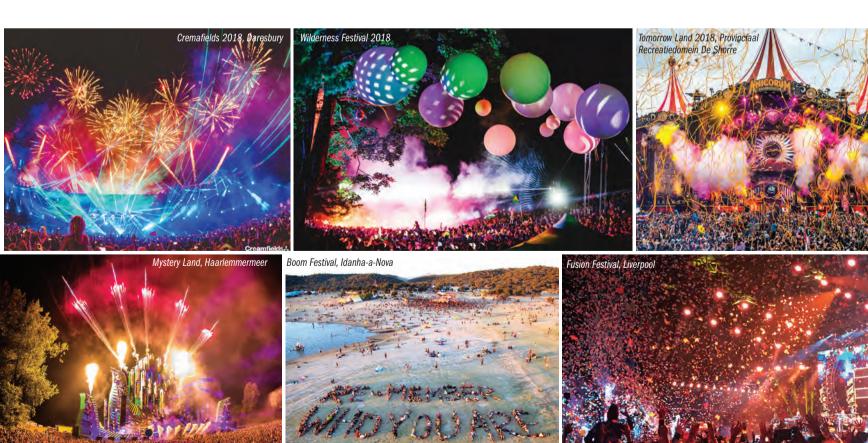
Mystery Land, Haarlemmermeer, Netherland, *25 - 27 August.* A series of electronic dance music festivals, with techno, house music, trance, dance, hardstyle, and urban contemporary music. There is a line up of around 300 performers, some of them are Alesso, Vintage Culture, Code Black, TNT and DJ Martin Zig.

Fusion Festival, Liverpool, UK, 1-2 September.

It will take place in Otterspool Park and Promenade, a scenic green space on the banks of the River Mersey. It is one of UK's biggest pop festivals with a massive line up, such David Guetta, Jax Jones, Shawn Mendes and 15 other performers. **Festival no 6, Portmeicion, UK**, *6 - 9 Septembe*.

It is a festival unlike any other, one of the most stunning festivals setting in the world. It is UK most unique experience. A multi award-winning music, arts, food and drink and culture festival. It is considered as a fantasy, fairytale village, where you can sleep in a castle or a cottage, a boutique tipi or a tent. This festival gathers more than 100 performers, such

as Spencer Jones, Roy Davis Jr, Anna Calvi and much more.



IN THE SPOT





BEER FESTIVALS

International Beer Festival, Berlin, 3 - 5 August.

The ultimate German experience. For three days and nights, all types and brands of beer are served with music, in the Friedrichshain district. You have the choice between 2400 different beer specialties, from 350 international breweries. Various stages are spread all around the streets with live bands performing traditional German music.

Great British Beer Festival, London, 7 - 11 August.

It is styled as the "biggest pub in the world". This annual festival offers you the chance to sample some fantastic London street food and listen to live bands while enjoying a drink. You have the choice between 900 different brands of beer, but you will also find ciders, fine wines and gin, all served from 30 bars. This event takes place in Grand Hall, Olympia Exhibition. **Belgian Beer Weekend, Brussels:** 7 - 9 September.

An annual massive celebration of beer, which will take place

in The Grote Markt in Brussels. It is entirely dedicated to Belgian beer. The Belgian Beer Weekend includes ceremonies in the Cathedral and the town hall, a parade of historic brewery carts and beer wagons.

Oktoberfest, Munich, Germany, 22 September - 7 October.

Great British Beer Festival, Lo

One of the most famous beer festivals in Europe. Held annually in Bavaria, more than 6 million people from around the world attend this festival. It is an important part of the Bavarian culture, having been held since 1810. Visitors enjoy numerous attractions, such as amusement rides, games, live music, and traditional food.

Cannstatter Volksfest, Stuttgart, Germany, 28 September – 15 October.

The world's second biggest beer festival with over 4 million people a year. It began in 1818 and became an amazing local event barely known by tourists.

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FOOD AND GOURMET FESTIVALS

There are plenty of food festivals to choose from in Europe. Often held alongside wine and beer festivals. Here are some of them:

Stragusto international street food festival, Sicily, Italy, 25 - 29 July.

Street food is already cooked food. In this festival, there is a concentration of flavors from different places, smells, colors and voices, as well as musical performances. It takes place in the square of the fish market in Trapani. It is a celebration of Sicily's street food.

Maschsee Lake Festival, Hannover, Germany, *1* - *19 August.* You will enjoy music performed by artists from every corner of the world on the lakeside. Fun atmosphere with drinks and food.

Food Festival Edinburgh, England, 3 - 5 August.

Celebrates the finest Scottish products. The festival offers the visitors a vast array of culinary delights and activities. You will get the chance to meet Michelin stars, top chefs and bakers. There will be cooking demonstrations, a tasting theatre, a BBQ arena, and a children cookery stand. You will also discover distillers and brewers.

Aarhus food festival, Denmark, 7 - 9 September.

It gathers the best Danish and Nordic breeders, growers and chefs who create high quality food. It is held at the Tangkrogen harbor of Aarhus.

Kookeet Food Festival in Bruges, Belgium, *29 September - 1 October.* This culinary festival includes 3 sumptuous days of cooking challenges, with more than 12 top chefs from Bruges. Besides the requisite gourmet dishes, you can choose from vegetarian options and enjoy fine bubbles at the champagne bar.

Fiesta Del Marisco Seafood Festival in O Grove, Spain, 4 - 14 October.

Since its creation in 1963, it has the nickname of "Seafood Paradise" as you can enjoy the best seafood in Europe. During this cultural-gastronomic festival the markets suggest amazing choice of seafood that is tasty and pretty. You can enjoy a lot of folkloric, and cultural activities, one of them is the prestigious Sculpture Symposium, attracting sculptors from different countries. All of this takes place along with some great live music.

Boccaccesca Food and Wine Festival in Tuscany, Italy, 5 - 7 October.

A yearly food and wine extravaganza, in the narrow medieval streets of Certaldo Alto, Tuscany. You will find food, crafts, haute cuisine, tradition, music, entertainment and magic. There is also tasting of Tuscan wines, with famous sommeliers helping visitors to choose and appreciate.

So Good Palais de la Bousse, Bordeaux, France, *16 - 18 November.* The festival of epicurean and gourmet food. It is a must for French food lovers, it is around gourmet food and wine. It acts as a 3 day theatre of French gastronomy. Several chefs will be cooking with local products. Last year 100 chef took part in this festival where there are exhibitions, banquets and naturally wine tasting.











WINE FESTIVALS

Fiesta Del Abarino, wine festival in Cambados, Spain, 1 - 5 August, Throughout the fiesta, you will be entertained with concerts, theatres and parades. It is the celebration to the renowned locally produced white wine, Abarino.

Ardesio Devino wine festival Bergamo, Italy: 4 - 5 August. A festival where you will discover the magic of the flavors of Italy, in the center of the picturesque city Ardesio (90 km from Milan). You will enjoy cultural events, art, games and of course food and wine. Several bands within different music genres perform live music.

Mainzer wine festival, Mainz, Germany, 23 - 26 August then from 30 August to September 2.

A cozy and relaxing wine festival, held in the city park and in the rose garden, with live concerts. (Mainz became part of the great wine capitals, such as Porto in Portugal and Bordeaux in France).

Loire Valley, France, 1 - 2 September.

Listed as a Unesco World heritage site for its landscapes and chateaux, the Loire valley has a unique lifestyle and world famous vinevards (over 400 wine cellars), the ideal place to experience unique wine tastings, and hikes. A wine tourism event combining hiking, sightseeing and fine food. The tour takes

vou to Nantes, Angers, Saumur, Tours, Blois, Each walk lasts for around 3 hours and is guided and hosted by a wine grower; they are easy fun walks with breaks during which you are invited to taste local products in a peaceful and cozy atmosphere along with best wines, food (cheese) and chocolates.

Budapest wine festival, Hungary, 6 - 9 September.

There are about 200 wine cellars from 15 countries, and around 60 different cultural programs, many kinds of exhibitions, workshops, and dancing shows.

Wurstmarkt Festival, Durkheim, Germany,

7 - 11 September and from the 14 to 17 September.

Not only one of the largest wine festival in the world, but also one of the most traditional entertaining festival in Germany. You can visit small wine stands to large wine halls, and visit the village of Weindorf, a reputable wine village.

The New Beaujolais Festival, France, it takes place all over France on the 3rd Thursday in November every year.

The new Beaujolais is usually launched with Les Sarmentelles in Beaujeu (in the Rhone) where a procession of barrels filled with flaming vine shoots take place, when the clock strikes midnight. Producers and wine growers open the doors to their cellars and vaults.



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The Berlin festival of lights



World Body painting Festival, Klagenfurt



Shambala Festival, Northhampton shire







Festival of Lights, Lyon



Greenwich Winter Time Festival, London

They are often combined with food and drinks festivals; and the medieval and historical festivals.

World body painting festival, Klagenfurt, Austria, *8* - 14 July. Face painting art, brush, airbrush and different effects; you will enjoy music bands, DJ's, parties, exhibitions, photo areas, food trucks, etc...

Dusseldorf fun fair on the Rhine, Germany, 13 - 22 July. The event starts with one of Germany's biggest parades. You will find uniformed marksmen on horseback and foot, marching bands, beer tents, live music, firework displays.

Blanes Fireworks festival, Spain, 21 - 26 July

It takes place on the Costa Brava (60 km away from Barcelona). It is a competition between pyrotechnic companies. Each show runs for 20 to 24 min. there are number of tourist ferries offering trips or you can hire your own boat, as the best places to view the fireworks are from the water.

Museumsufer Culture Festival, Frankfurt, Germany, 24 – 26 August.

The Museum Embankment Festival, held annually on the banks of the River Main. It is structured as a tribute to the museum landscape of the city. A combination of art, theater, music, dance and cuisine. During this festival, entry tickets to the museums are at low prices, and they remain open well into the night.

Shambala Festival, Northampton shire, UK, 23 - 26 August.

A family festival with about 200 musical performances, cabarets, 12 stages, workshops, circus shows, theatres, etc...

Fete de la BD Strip Festival, Belgium, 14 - 16 *September.* Major publishers set up shops at the festival along with hundreds of comic artists and authors. There are also film and video projections, board games, readings and creative activities for children, along with a balloon parade.

Romans and Carthaginians Festival, Cartagena, Spain, 21 - 30 September.

Cartagena is worth visiting at any time of the year. Especially during this festival, (which is ranked among the top 3 cultural festivals), where more than 4000 citizens of Cartagena are dressed up in historical costumes and weapons to reenact the fierce battle during the Second Punic War over 2,200 years ago. A colorful and quite noisy spectacle which attracts thousands of visitors each year. During the festival you can watch unique historical spectacles that shows all the heroic events that occurred between AD 227 to 209 BC. You can also participate in several activities, visit the craft market, have a drink in one of the many cozy bars, and enjoy a big variety of Carthaginians food specialties.

Café Budapest contemporary arts festival, Hungary,

5 - 21 October.

Budapest is a festival city. Every season has its own festival. This festival welcomes contemporary art fans. It offers around 100 programs at more than 40 venues with free entries. Look for performances and mini concerts at public places across Budapest. The festival offers a wide range of

programs and performances in the areas of music, dance and theatre. You have the choice between: contemporary music, popular music, world music, jazz, and opera. There also are several exhibitions, during the Design Week, at the Art Market (the largest art fair in Central Europe, exposing the works of 500 artists), and at the Rug Art Fest (festival of contemporary Hungarian Carpet Designers).

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The Berlin Festival of Lights, Germany, 5 - 14 October.

Every autumn, Berlin amazes millions of spectators with its spectacular festival. The city's iconic monuments are covered with fascinating illuminations designed by artists from all over the world. The illuminations starts at 19:00 and continue till midnight, getting more and more spectacular as the night gets darker. Around 70 locations are illuminated during the show, all clustered around the Berlin center. The most spectacular ones are Brandenburg Gate, Berlin Cathedral and Berlin's TV Tower (Fernsehturm).

Tollwood winter festival in Munich, Germany,

23 November- 31 December.

A semi-annual event which takes place on the Theresienwiese in Munich. An ecological gastronomy and cultural festival; it sees itself as a forum for ecology. It is a highly animated festival with concerts, art exhibitions, various forms of theater shows, live performances, visual arts, and markets. The festival has a wide range of musical styles such as rock, jazz and blues. **Greenwich winter time festival**, **London**, **UK**, *1 - 31 December*. A very popular festival during which you can enjoy live music, theatre shows, DJs, ice skating, street acts, and plenty of street food. This event also features local designers and independent brands. The setting is gorgeous as it is surrounded by more than 500 decorated and illuminated Christmas trees. The festival takes place in the Old Royal Naval College in London.

Festival of lights, Lyon, France, 6 - 9 December and 4 days before Christmas.

Millions of visitors both French and from abroad enjoy the friendly and joyful spirit of this festival, which is divided in 2 events. The first one takes place between the 6 and the 9th of December. Combining popular traditions with technological innovations, it is a major event in Lyon. Each year, young lighting designers are invited to create their installations. For 4 consecutive nights, the festival promises strong emotions, poetry and spectacular magic, by highlighting the town's architectural heritage, its rivers, its monuments and places through a combination of fantastic scenes making use of lighting, videos and audio attractions.

The second takes place from 20th to 24th December of each year. For 4 nights, this festival is also held in Lyon in honor of the Virgin Mary. Thousands of candles are alighted all over the old city. Wonderful music and street parades turn the city to a place flooded with light and sound. The beauty of the region increases on the holiday's evening, as the residents decorate their windows with candles and lampions.

BIZARRE MUSEUMS EMBRACE THE PECULIAR AT THESE UNUSUAL MUSEUMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Going to one of these more offbeat attractions will leave you with great memories. They expose brilliant ideas and limitless creativity. Up for a museum trip that is a bit out of the ordinary, here are some of them.

MUSA, CANCUN, MEXICO

An extraordinary underwater museum of contemporary art. It developed from the collaboration between biologists and the artist Jason De Caires Taylor, who created an "Urban Reef" that fosters marine life, and promotes the growth of corals. It is owned by a non –profit organization devoted to the art of conservation. The museum has a total of 500 permanent life-size sculptures. It has 3 different galleries submerged between 3 and 6 meters deep in the ocean, at the Cancun National Marine Park. It can be visited by glass bottom boat, snorkeling or (best) scuba diving for a more up-close look.





THE PLASTINARIUM MUSEUM, GUBEN, GERMANY

Dr. Gunther Von Hagen's plastination institute is located in the city of Guben, and was inaugurated in November 2006. It is the only one of its kind worldwide, and the result of his untiring efforts of 39 years in the areas of medical science, anatomy, dissection, and polymer chemistry. It displays preserved bodies in creative positions. Polymers are used to preserve human tissue, after removing most of the water from corpses' dead tissue, the corpses are then filled with synthetic polymers. These polymers preserve the bodies in perpetuity as medical models and items of curiosity. The plastinarium allows visitors to walk through the steps of the process, as they tour the actual lab where the preservation is taking place. The tour will take you through 4 sections:

- History of anatomy and the development of plastination.
- Teaching workshop.
- Showroom where plastinated bodies of animals and of humans are exposed.
 Gallery which shows a sampling of the body world of animals.

INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM, WASHINGTON DC, U.S.A

A private non-profit museum dedicated to the tradecraft, history and contemporary role of espionage. It features the largest ever public collection of espionage artifacts, shedding light on one of the world's most secretive professions. These artifacts illuminate the work of famous spies and pivotal espionage actions, as well as bring to life the strategies and techniques used by the spies in world history. Visitors can participate in interactive spy adventures. It is the first and only public museum in the world of its kind. It focuses on human intelligence and reveals the role of spies, intelligence operations and deceptions that changed the course of history.





TORTURE MUSEUM AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

This sinister museum transports visitors back in time to Europe's dark history when torture and execution were commonplace. It endeavors to document the history of human cruelty, exhibiting 40 instruments from different parts of Europe, from the inquisition chair to the guillotine. The museum layout consists of a maze of small, dark rooms. First you enter a dark corridor in a theatre like décor, then access to rooms housing one or two torture devices, some behind a glass screen, but many located in the room and can be touched.

THE KUNSTKAMERA, SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

It is the first museum in Russia. Its name is derived from the German Kunstkammer, which means Art Chamber, Established by Peter the Great and completed in 1727. It hosts Peter The Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography with a collection of almost 2,000,000 items, as he wanted to acquire a full knowledge of the world. What makes this museum strange, is its collection of incoherent rarities. It was originally assembled because of the Tsar's interest and research on deformities, all along trying to dispel the Russian's belief and fear of monsters. Peter the Great put together weird items such as animal and human fetuses with anatomical deficiencies, creatures with extra heads... etc. He even ordered malformed, still-born infants to be sent to the imperial collection to show them as an example of accidents of nature. He enriched the collection with exhibits he brought back from his expeditions. He also exhibited anatomical specimens and assorted freaks prepared by the Dutch anatomist Frederick Ruysch. Peter The Great also established a cabinet for the exposition of gems and 1195 minerals, and formed the Academy of Sciences. All of the above are still exhibited in this museum.





MUSEUM OF VAMPIRES, PARIS, FRANCE

It was founded by Jacques Sirgent an eccentric scholar, and an expert on the undead and all their trappings. He created this museum as a visual manifestation of his dedicated research on vampirism, esoterism, and occidental folklore. At the end of gravel paths, in the middle of "Les Lilas" (name of the house which hosts the museum), a black entrance opens up to a door leading into a creepy garden, an imitation of a cemetery. Plastic bats and genuine human remains attached to trees linger there for visitors. This museum houses a number of interesting items including: an authentic 19th century anti-vampire protection kit, mummified cats, Hammer film collectibles, Dracula toys, antique books and various anti-vampire weapons.

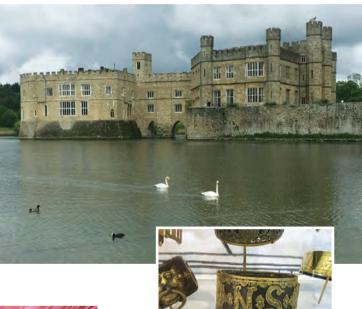


THE MUSEUM OF BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS, ZAGREB, CROATIA

It revolves around the concept of failed relationships. It exhibits personal objects left over from former lovers, accompanied by brief descriptions. Visitors are encouraged to donate artifacts from their own broken relationships as "a chance to overcome an emotional collapse". It received in 2011 the Kenneth Hudson Award for Europe's most innovative museum. The museum was founded by two Zagreb-based artists, Olinka Vistica and Drazen Grubisic. After their 4 year love relationship came to an end, the two joked about setting up a museum to house the left-over personal items. Then they started asking their friends to donate objects left behind from their break-ups, and the collection started.

DOG COLLAR MUSEUM, KENT, UK

Ever wondered what a medieval dog collar might be like? Find out at the Dog Collar Museum at Leeds Castle. This Museum was built in the 12th century and passed to the British royal family in 1278. Since then, it has been the property of six of England's medieval queens, and a palace for Henri VIII. It is one of the most visited historic buildings in Britain. The museum was established there with a stunning collection of more than 100 fascinating collars, as well as various related exhibits that span over five centuries. You'll find collars with so many spikes which look like instruments of torture, to intracely-decorated collars that includes the family's coat of arms. It shows how people treated and sometimes spoiled their pets over the centuries.





MUSEUM OF ICE CREAM, NEW YORK, MIAMI, SAN FRANCISCO

Open from May to September; The museum started in 2016, in Manhattan New York, as an interactive art exhibit with ice cream and candy themed exhibits, all brightly colored, in a maze of rooms containing "among other things", a rock-candy cave, a unicorn, and a swimming pool of rainbow sprinkles. Each visitor is offered numerous tastings.

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MOVING STATUES OF A MAN AND WOMAN (BATUMI, GEORGIA)

They symbolize a tragic love story. It is 8 meters tall moving steel sculpture by Georgian sculptor Tamara Kvesitadze, representing a Muslim boy Ali and a Georgian princess Nino (from the novel author Kurban Said), who, despite their different religious background are desperately in love and get separated by the invasion of Soviet Russia. The tragic lovers begin to move every night at 7pm. They briefly embrace, before passing through each other. The movement symbolizing their tragic separation.



MUSTANGS (LAS COLINAS, TEXAS, USA)

This bronze sculpture is the masterpiece of Robert Glen. At one and a half times their real size, this sculpture portrays a group of wild mustangs galloping across a water course, with fountains giving the effect of water splashed by the horses, in a granite stream. The idea is to show the historical importance of wild mustangs, the drive, initiative and unfettered lifestyle that were fundamental to the state of Texas in its pioneer days.

EXPANSION (NEW YORK, USA)

This extraordinary sculpture is considered to be one of the highlights of modern art. It is a Clay & Bronze sculpture made by Paige Bradley. It represents a woman meditating in Lotus position, with her body cracking to reveal inner light. Through this sculpture Paige Bradley sends a message: " Do not be afraid to expand beyond your body and social structures, when the time is right, sometimes we have to crack open our own rigid structures and express inner self and emotions". With light bleeding out of a female body, expansion is meant to intrigue and provoke. Paige Bradly conceived this piece when she broke a wax sculpture she did of a woman meditating in the lotus position. It shattered into so many pieces. She cast all the pieces in bronze and assembled them so they floated apart from one another. Then she brought a lighting specialist and built a unique lighting system to make it glow from within. The sculpture is currently in a private collection in New York City, copies can be seen in London and California.



IN THE SPOT



THE MONUMENT OF AN ANONYMOUS PASSERBY (WROCLAW, POLAND)

Poland is a land that has lived through a lot. These bronze statues honor the anonymous hordes of people who disappeared (went underground) in the middle of the night after the imposition of martial law in Poland December 13, 1981, during communism. There are fourteen life-size characters made in bronze. They are a copy of Jerzy Kalina (Polish film director) characters. The monument symbolizes the enslavement of people by communism. It is called "przejscie" which means passage or transition.

LES VOYAGEURS (MARSEILLES, FRANCE)

They were created by the French artist Bruno Catalano. It is a series of eyecatching bronze sculptures that depict realistic humans with large parts of their bodies missing. The ten sculptures were put on display in Marseilles to celebrate its nomination as the European Capital of Culture in 2013. The missing parts of the sculptures make them truly extraordinary and unique, leaving room for imagination. They are sculptures that show men and women travelers. Each has some sort of bag or suitcase with them. They tell the story of the nomad, the pilgrim, the traveler, the refugee, and the immigrant. What inspired Catalano's work is that he was a nomad in his young age and then became a sailor. The artist quoted: "I left Morocco when I was 12 years old, this day I felt that a part of me was gone and will never come back". He said about his sculptures: "I believe that God wants to take these human bodies with their missing parts and connect them so they are still strong despite their missing parts".





NELSON MANDELA (HOWICK, SOUTH AFRICA)

It was built by Marco Gianfanelli to mark the 50th anniversary of Mandela's arrest by the apartheid police, in the exact spot where he was captured. The installation consists of 50 steel columns which symbolize the prison bars that held him for 27 years. When viewed from the right angle, the sculpture forms a profile portrait of Mandela. The statue is an icon of struggle, which helped ferment the groundswell proof of resistance, solidarity and uprising, bringing about political change and democracy.



THE STAIRS LVMH'S MEDIA VISION OF LE PARISIEN (FRANCE), 15TH DISTRICT OF PARIS

Designed by Ora Ito, this bright building spans 4 floors and is penetrated by a soaring, stunning staircase. He wanted the staircase to be the centerpiece of the building. It undulates in the space, shaping and pervading it. It's a huge half-whale and halfsnake stair case. It has a biomorphic structure, like a tornado in a mindfully serene office environment.

LIONS ON GUARD (LONDON, ENGLAND)

Created out of black wire, these lions, created by professional sculptor Kendra Haste, stand guard at the gold gate at the Tower of London. She focuses full-time on the animal form for her sculpture and uses galvanized wire as her medium of choice. She considers that no other material has been able to suggest the sense of movement and life, of contour and volume, the contrasts of weight and lightness, of solidity and transparency; values she finds in her subjects. She first studies the animals meticulously, then uses layer upon layer of galvanized wire, twists them and sometimes paints them to produce the final effect. When you look closely at these beautiful sculptures, you feel that they are coming back to life.





THE SCULPTURE "GO TO SKI" BY STEPHANE CIPRE (MONACO)

It's a fiat 500 made from the fusion of aluminum and filled with skis, on the roof top and going out of the windows. He did the sculpture as it reminded him of his 20's, when he used to take part in the World ski championship, which put him always on the move, stuffing his car with skis. This sculpture weighing 600 kg was helicoptered up above 2500 meters to be exposed on the summit of Bellevarde for the whole winter season 2017-2018 (ski station in Val d'Isere, France). In general, Cipre's works embody consumerism using metal sculpture and icons of Pop culture.

IN THE SPOT



LACE WILD KONG BY THE FRENCH ARTIST RICHARD ORLINSKI (TWITTER HEAD QUARTERS, FRANCE)

Inspired by nature's wildest animals, he enjoys creating his monumental, brightly coloured sculptures of beasts, bringing them to life in the most unexpected places. Through his "Born Wild" concept, Richard Orlinski is trying to turn the animal's negative impulses into a positive emotion. He uses contemporary materials such as resin, aluminum, bronze and stone. Among his most famous sculptures: "Lace Wild Kong" and the "Polar Bear" both exposed in Courchevelle (French ski resort) in winter 2017-2018.



FORCE OF NATURE II (DOHA, QATAR)

A series of sculptures by Italian artist Lorenzo Quinn, depicting Mother Nature as a woman hurling the planet around in circles. After witnessing the destruction brought on by hurricanes in Thailand, and around the world, the artist began creating a series of sculptures titled "Force of Nature". These sculptures are made from bronze, stainless steel and aluminum. Their powerful and furious images are meant to remind us of the power of nature and what Quinn describes as our "false sense of security" towards it. This fascinating sculpture is exhibited at the Katara heritage village.



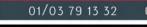
THE KELPIES (SCOTLAND)

This truly gargantuan project, designed by the sculptor Andy Scott, took nearly 7 years to develop. The Kelpies name reflect the mythological transforming beasts possessing the strength and endurance of 10 horses. These 30 meter high horse-head sculptures were inspired by the tradition of working horses in Scotland which once pulled the wagons, ploughs, barges and coalships. Built of structural steel with a stainless steel cladding, they weigh 300 tons each. They can be seen near the River Carron in the Falkirk Council Area in Scotland.



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It transforms your smart phone into a driving display. Good news for those without a touch screen center console, as this device turns your smartphone into a heads up display for your car. All you have to do is take it out of the box and place it on your dash. Place your smartphone on top of it and let it do all the navigating while you drive. It fits all smartphones no matter the size, and can be used in all cars.





ACUPUNCTURE ITS BENEFITS: A MYTH OR PROVEN MEDICAL REALITIES

Acupuncture is believed to have originated around 100 BC in China. It spread first to Korea, to Japan through medical missionaries, and then to Europe starting with France. In the 20th century it spread to the United States.

cupuncture developed over the next few centuries and gradually became one of the standard therapies used in China. It is complemented and supported by the use of massage, diet, herbs and heat therapy. Acupuncture is one of the most widely

Lused alternative medicine. It is used commonly for pain relief, and treats a wide range of conditions. It is generally used in combination with other forms of treatments.

Acupuncture is the insertion of thin flexible (stainless steel) needles into the skin. According to the Mayo Foundation, a typical session entails lying still, while approximately five to twenty needles are inserted (they are disposed of after each use). The needles will be left in place for ten to twenty minutes. It can be associated with the application of heat, pressure, or laser light.

There is a diverse range of acupuncture approaches, involving different philosophies. Although various different techniques have emerged, the most used one is the Chinese method. Traditional acupuncture involves the belief that a "life force" circulates within the body in lines called meridians. These meridians represent the major organs and functions of the body. The general theory is based on the premise that there are patterns of energy flow essential for health.

The Chinese method involves needle insertion, moxibustion (burning dried Chinese herbs called mugwort, on particular points of the body), and cupping therapy (local suction is created on the skin).

The acupuncturist decides which points to treat by observing and questioning the patient. The four diagnostic methods are:

■ **Inspection:** which focuses on the face and particularly on the tongue, its size shape, tension, color, coating, and teeth marks.

Auscultation and olfaction: involves listening for particular sounds such as wheezing, and examining the body color.
 Inquiring: focuses on the "seven inquiries": chills and fe-

ver, perspiration, appetite, thirst, urination, pain, sleep. **Palpation:** it is based on feeling the body for tender "A-shi"

points and feeling the pulse.

ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT HAS BEEN USED:

To reduce and treat:

- Chronic pain.
- Adult post-operative and chemotherapy nausea and vomiting.
- Post-operative dental pain.
- Addiction, anxiety, insomnia.
- Headaches.
- Menstrual cramps.
- Low back pain.
- Asthma.

To shorten the stroke recovery time, and to restore body functions.

HOW DOES ACUPUNCTURE WORK

According to the NIH (National Institute of Health), many studies on animals and humans have demonstrated that acupuncture can cause multiple biological responses. They can occur locally (close to the site of application, or at a distance) mediated by sensory neurons to many structures within the central nervous system. This can lead to activation in the brain, as well as in the periphery. Stimulation by acupuncture may also activate the hypothalamus and the pituitary gland (tiny organ found in the brain), resulting in broad spectrum of systemic effects.

There is also evidence that there are alterations in immune functions produced by acupuncture.

Despite the fact that there is still some concern over the functional usage of acupuncture, there is an ample amount of research that confirms its health benefits.

Except for occasional, slight aching and soreness at the point of skin penetration, there are no side effects, provided you go to a trained acupuncturist.

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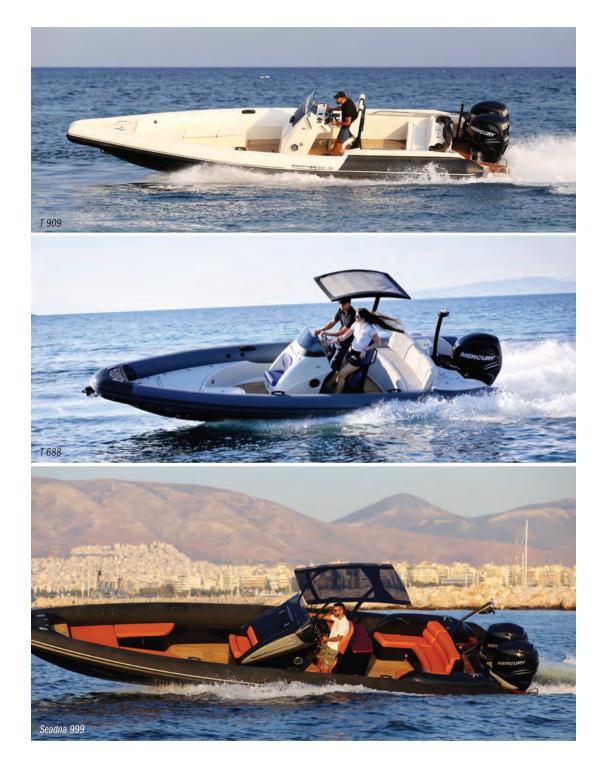




The Greek shipyard – production leader for high-performance RIBs - is now starting a partnership with Sea Pros Yachts for exclusive distribution in Lebanon, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia
 This confirms the importance of the Middle East market, always focused on models that merge high-performance and top quality

Sea Pros Yachts will debut with a SEADNA999G5 on display at the next Beirut Boat Show, next May 2018

"The new partnership that we have established with Sea Pros Yachts confirms the importance that the Middle East market has for TECHNOHULL®" - declared Gerasimos Petratos - Chairman of the Board of Directors at TECHNOHULL®. "This market is always alert for fast and safe high-end RIBs, characterized by extreme performance, perfect safety and seaworthiness, top efficiency and long distance traveling



ability. We are convinced that Sea Pros Yachts is the ideal local partner to undertake the further expansion and growth in this market".

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TECHNOHULL® was founded in 2005. Since then, the yard has designed, produced and sold luxury high performance innovative RIB's – all in-house. TECHNOHULL® is a Greek company known for their impressively fast and safe high-end RIBs

since their beginning in the local market and the Mediterranean area. Over the last ten years the experienced and enthusiastic TECHNOHULL® team has expanded in the international boating market, achieving both remarkable and stable growth in production and sales.

Based in Athens, TECHNOHULL® has a business network that promotes the excellence of "Made in Greece" with their one-of-a-kind aesthetic taste, design & innovation appeal.

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From basic Third Party Liability to All Risk Insurance

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oad accidents, and the material damages and bodily injuries they cause have become very familiar, almost daily news. In the same manner, you rarely hear about a rail or aviation accident. But, you almost never hear about a maritime accident occurring unless you are linked to this maritime world. While the same

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applies on an accident involving a Yacht, casualties happen, and damages have to be paid for. Therefore, navigating your yacht always carries risk with different degrees of severity from a collision with other vessels or floating objects or peers or rocks, catching a rope, grounding, flooding to more serious accidents of catching fire, capsizing or even sinking.

In 2016, the United States Coast Guard counted 4,463 recreational boats accidents that involved 701 deaths, 2,903 injuries and approximately USD 49 million of damage to property. The fatality rate was 5.9 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 11.3% increase from last year's fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. Compared to 2015, the number of accidents increased 7.3%, the number of deaths increased 12%, and the number of injuries increased 11.1%. Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 15% of deaths. There were 171 acci-

dents in which at least one person was struck by a propeller. Collectively, these accidents resulted in 24 deaths and 175 injuries. Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, excessive speed, and machinery failure rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

It is the entire sole and unavoidable responsibility of each yacht owner or skipper to ensure that all necessary safety precautions whatsoever are taken in respect of all people on board, the crew, the yacht and any third parties at sea. All fire-fighting and safety equipment including adequate number of Life jackets must be maintained and operational at all times. The cruising water limits must be strictly respected at all times and which are typically the sea of the marina where the Yacht is moored and could be extended to include any adjacent seas depending on the Yacht size and its owner navigation preferences as well as the skipper experience. In addition to that, weather conditions must be always taken into consideration before any voyage and must be monitored at all times. Safety is paramount.

Therefore, a proper Yacht insurance cover is needed and the right yacht insurance policy must be chosen. In this sophisticated yacht market, and as the value of the yachts has increased over time, the Yacht All Risk Insurance policy has been worked on in order to provide the best and wider insurance coverage to cope with the demands of the yachts owners. Yacht insurance is mandatory and essential, and the extent of insurance coverage is to be determined by yacht owners based on their needs and requirements.

Q & A WITH MARINE INSURANCE EXPERTS

SP What yacht insurance cover options are available?

The Yacht insurance is divided into three main coverage sections: **1. Third Party Liability:** it covers owner's legal liability toward third parties in respect of loss or damage to any property or any bodily injuries, as well as Liability towards the yacht guests and water skiers

2. *Total Loss:* In addition to section 1, it covers the total value of the yacht in case of total loss due to collision, theft, fire or other eventualities

3. *All-Risk:* In addition to section 1 and 2 above, the Yacht All Risk Insurance policy (which is the widest cover) covers loss of or damage to the yacht insured if caused by any of the perils of the seas

SP Is it a legal requirement to buy yacht insurance?

YES, yacht insurance is a legal requirement in most countries worldwide to cover your liability toward third parties for material damages as well for bodily injuries; however, upgrading your cover to Yacht All Risk Insurance is a protection for your interest in this prestigious luxury investment.

SP What is the minimum insurance period that can be purchased?

The minimum insurance policy period is 12 months.

SP What is the information required to get a Yacht All Risks Insurance quotation and what are the factors that affect the premium?

The needed information to assess the risk and obtain the best insurance quotation is:

- The yacht value
- Length, make, model, draft, hull material and year of build
- Cruising area (to specify regions and seas) and mooring marina
- Engine(s) details and maximum cruising speed (knots)
- Liability limits required
- Claims history

SP Can I as a yacht owner navigate the yacht covered under a Yacht Insurance policy?

YES, if you as a yacht owner hold a valid Yacht Master Permit. Definitely, your skipper has to hold one with minimum requirements depending on the yacht size, type and limits of recreational use and the yacht flag state or mooring country.

SP Does the choice of law and jurisdiction in the Yacht Insurance policy affect me as a yacht owner?

YES, the choice of law and courts jurisdiction in case of claim or dispute over the insurance policy conditions affects the yacht owner directly. It is very important to choose the local law and jurisdiction where the yacht is permanently moored as it saves the yacht owner a tremendous amount of time, effort, lawyer and court fees as any legal proceeding in any foreign country which is outside the scope or reach of the yacht owner is very costly and time consuming.

SP Is it possible to insure the Yacht machinery?

YES, in addition to the Yacht All Risk Insurance cover, the machinery damage extension clause can be added.

SP Can the yacht crew be covered?

YES, it can be covered for medical expenses on board the yacht as well as onshore on worldwide basis. A crew accident cover can also be added to cover death and disabilities.

SP What to look out for before signing up for Yacht Insurance coverage?

1- Cruising Limits: make sure that your chosen cruising area is specified

2- Third Party Liability Limit: must have an adequate limit depending on your mooring country and cruising limits
 3- Water Skiers Liability: make sure that it is covered

4- Uninsured boater coverage: must have it in order to protect yourself from uninsured yachts

5- Policy deductibles: make sure that it is acceptable to you
6- Firefighting and safety equipment: must have them operational and running properly at all times in order to satisfy one of the essential warranties

7- *Skipper qualifications*: make sure that he is professional enough and holds the proper permits to also satisfy one of the essential warranties

8- Ask for explanations about any exclusion or warranty that is not understandable

SP Is there anything to add at the end?

YES, all yacht owners make sure that the proper wording, covers and sums insured are adequate for the purchased luxury yacht especially regarding the chosen law and jurisdiction as well as the sum insured that covers the third party liability.







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several facilities including a private pool, a restaurant, a bar lounge, a games room, a wellness center and a library along with numerous suites and residences.

A unique gem on the shores of the Mediterranean, Le Yacht Club – Beirut is your first port of call when touring luxury. Much more than a leisurely destination, it is a mythical experience and a wonderland reality. It is where lavish journeys begin and unforgettable moments come to life. From the spa's serenity to the suites' opulence, La Dolce Vita is awaiting you... Welcome Abroad!





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ne of the most beautiful features of the Mediterranean weather is the pleasure to enjoy outdoors; and what makes it special in Lebanon, is the joie de vivre of its people. Spring and summer rhyme with rooftops, to bask in the warmth of the sun by the pool, or to delight in a meal in the freshness of the mild wind, or even to spend a late night out a drink in hand. Le Gray, Beirut has it all on its 6th Floor!

Those who have previously visited hotel le Gray, Beirut know that there are restaurants and bars on the top – up on the 6th Floor – all surrounded by garden terraces.

ALFRESCO DINING AT INDIGO ON THE ROOF

A stunning rooftop restaurant with breathtaking views and wonderful outdoor dining on the terrace, Indigo on the Roof has an international menu with the best beef and fish and a fabulous wine wall with a triple awarded wine list. During spring and summer seasons, one can enjoy the weather on the terrace all day long! The restaurant offers a Business Lunch to delight and impress on weekdays. The BBQ ON THE TOP nights every Friday are the occasion to enjoy a mouth-watering dinner with prosecco from the Sommelier's Trolley and Saturdays have live entertainment to make the most of Alfresco Dining.

COOL BY THE POOL

PureGray spa members at Le Gray, Beirut can enjoy the rooftop pool during the day. But the evenings are not ex-

clusive to the hotel guests. At sunset the Pool Lounge puts on the evening attire and gets ready to join Beirut's nightlife with Cherry on the Rooftop. Aimed at attracting a young and stylish crowd, Cherry on the Rooftop takes inspiration from the fabulous fruity painting that hangs at its entrance. It is a lounge-bar concept with plenty of comfortable red and white couches, superb innovative cocktails, sharing platters and light bites including a fresh selection of sushi and sashimi. The entertainment program includes back to back Retro Hits mixed with new deep house on Wednesdays, International Fusion with Pink Quintet on Fridays and Commercial DJ tunes on Saturdays.

A HAVEN FOR AFICIONADOS

If you like the smell of Havana and what goes with it, the 6th Floor at Le Gray is your destination. A colourful and relaxed lounge with comfortable chairs, a cosy terrace and a library with fabulous books, this is the Cigar Lounge. Entertain friends or meet for business, enjoy the finest Cuban cigar collection and a great list of cognacs, single malts, whiskies and wines, the Cigar Lounge is also the perfect place for pre or post dinner drinks. It opens from 5 pm to 1 am.

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COSTA RICA "RICH COAST" IN SPANISH

Due to the large quantities of gold jewelry worn by natives when this country was first discovered

n 1502, Christopher Columbus made a landfall in Costa Rica after his forces overcame the indigenous people, and incorporated the territory as a province of New Spain in 1524. For the next 300 years, Costa Rica was a colony of Spain; it took its independence on September 15, 1821. As a result, Costa Rica has been greatly influenced by the Spanish culture.

Costa Rica is a rugged rainforest Central American country with coastlines on the Caribbean and the pacific, well known for its beaches, volcanoes, and biodiversity.

Almost 25% of the territory is made up of protected jungle. Costa Rica has very strict environmental policies. It has been identified as the greenest country in the world in 2009. Costa Rica plans to become a carbon-neutral country by 2021. Since 2016, 98.1% of its electricity is generated from green sources (hydro, solar, geothermal and biomass).

THINGS TO DO IN COSTA RICA

With one of the most diverse climates in the world, it is the perfect destination for adventure seekers and nature lovers. In Costa Rica, visitors enjoy lovely tropical beaches, grand adventures, the wonders of nature, and scintillating culture. Costa Rica is a land of volcanoes, rain forests, waterfalls, and rivers. It has beaches on the Caribbean Sea and on the Pacific Ocean. Most of the beaches are surrounded by forests with a great natural diversity. Therefore a wide variety of activities can be done in this wonderful country.

BEACH ACTIVITIES

There are magnificient beaches with beautiful coral reefs, the most famous one, is the "reef of Cano Island", perfect for diving and exploring.

Hikes to mangroves. Surfing (from May to November in the







Pacific where it is the most popular; from December to April on the Caribbean side), Sport fishing, hiking on trails, or horseback riding are very common. Most beaches have warm water throughout the year. Each coast offers different shades and textures of sand, white, yellow, gray and black beaches. It only takes 3 hours to travel from coast to coast by car or 45 minutes by plane.

The Caribbean coast stands out for its variety of ecosystem and its beautiful white and black sand beaches. Ideal for sport fishing, snorkeling, diving...etc. Every year from June to October witness the spawning of the green turtles.

VISIT ISLANDS

There are around 33 islands, the most popular ones are: Coco Island: it has incredible marine life, including whale sharks, white-tip sharks, tuna fish, parrot fish, corals and the hammer head sharks.

Tortuga: ideal for snorkeling; as the volcanic rock reef is surrounded by crystal clear water, it has wonderful white sand beach.

Cano Island: famous for its reef, crystal water and is full of pre-Columbian ruins.





Costa Rica is one of the greatest places to watch whales (from December to April then from August to November).

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ECOTOURISM

Costa Rica is considered as one of the most bio-diverse regions in the world.

The territory is divided into 29 national parks, 19 wild life refuges and 8 biological reserves.

Ecotourism is an excellent way to observe some of the country's extraordinary wild life.

The activities include: horseback riding; hiking; mountain tracking; enjoying guided tours for bird watching of among 300 species (you will get to see the most beautiful bird on earth the "quetzal"); natural wandering in a rubber raft on lakes and rivers, you can also take a boat trip to visit low land rivers. Nearly all the rivers begin in the mountains, making it

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perfect for rafting and kayaking. A trip down any stretch of the Caribbean canal is a true jungle adventure, where you can spot animals such as crocodiles, three toed sloths, capuchin and spider monkeys...etc.

There are also few lakes worth visiting:

• Arenal lake; surrounded by hills and forests. It is specially popular among fishermen and windsurfers (where there are strong and consistent winds making it one of the world's best windsurfing spots).

Cano Negro: shallow, seasonal lake. It is a bird watchers' paradise.

There also spectacular volcanos:

- Arenal Volcano
- The Poas Volcano
- Irazu Volcano

ENJOY THE COSTA RICAN CULTURE

The richness of Costa Rica comes from the cultural diversity of its people. It is a friendly, multicultural and multilingual nation.





If you are interested in museums, exhibitions and monuments, the main cities worth visiting are:

SAN JOSE: built in the middle of the 16th century, has a countless number of places to visit, such as:

• Costa Rican National Museum: The museum displays a part of is collections in two halls:

- Pre-Columbian history.
- History of Costa Rica.

• *The Jade Museum:* it exhibits the largest collection of pre-Columbian Jade in the Americas. There also are artifacts in ceramic, stone, bone, shell and other materials.

Culture Plaza and Central Bank Museum "Banco Central". The main areas are occupied by the pre-Columbian Gold museum and the Central Bank coin.

CARTAGO: This is where the Spanish conqueror Juan Vasquez started his conquest. There is a big number of monuments, churches, and buildings to visit, notably the "Cartago City Museum".

Heredia: The founding began in 1706. When visitors will enjoy visiting its churches, parks and monuments.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Costa Rica has great single track trails that offer stunning scenery, challenging obstacles and flowy downhills ending by the sea side. One of the most difficult mountain bike races in the world is "la Ruta de Los Conquistadores", the track goes from the Pacific to the Atlantic, it takes 3 days to cross it.

A LARGE NUMBER OF DIVERSE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ALSO ANIMATE THIS COUNTRY ALL YEAR LONG

• Envision Festival (February): An annual gathering to promote sustainable development. You can practice yoga, try some visual arts, music or dance. Its main idea is to open up your love for nature and peace.

- Easter and Holy week "Semana Santa" (April).
- El Tope Nacional (December): the biggest horse parade in the country, it takes place in San Jose.

Palmares Festival (January): one of the biggest festival. It includes 2 weeks of endless fun. It starts with a horse parade, featuring, fiestas and carnivals, with crowded streets and bars.

■ Fiesta de la Virgin del Mar (July 14): on this day fishing boats and yachts are decorated.

The best time to visit Costa Rica is from December to April (the dry season), with an average temperature between 21 and 27 degrees Celsius.

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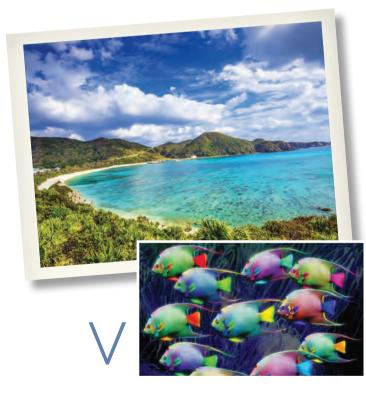




BREATHTAKING SCUBA DIVING SPOTS

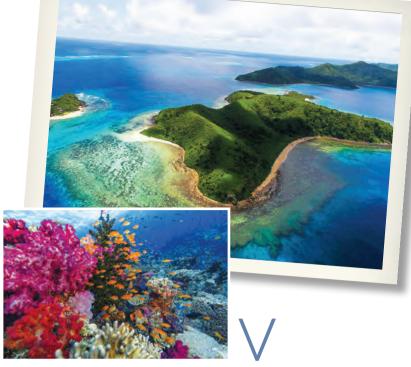
Discovering the thrill of scuba diving can be life changing. There's just something so electrifying about breathing underwater and exploring the unknown.

he depth range for recreational diving is 40 meters. Shallower limits are recommended for divers who are youthful, inexperienced, or who have not been trained for deep dives. Experienced divers equipped with state of the art diving gear, more specifically breathing apparatus, have been able to attain depths of up to 332 meters (world record). The deepest manned submarine plunge recorded 11 kilometers below water surface, but still man is to discover the secret fauna and flora existing probably for centuries in the (very) deep blue seas and oceans. Accessible diving sites still reveal wonderful and amazing underwater life, and some of these sites can be literally categorized as wonders. Below is a short list of some of the best known scuba diving spots in the world.



KERAMA ISLANDS, OKINAWA, JAPAN

The Kerama Islands, consist of 20 islands, in the Pacific Ocean, located 35 km west of Okinawa, main Island of Japan. Kerama islands are surrounded by the world's most transparent ent emerald green waters, transparent to a depth of 50 to 60 meters, allowing divers and snorkelers to see a lot of colorful tropical fish and coral reef. These islands are a popular resort destination and one of the world's best diving spots. They were designated a national park in 2014. Enjoy diving there from spring to fall. From January to March, the islands are a popular destination for whale watching.



FIJI ISLANDS

Fiji has more than 10000 km² of pristine coral reefs. It is the home to world renowned dive sites, such as: Eel Reef and the Great White Wall. These reefs have spectacular biodiversity, with 467 species of mollusks, 298 species of hard coral and about 1200 species of reef fish. You can also see giant clams, sharks, tuna, etc..... The best time to dive there are the months of April, May, October and November. During these months water and air temperatures are pleasant. The months of November through March are very hot, humid and it is the rainy season.

1-Taveuni Island: It is the largest island in Fiji. It is known as the "Garden Island" because of lush tropical rain forest, and abundant wildlife. It also has gorgeous beaches.
2- Rakiraki and Bligh Water: You can find there some of the best soft corals. There are a big number of reefs and hence dive sites to be explored, in this pollution – free, nutrient rich environment.

BARRACUDA PAIN, SIPADAN ISLAND, MALAYSIA

Ever since diving celebrity Jacques Cousteau described its diversity of marine life, this dive place has been the most famous scuba diving destination in Malaysia and the world. Wall of coral where sharks come cruising by and barracudas surround you. Home to white tip turtles, bump head parrotfish. Traditionally, green and hawksbill

turtles come ashore onto the island of Sipadan between April and September. You can dive there all year round, but the best time is from April to December, specially July and August.



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KONA MANTA RAY NIGHT DIVE, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

It is a world famous dive/snorkel dive. It is the home to over 240 resident manta rays, which can grow up to 16 feet and weight up to 1600 pounds. They have nothing that bites or stings, making this the safest large animal encounter in the world. Depending on the amount of microscopic plankton present, the number of manta rays will vary. While diving, scuba divers shine lights up while snorkelers shine them down, creating a column of light which attracts millions of miniscule plankton, which in turn attracts the manta rays. Other sea life include turkeyfish,

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF. OUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

The Great Barrier Reef, off the coast of Queensland in Northern Australia. is located in the Coral Sea. It is the largest living thing on earth. It has an ecosystem of 2.300km long with over 3000 individual reef systems and coral cays, with over 600 types of hard and soft corals. There are 900 picturesque tropical islands, stretching for over 2,300 km over an area of approximately 344,400 square kilometers. It supports a wide variety of life and has been labeled as one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. A large part of the reef is protected by The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, as it is the home of many vulnerable and endangered species vital for the reef system. Around 30 species of whales and dolphins live there, such as, dwarf mink whales. humpback whales and bottlenose dolphins, 125 species of sharks, and 6 species of sea turtles. More than 1500 fish species live on the reef, including the clown fish, red bass, red throat emperor...etc. Clear water, gentle current near the shore (but Beware of strong current in specific diving areas), and balmy weather, make June through October the best time to visit this area. The depth ranges from 5 to 30 meters, making the dive sites suitable for everyone. Avoid going from November to May, as there are heavy tropical storms, and the water is filled with the deadly box jellyfish. Beware of strong currents in specific diving areas.

There is a big number of incredible diving spots, some of them are:

- The Whitsunday.
- Lizard Island.
- Heron Island.
- Code Hole, Ribbon Reef.
- Challenger Bay, Ribbon Reef.
- Osprey Reef..etc.

There also are amazing ship wrecks diving spots in Australia, the most famous one is:

The SS Yongala:

The SS Yongala was a luxury passenger ship which sank in March 1911. Its 109 meters wreck lies off the coast of Queensland. It is situated inside the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The wreck sits between 15 meters to 33 meters. It is considered one of Australia's best wreck dives. The wreck's isolation has made it a magnet for marine life. Every inch is teeming with life, from soft spectacular corals to teeny tropical fish to giant trevally (large marine fish) and schools of barracudas, eagle and manta rays, sea snakes, octopus, turtles, bull sharks, tiger sharks, humpback wales...etc.





THE RAS MOHAMMED MARINE PARK, SHARM EL SHEIKH, EGYPT

It is home to amazing Reefs with a fascinating marine life, Pelagic Fishes, Reef Sharks, Dolphins, Turtles, and even the very rare Dugong (large marine mammal, also called "sea cow"). You will also find the best ship wrecks in the world. The surroundings are very scenic, a combination of desert and sea. Ras Mohammed Marine Park, is one of the most popular reef dive spot in the world. A great sight for underwater photography because of the excellent visibility. The reef is a sheer wall dropping 750 meters to the sea floor and for the best dive, depths between 20 and 25 meters are recommended.

This reef offers several interesting dives:

• Anemone city, is a beautiful dive site for all levels, average depth 40 m; huge amount of anemones and clown fish. A lot of coral blocks, soft and hard.

Shark reef, with its spectacular drop off. You can see reef sharks, whale sharks, barracudas, turtles, soft and hard coral blocks.

10 ship wrecks to choose from.

The best ship wrecks are:

1-The Yolanda:

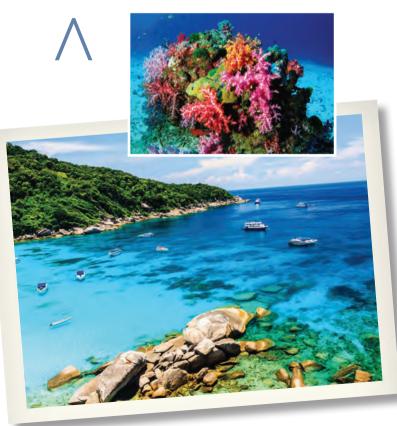
While diving you'll come across the wreckage of Yolanda. The 74 m cargo ship which sank in 1980 with her cargo of toilets, sinks and baths. It has a coral garden, home for hammerhead sharks (rarely seen), scorpion fishes, crocodile fishes, tuna, turtles...etc.

2- The SS Thistlegorm:

The SS Thistlegorm was a British armed Merchant Navy ship, which sunk in October 1941, 40 km away from Sharm El Sheikh. It is a large wreck, of 125 meters long, lying at 30 meters, but you can start the exploration at 15 meters. It is number two in the list of the world's best wreck dives. It has been turned into a popular world-class diving site off the coast of Egypt. You will get the opportunity to see war machines, trucks, motorbikes, and tanks lying there, where are incrusted magnificient coloured corals, attracting a great marine life. Among which you will see brightly coloured tropical fish, halfmoon angelfish, barracudas...etc.

RICHELIEU ROCK, THAILAND

Located in the Andaman Sea, 200 km away from Phuket. The horse shoe-shaped reef discovered by Jacques Cousteau is known for its purple corals as well as diverse marine life ranging from small fish to sea horses, orang utang crab, harlequin shrimp to whale sharks, manta ray, barracuda, snappers, bannerfish, lionfish and shovelnose sharks. Best time is from October until early May (the marine reserves which host most of the best diving are closed from May to October). February and March are the driest months and with regular flat seas.

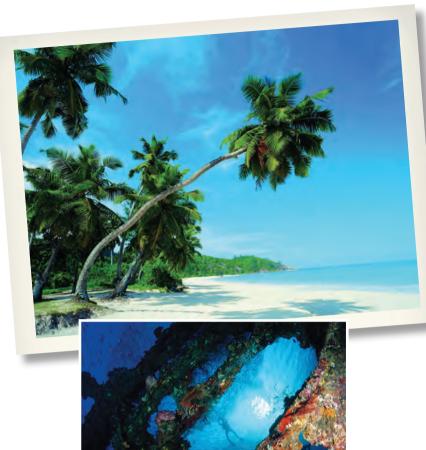


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GREAT BLUE HOLE, BELIZE

It is a stunning jewel set in a ring of corals. The Great Blue Hole is a giant submarine sinkhole (the largest in the world), located just 100 km off the coast of Belize City. The hole is circular in shape, 318 meters across and is 124 meters deep. The Great Blue Hole is a part of the larger Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, a World Heritage Site of UNESCO. Jacques Cousteau, declared it one of the top five scuba diving sites in the world. The sinkhole originally formed as a limestone cave during the last glacial period, a time when sea levels were much lower. As the ocean began to rise, the cave system flooded and collapsed, creating a "vertical cave" in the ocean. As such, the site is popular among divers, who flock to the area to see the geological formations that now lie in the ocean's depths with huge stalactites and stalagmites present below the surface. The Great Blue Hole is a world-class destination for recreational scuba divers attracted by the opportunity to dive into crystal-clear waters and see myriad species of marine life, and spectacular coral formations. This very deep, wide, hole is outlined by coral reef and inhabited by nurse sharks, giant groupers and several types of reef sharks such as the Caribbean reef shark and the blacktip shark, several species of fish, including the midnight parrotfish. While descending into a cool, deep blue hole, you will watch enormous tunas, and octopus. Beware as diving inside the Blue Hole is not for all divers, only for expert scubadivers, it starts with a drop off of 12 meters that goes right the way to the bottom past 120 meters. By 45 meters divers, witness: dark ancient caves with impressive stalactites and stalagmites, some reaching 9 to 12 meters in length, dripstone sheets, and columns. By 80 meters the light is reduced, giving the dive a gothic atmosphere, between the dunes and bedrock ledges. You can dive all year long but the best time is between April and June.





THE LIBERTY WRECK, BALI, INDONESIA

USAT Liberty was a United States army cargo that sank in January 1942. This wreck is the most famous dive site in Bali. It lies on a sand slope in 9 to 30 meters of water. The wreck is about 130 meters long. It is an excellent place for night dive. It is very popular as it is totally encrusted with soft corals, crinoids, featherstars, hydroids, anemone, and gorgonians. The black sand provides an excellent color contract for the incredible variety of marine life. You can spot black tip sharks, big potato trouper, jack fish, sunfish, barracudas...etc. Diving is possible during any time of the year. Visibility averages at around 20 meters during the dry season. The water is warm and calm throughout the year. Tthe best time to go is between September and November.

THE SILFRA FISSURE, ICELAND

Silfra is a rift formed in the divergent tectonic boundary between the North American and Eurasian plates. It is located in the Ping-vallavatn Lake in the Pingvellir National Park in Iceland. It has been classified as one of the top dive sites in the world, attracting scuba divers and snorkelers because of its exceptionally clear, fresh water, its geological significance and the rare opportunity to swim between continental plates. The rift offers exceptional visibility of 70 to 80 meters.

The main part of Silfra has been divided into four main sections:

- Silfra Big Crack
- Silfra Hall
- Silfra Cathedral
- Silfra Lagoon

The first three sections are very deep, expansive canyons, sometimes extending down into dark and uncharted cave systems. The marine life in Silfra consists mostly of bright green "troll hair" and different type of algae that provides a colorscape unlike anything that occurs naturally above the surface. The water temperature is between 2 and -4 degrees Celcius, but diving is possible using a dry suit. It is open throughout the year as the water maintains a constant temperature.





TENERIFE, SPAIN: (CANARY ISLANDS)

Tenerife is the largest of the 7 Spain's Canary Islands, off West Africa. It is dominated by Teide, a dormant volcano. Tenerife has many beaches with sands from yellow to black. It also has a remarkable ecological diversity despite its small surface, and a Biosphere Reserve. Enjoy the blue clear and warm water of one of Europe's sunniest destinations. As well as incredible fauna and flora. The island has excellent diving conditions: the ocean is calm most of the year, slight currents, good visibility and volcanic landscape with orange and black corals. Moreover, it is a diving paradise as you can enjoy any kind of diving, no matter who you are: an experienced diver or a tourist seeking for adventure and emotions. You can also choose between cave diving, pirate wreck diving, and diving in labyrinth of grottos. While diving you will get the chance to swim with dolphins and 5 different kinds of turtles, see stingrays, exotic and colorful Atlantic ocean fishes. The best place to scuba dive is in the south part of the island. The ocean there is amazing for any type of diving, due to the calm wind, the water stays calm and warm all year round. SP

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