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GUIDE**



HERE'S A LOOK at the most spectacular yachting destinations in the world.

From the luxurious yachting hubs of St. Barts in the Caribbean to St. Tropez in the South of France, everyone who is anyone wants to make an appearance in these ports. But after visiting these 'hot spots', charterers seek more exotic destinations for their yachting holidays and this guide will introduce you to some of the most popular destinations around the world.

The pages that follow include top luxury yacht charter destinations where the elite travelers are going, both tried and true and secret little gems that you won't read about in the mainstream press.



THE BAHAMAS

BEST TIME TO VISIT: YEAR-ROUND



The Bahamas are only 40 miles from the Coast of Florida but light years away from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. With approximately 700 islands, about 40 of which are populated, cruising by yacht is the best way to experience the Bahamas.

Most charters begin in Nassau where you can spend the first day exploring one of the resorts like Atlantis with a myriad of activities like a six story water slide, a lazy inner tube float trip, casino and underwater aquarium.



The **M/Y Usher** offers diving, including Nitrox.

But the real charter begins when you cruise the incredibly blue Bahamian waters and visit the islands. The most popular chain is the Exumas where you can

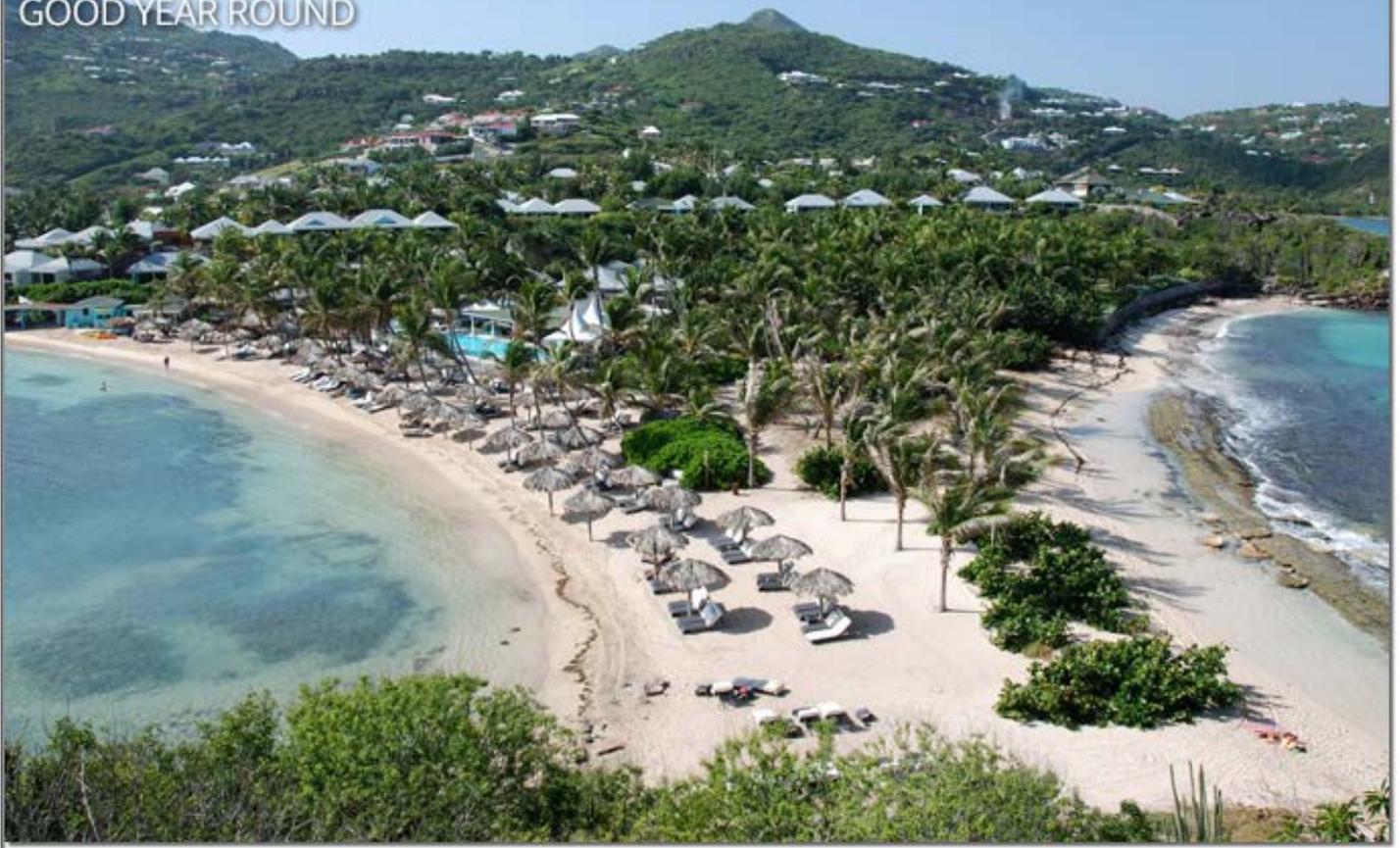
swim with the pigs (yes pigs can swim) or if you are more adventurous you can swim with the sharks! Enjoy amazing snorkeling in James Bond's Thunderball Grotto and visit an island filled with Iguanas!

At night, the sky is like black velvet studded with stars. Go out on the deck of your yacht, have a glass of wine and look up at the sky. This is heaven!



ST. BARTS

BEST TIME TO VISIT: DEC - MARCH
GOOD YEAR ROUND



St. Barts is “THE” place to be for New Year’s Eve. Everyone in the ‘see and be seen’ crowd will be there, along with a flood of paparazzi. Large yachts will line the seawall in Gustavia Harbor and parties will go on through the night and into the break of dawn.



The M/Y Oasis is perfect for visiting St. Barts

But St. Barts is a fabulous destination any time of year – even in the summer. This tiny, eight square mile island, is more Mediterranean than Caribbean, with Euros as their currency, streets lined with shops selling French wines and cheeses and spectacular restaurants run by some of the finest chefs in the world. Bring your black card as you will also find designer boutiques and exquisite jewelry.

This beautiful gem of an island has no ghettos, litter, crime or violence and no cruise ships! There are just a few small villages and about twenty beaches on the island. The entire island feels like a resort. Enjoy collecting seashells or sipping a glass of champagne while you enjoy this little bit of the Mediterranean in the heart of the Caribbean.



FRENCH RIVIERA

BEST TIME TO VISIT: JULY - AUGUST



When summer arrives, yachts move to the exciting Mediterranean and their number one destination is the French Riviera – Cote d’Azur. This area is home to beautiful women, handsome men, glitzy casinos, ancient villages, fast cars and of course, beautiful yachts lining the quays.

Most charterers begin by flying into Nice as it is home to the Nice Cote d’Azur Airport, the third largest airport in France. You can meet the yacht there or take a short drive to one of the other nearby ports. Once on board your yacht you can cruise to a myriad of destinations including

Monaco, a Principality that is smaller than New York’s Central Park and home to the “Casino de Monte-Carlo”, one of the most famous casinos in the world. Or St. Tropez where celebrities can be seen visiting

the popular beachside establishments such as Nikki Beach. Cannes, home of the Cannes Film Festival, and the list goes on: Antibes, Saint Jean Cap Ferrat, Villefranche,

High Season is July and August, and you must plan far in advance to secure berth space during these months.



*The classic **M/Y Highlander** is perfect for exploring the beautiful French Riviera!*



GREEK ISLES

BEST TIME TO VISIT: JUNE - SEPT



Greece has over 6,000 islands, which means a yachting vacation is the perfect way to visit this land of islands. In reality, only about 1,200 are large enough for habitation and only 22 actually have inhabitants.

The vast island network is divided into several cruising areas. One of the most popular is the Cyclades, which includes: Mykonos, the busy, touristy, cosmopolitan island; Santorini, the volcanic island where an approach by sea offers magnificent views of the cliffs; Milos, the largest of the Cyclades islands with remains of ancient times, caves and catacombs; Delos, the open-air archaeological museum and about a dozen others.

The Peloponnese Islands are one of my favorite groups with beautiful small islands that are vibrant and lively and truly Greek. They aren't overrun with tourists and you can experience the local culture,

beautiful scenery, wonderful Greek food and history of Greece while cruising in the beautiful blue waters of the Aegean, Mediterranean and Ionian Seas.

July and August are the most popular months to visit.



The **M/Y O'Neiro** (meaning *Dream*) is one of the nicest Greek-based yachts.



MYANMAR

BEST TIME TO VISIT: NOV - APRIL



Southeast Asia has become increasingly popular for luxury yacht charter in recent years, with Thailand's Phuket region in particular, drawing more and more top-notch vessels. Now that yacht owners have cruised that area extensively, they are looking for new adventures, and they are discovering Myanmar to the north.

While Myanmar was once a British colony and, during the 1950s, a democratic nation, it remained secluded from the early 1960s until a few years ago because of a military dictatorship that has only recently dissolved. It's just since the late 1990s that yachts even started to turn north in the Andaman Sea and explore Myanmar's Mergui archipelago, which includes some 800 islands, many of them uninhabited.



*The **M/Y Belle Aimee** is a beautiful way to visit Myanmar!*

Today, one-week charter itineraries can focus on the natural beauty and beaches of the Mergui islands, or two-week itineraries can combine exploration of Myanmar and Thailand. Some of the world's newest, largest yachts are visiting this region each winter, bringing top-notch luxury to pristine cruising waters.



RAJA AMPAT

BEST TIME TO VISIT: NOV - APRIL



Indonesia is a sprawling nation that includes thousands of islands to explore, but one region where luxury yacht charter is taking firm hold is Raja Ampat, to the east near Papua New Guinea.

Raja Ampat is a remote location that has been called the planet's center of biodiversity. Because it's far from the tourist haven of Bali, its underwater scenery remains pristine, with an incredible number of fish and other species thriving far from the reach of civilization. Snorkeling and scuba diving here are once-in-a-lifetime experiences, allowing you to swim with

schools of fish through unblemished coral for hours and hours every day. The water is warm, the visibility is fantastic, and the sights are unlike anything you'll see underwater anywhere else on Earth.



*Take in the majesty of Raja Ampat on the **S/Y Silolona!***

Crewed charter yachts here are built in the traditional Phinisi style, constructed by woodworkers who come from several generations' worth of experience. These motorsailers are stable, comfortable and increasingly luxurious, offering Western-style amenities along with all of Raja Ampat's fantastic natural scenery.



PATAGONIA & ANTARCTICA

BEST TIME TO VISIT: DEC - FEB



Ever since the days of iconic sailor Sir Ernest Shackleton and the *Endurance*, Patagonia and Antarctica have been considered the great final frontier of exploration at sea. For charter clients interested in seeing the very boundaries of nature on Earth, no place offers more inspiring vistas or more memorable experiences.



Let the **M/Y Enigma XK** show you the beauty of Antarctica!



Superyachts carrying jet tenders and helicopters create incredible itineraries that include everything from dining atop glaciers to interacting with penguins. Heli-skiing, fly fishing, kayaking with dolphins and sea lions, birdwatching, hot springs and more can all be part of the day-to-day activities.

Patagonia and Antarctica attract just a handful of luxury yachts each year, making the charter experience all the more exclusive. This is a location that requires advance planning, so bookings are recommended six months to a year in advance in order to secure flights (public or private) as well as necessary permits and supplies. Our experts can arrange everything to make this type of adventure charter perfect.

GALAPAGOS

BEST TIME TO VISIT: YEAR-ROUND



Few places on Earth offer animal encounters like those that can be had in the Galapagos Islands. Located about 600 miles west of Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean, Galapagos is best-known as the place where Charles Darwin honed his theory of evolution by watching the diversity of species in a natural habitat without any predators. Finches, sea lions, blue-footed boobies and giant tortoises: All of them and more call Galapagos home, often allowing people to get up close, without fear, even today.

Yacht charter itineraries here can include trail walks to see

not only the local animals, but also the island scenery, which can include vistas of hardened, black volcanic lava that stretches out like rippled fields well into the distance. Lava tubes, or caves, also can be explored, as can countless beaches where sea lion colonies roam and play.



Navigate Fiji's islands aboard the **S/Y Mondango!**

Relaxing afternoons of swimming and snorkeling are an option, along with simply sitting on your private yacht, enjoying a cocktail as the sun sets.



FIJI'S YASAWA ISLANDS

BEST TIME TO VISIT: DEC - JUNE



Cruise to remote islands in Fiji aboard a private yacht. Everyday tourists flying to Fiji are usually limited to resort stays in the Mamanuca archipelago, which is where the international airport is located at Nadi. However, yacht charter clients cruise well beyond that increasingly crowded location to the neighboring Yasawa island chain, where development is so minimal that the stars shine in the sky brighter than the biggest diamonds, thanks to the lack of ambient light coming from shore.

The Yasawa archipelago offers beautiful beaches and great spots for swimming,

kayaking, snorkeling and other water sports, and it also offers a chance to meet some of Fiji's native people in their home villages. A yacht charter here can include an afternoon of singing and dancing at a traditional Fijian celebration, and evenings can

include dinner at a *lovo*, the local version of a barbecue where the kava drink is passed around among friends. Fire dancers also take great pride in their skills, which can be part of a beach dinner after the sun sets.

Two-week itineraries are ideal for accessing the most remote sections of the Yasawas, where solitude and natural beauty dominate the charter experience.



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FRENCH POLYNESIA'S TUAMOTUS

BEST TIME TO VISIT: DEC - JUNE



Tahiti, Bora Bora, and the rest of the Society Islands are the most famous archipelago for tourism in French Polynesia, with fine resorts such as the Four Seasons bringing five-star luxury to one of the prettiest tropical paradises on Earth. A one-week charter in the Society Islands can be spectacular, but for those who can spare two weeks, adding the neighboring Tuamotus archipelago is an absolute must.

The Tuamotus are far less developed than the Society Islands, which means brighter coral reefs, sightings of bigger sharks and rays, and quite simply more solitude away from the majority of other visitors. Charter yachts in the Tuamotus often have anchorages all to themselves, with kayaks and snorkeling gear on the beaches all day and dancing and fine dining aboard at night. The waters here are warm and clear, ideal not only for daytime fun but

also for nighttime swims. When charter yachts with underwater lights cast a glow, the effect is postcard-perfect.



*After a day of exploring the Tuamotus, return for dinner and a beautiful view from the deck of the **M/Y SuRi!***



NORWAY

BEST TIME TO VISIT: JULY - SEPT



Norway's west coast is often called "fjordland" thanks to the countless inlets carved by glaciers into the spectacular scenery of today. A one-week charter can begin in the waterfront city of Bergen, home to colorful shops selling handmade



The M/Y Hanse Explorer, in front of the Norwegian fjords!

sweaters and local restaurants serving everything from wild salmon to reindeer sausage. Spend a day touring Bergen's waterfront before casting off and cruising north into the fjords. On a two-week itinerary, your charter yacht will soon leave the tourist ferries behind, and you'll find yourself amid scenery that can only be described as pure grandeur.

Top charter yachts in Norway carry comfortable, large tenders for "gunkholing," or zipping up and down narrow canals where the yacht is too big to go. This type of cruising reveals what seem like hidden civilizations of people living off the land, sometimes in charming waterfront homes that exist completely "off the grid."

The experience of witnessing life and nature here is awe-inspiring, and it is attainable only by private luxury yacht.



THAILAND

BEST TIME TO VISIT: DEC - APR



Phuket has become the hub of luxury yacht charter activity in Thailand, where superyacht marinas and other infrastructure continue to improve and lure some of the finest vessels available for bookings in all of Southeast Asia. The Asia Superyacht Rendezvous kicks off the winter charter season each December, with yachts available for Christmas and New Year's charters as well as bookings straight through March and April. As a winter yacht charter alternative to the Caribbean, Thailand has become quite popular among the 0.01%.

Charters in Thailand can include a variety of activities, including beach days, kayaking, snorkeling and riding on Jet Skis across bays where no other yachts are around. Fine dining can be found ashore if you want it, or your charter yacht's chef can prepare local delicacies with international flair for service aboard. Day trips aboard local fantail boats are an

option, or go with your charter yacht's crew in a luxury tender to see what's within the nooks and crannies of every cove.



*Travel to Phuket Thailand in style, on the **M/Y Big Fish!***



MALDIVES

BEST TIME TO VISIT: DEC - APR



There's a rush among the 0.01% to visit the Maldives these days—not only because the island nation is filled with beautiful beaches and wonderful resorts, but also because of fears that global climate change will see this paradise literally sinking into the Indian Ocean sometime in the future. The Maldives are the planet's lowest country, with an average ground elevation level of just 4 feet, 11 inches. Scenery here is far different from what you'll find in other winter charter destinations such as the Caribbean and South Pacific. As opposed to volcanic islands and tall mountainsides, you'll see a virtual waterworld where orange and red sunsets cascade endlessly out to the horizon.

Yacht charter itineraries in the Maldives can be one or two weeks, filled with warm-water swimming and white-sand beaches, often on uninhabited islands with no other yachts around. Resorts offer spa days and the chance to enjoy fine dining ashore, or simply stay aboard and relax with a view of paradise from your superyacht's top deck.



*The very definition of luxury: Aboard the **M/Y Saluzi!***

This is one of the rare locations where prying eyes are few and far between, so charter clients are able to enjoy the total freedom that comes with complete solitude.



SPAIN'S BALEARIC ISLES

BEST TIME TO VISIT: JUNE - SEPT



The Balearic Isles in Spain have always been beautiful, but until recently, tax laws made it virtually impossible to find a high-caliber superyacht available for charter. That is all changing now, and the summer seasons from June through September are expected to include some of the finest luxury yachts on par with options in the South of France and Italy's Amalfi Coast.

Ibiza, in particular, is expected to be a hotspot of superyacht charter activity in the Balearics. The past few years have seen its reputation grow as the "St. Tropez of Spain," and now, lovers of fine dining and discotheques will be able to arrive in style aboard megayachts. Spend a few nights enjoying the party ashore, then cruise during the daytime to nearby Formentera, whose beaches are among the most beautiful in the entire Mediterranean.

A two-week itinerary can also include the island of Mallorca and its historic city of Palma, and the island of Menorca and its preserved natural settings.



Explore the isles, then return to the **M/Y Blush** to relax and plan the next day's adventure!





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There are over 2,000 luxurious yachts in hundreds of exciting destinations all around the world – from Antigua to Zagreb – ranging in price from \$25,000 to over a million USD a week.

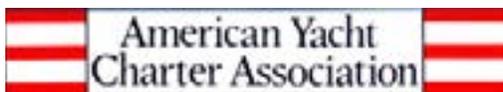
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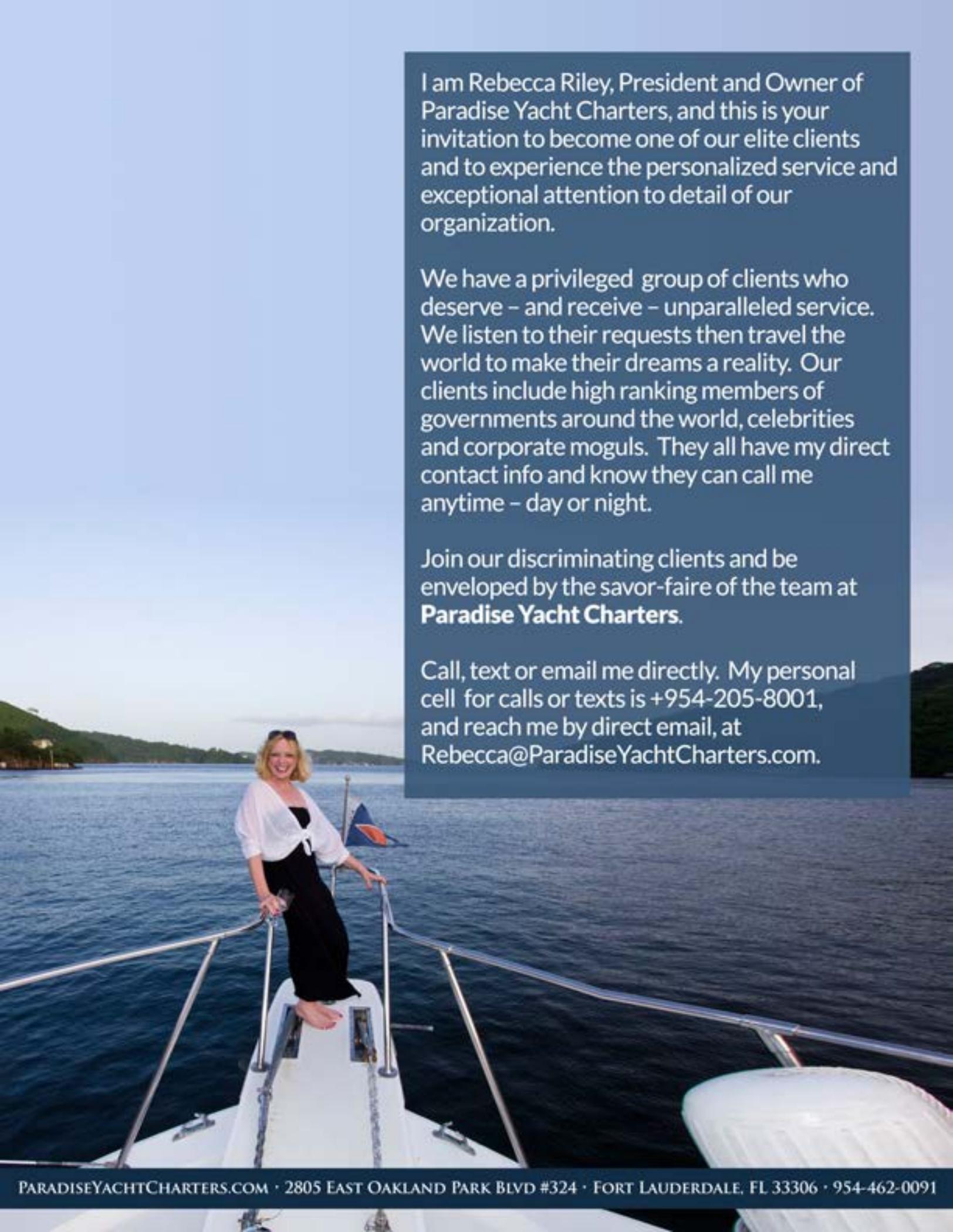
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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a white short-sleeved top and a black skirt, stands on the deck of a white yacht. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The yacht is on a body of water, and the background shows a sunset over a coastline with hills and buildings. The sky is a mix of blue and orange.

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