



PRIVATE YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

The ocean. Your way.

There is something uniquely liberating about being on the water.

Waking somewhere different each morning. Dropping anchor in a secluded bay. Exploring islands that would otherwise require repeated flights, ferries and hotel transfers. Dining on deck as the coastline disappears into the evening.

For some, chartering a private yacht is one of travel's great luxuries.

For others, it can be something much more important: a way of experiencing the ocean, islands and coastlines that conventional cruising or boating simply cannot provide.

At Inclu Travel, we don't begin with a list of yachts.

We begin with you.

How you move. How you transfer. What equipment you travel with. Who is travelling with you. What you want to experience. How much assistance you want. Where you would love to go.

Only then do we ask:

What yacht, crew and cruising ground can make that possible?

Because the most beautiful yacht in the world is the wrong yacht if it doesn't work for you.

WHY CHARTER A PRIVATE YACHT?

A private yacht offers something very different from a conventional cruise.

There is no fixed itinerary, no need to follow thousands of other passengers ashore and no requirement to fit your day around a published programme. The yacht, crew and journey are yours for the duration of the charter.

That freedom can be particularly valuable for travellers with individual requirements. Days can begin later. Time ashore can be extended. Plans can change. Equipment can remain aboard. Assistance can be arranged around one person rather than a ship full of passengers.

And instead of repeatedly changing hotels as you explore a coastline or island group, your accommodation travels with you.

For some travellers, that can remove many of the barriers that make conventional island-hopping difficult.

You unpack once. The world comes to you.

THE RIGHT YACHT

Private yacht charter should never begin with choosing the most impressive photograph.

Yachts differ enormously.

The way you board, movement between decks, cabin layout, bathroom configuration, deck space, thresholds, steps and stairways, tender arrangements and access to swimming platforms can all determine whether a particular yacht works for an individual traveller.

Size alone tells us remarkably little.

A larger yacht may provide a lift between certain decks, more generous circulation and greater possibilities for equipment. Another yacht may have everything on one principal level. A smaller vessel may work beautifully for one traveller and be completely unsuitable for another.

This is where experienced yacht charter knowledge becomes invaluable.

We don't simply search for a yacht.

We search for the yacht that works for your journey.

GETTING ABOARD

Before considering where a yacht can take you, we need to establish how you are going to get onto it.

That may sound obvious.

In yachting, it isn't.

Boarding arrangements vary according to the yacht, marina, quay, tidal conditions and location. A passerelle that works perfectly in one harbour may present a very different situation somewhere else.

For a wheelchair user, we may need to consider gradients, widths, weight capacity, assistance, lifting or transfer equipment, wheelchair handling and the relationship between the yacht and the quay.

And we consider this throughout the journey.

Getting aboard at the beginning of the charter isn't enough if you cannot comfortably get ashore at the places you came to experience.

LIFE ON BOARD

A yacht isn't simply transportation.

For the duration of your charter, it is your hotel, restaurant, terrace and home.

That means we need to understand how you will actually live aboard.

Can you reach your cabin comfortably? Does the bathroom work for you? Can you move between the important areas of the yacht? Can you dine outside? Can you enjoy the principal deck spaces? What happens if different decks are connected only by stairs?

The answers will be different for every traveller and every yacht.

We don't expect a yacht to conform to a generic definition of accessibility.

We establish whether this yacht works for you.

YOUR WHEELCHAIR & EQUIPMENT

Wheelchairs and mobility equipment introduce considerations that need to be understood before a yacht is selected.

Dimensions and weight matter. So do turning space, thresholds, deck surfaces, gradients and safe storage. Powered wheelchairs introduce additional considerations around weight, charging and movement aboard.

Sometimes a traveller may use different equipment aboard from that used ashore. Sometimes additional equipment can be sourced locally or positioned on the yacht before arrival.

The objective isn't to force the traveller to adapt to the yacht.

It is to explore how intelligently the yacht and arrangements can be adapted around the traveller.

BETWEEN DECKS

One of the greatest differences between yachts is how people move vertically.

Some larger yachts may have lifts serving particular decks. Others rely entirely on staircases. Even where a lift exists, its dimensions, doorway, weight capacity and the decks it serves need to be understood.

This can influence almost everything.

A spectacular upper deck isn't much of an amenity if you can't reach it.

We therefore look at the yacht as a complete environment rather than simply checking whether there is an accessible cabin.

The yacht needs to work as a yacht.

YOUR CABIN

As with hotels, the word "accessible" tells us very little without detail.

We consider the route to the cabin, doorway, circulation around the bed, bed height and configuration, bathroom entrance, shower, toilet, transfer space and any equipment that may be required.

But there is another question too.

Is this somewhere you would actually like to stay?

Because this is still a private yacht charter.

Comfort, design, privacy, views and a sense of occasion matter.

Accessibility should enable the experience, not define it.

THE SEA ITSELF

For some travellers, being aboard is enough.

Others want to get into the water.

That might involve swimming, snorkelling, diving, floating in a beautiful bay or simply sitting at water level with the sea immediately in front of you.

Yacht design varies enormously around access to the water. Beach clubs, bathing platforms, steps, ladders, cranes and other equipment can create very different possibilities.

Where specialist equipment is needed, we investigate what can safely and appropriately be provided.

We don't begin by assuming something is impossible.

Nor do we promise that it isn't.

We establish what can work.

THE TENDER MATTERS TOO

Some of the most extraordinary places in the world don't have a marina capable of taking a large yacht.

That means going ashore by tender.

For many wheelchair users, this can be one of the most significant parts of yacht selection and itinerary design.

How do you transfer from yacht to tender? Can your wheelchair travel with you? How will it be handled? What happens when the tender reaches shore? Is there a jetty, pontoon or beach landing? What are the sea conditions likely to be?

A yacht may work beautifully while its standard tender arrangements do not.

That doesn't necessarily end the conversation.

It means we need to find another solution.

CHOOSING WHERE TO CHARTER

The right yacht in the wrong cruising ground can still create the wrong journey.

Mediterranean harbours are different from Caribbean islands. The Greek Islands present different opportunities and challenges from the French Riviera. Croatia is different again.

Marinas, tides, tender requirements, shore infrastructure, adapted transport, equipment availability and the accessibility of the places you actually want to visit all influence where a charter works best.

Season matters too.

Weather, sea conditions, heat, crowds and marina availability can transform the experience.

So we don't simply ask:

"Where would you like to charter?"

We explore how you would like to experience it.

GETTING TO THE YACHT

The charter doesn't begin at the gangway.

Perhaps you arrive by scheduled flight. Perhaps privately. Perhaps by train or following several nights in a hotel.

We can arrange private meet-and-greet, VIP airport services where available, appropriate private transfers and any necessary assistance from your arrival point to the yacht.

For wheelchair users, the vehicle is specified around the individual and their equipment rather than simply requested as "accessible".

And at the end of the charter, the process works in reverse.

From front door to flight, from aircraft to marina, from quay to yacht. One journey.

YOUR CREW

A yacht may be extraordinary.

The crew make it exceptional.

Captain, chef, deck crew and interior team shape almost every day aboard. For a traveller with additional requirements, their understanding, confidence and willingness to work around the individual can matter enormously.

Before travel, relevant requirements can be discussed with the captain and crew so that practical arrangements are understood rather than discovered after embarkation.

But we don't want the traveller to feel managed.

The objective is exceptional hospitality.

Understanding should be felt in the service, not constantly announced.

FOOD, BEAUTIFULLY PERSONAL

One of the great pleasures of private yacht charter is having a chef cooking specifically for you and your travelling party.

Preferences can be discussed before the charter, from favourite foods and special occasions to dietary requirements and the kind of dining experience you enjoy.

Perhaps lunch is fresh fish on deck after a morning at sea.

Perhaps dinner is something rather more elaborate.

Perhaps everyone wants pizza.

It is your yacht for the week.

The point isn't formality.

It is personalisation.

LIFE ASHORE

A yacht charter shouldn't become an experience in which the traveller can enjoy the yacht beautifully but cannot participate once everyone else goes ashore.

This is where Inclu Travel's destination intelligence becomes particularly important.

Before the journey, we can consider the ports, islands and experiences along the route, including disembarkation arrangements, appropriate vehicles, guides, restaurants, cultural attractions and other experiences.

Where a conventional shore excursion doesn't work, we look for another way.

A private guide. A different harbour. An adapted vehicle meeting the yacht. A private opening. A restaurant accessible from another entrance. An experience brought aboard.

The yacht opens the coastline. Our job is to help open what lies beyond it.

PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

Freedom ashore is one of the great advantages of charter.

There is no need to follow a standard shore excursion programme.

Perhaps you want a private archaeological visit, wine estate, gallery, market or restaurant. Perhaps a local chef comes aboard. Perhaps the day is about wildlife, culture or food. Perhaps you simply want to find a beautiful waterfront lunch and stay considerably longer than planned.

Experiences can be designed around the traveller, the yacht's position and the conditions on the day.

Sometimes the greatest luxury is simply being able to change your mind.

SHORE SUPPORT

For some charters, the people and resources ashore are every bit as important as those aboard.

Appropriate vehicles may need to be arranged in several different ports. Specialist equipment may need to be sourced. Guides need to understand the traveller. Marinas and local operators may need to coordinate with the yacht.

And we increasingly consider something else.

What happens if essential mobility equipment is damaged?

Wherever possible, we identify local rental, repair, sales or emergency support that could help protect the continuity of the journey.

It may never be needed.

Knowing what we would do if it were can make an enormous difference to confidence.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Private yacht charter can be a wonderful way for families and friends to travel together.

Instead of one person's requirements determining what everybody else cannot do, the yacht can become a shared base from which different experiences are possible.

Some may swim while others relax on deck. Some may go ashore while somebody else enjoys the yacht. Everyone comes together again for lunch or dinner.

It doesn't have to be one itinerary for everybody.

It can be one journey, experienced differently.

PRIVACY

There are few travel environments more private than a yacht.

No hotel lobby. No crowded pool. No restaurant full of strangers. No need to repeatedly explain personal requirements to different people.

For some travellers, that is simply luxurious.

For others, privacy can make travel considerably more comfortable, particularly where personal assistance, transfers or equipment are involved.

The yacht creates a private world.

And each morning, that world can wake somewhere new.

MOTOR OR SAIL?

The romance of sailing is undeniable.

But the right yacht depends on the traveller.

Sailing yachts and motor yachts provide very different physical environments, layouts and movement characteristics. Steps, deck levels, interior circulation and boarding arrangements can vary substantially.

For some travellers, a motor yacht may offer considerably greater possibilities. For others, the right sailing yacht may work beautifully.

We don't allow the category to make the decision.

The individual yacht does.

HOW LONG SHOULD YOU CHARTER?

A week is traditional.

It isn't compulsory.

Depending on yacht availability and destination, a charter might form one extraordinary week within a longer journey, or become the journey itself.

Perhaps several nights in Athens lead into a Greek Islands charter. A villa in the South of France could be followed by a yacht along the Riviera. A Croatian journey could combine time ashore with a week exploring the Adriatic.

Or perhaps two weeks aboard is exactly what you want.

The yacht should fit the journey.

Not the other way around.

WHAT DOES PRIVATE YACHT CHARTER COST?

There is no single answer.

The yacht, season, cruising area, duration and availability all influence the charter rate. Depending on the charter structure, additional costs can include fuel, food and beverages, berthing, local taxes, communications and other operating expenses.

Crew gratuities may also be customary.

Our role is to make the likely cost structure clear before you commit and to ensure that the yacht being considered genuinely suits the journey.

Because an attractive charter rate is irrelevant if the yacht doesn't work for you.

Value begins with choosing correctly.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Finding a beautiful yacht is relatively easy.

Understanding whether it is the right yacht requires something else.

Inclu Travel's yacht charter proposition brings together specialist travel design with deep private-yachting knowledge and an unusual understanding of the practical realities that can matter to travellers with complex mobility requirements.

That combination matters.

It means we can have a different conversation with yacht owners, captains, charter teams and shore partners. We know the questions that need asking, and importantly, why the answers matter.

Not simply:

"Is the yacht accessible?"

But:

"Will this yacht work for this person, on this journey?"

There is a world of difference between the two.

WHEN THE YACHT MAKES THE WORLD POSSIBLE

There are destinations where changing hotels every few days, repeatedly transferring between vehicles and ferries, or navigating conventional passenger vessels can make a journey exceptionally difficult.

A private yacht can change the equation.

Your accommodation travels with you. Your belongings remain aboard. Your crew gets to know you. Your equipment has a home. The itinerary can adapt around conditions and energy levels.

And islands and coastlines that once seemed extraordinarily complicated can begin to feel possible.

For some travellers, private yacht charter is the ultimate luxury.

For others:

It can be the freedom to experience the ocean again.

ONE JOURNEY. ONE POINT OF RESPONSIBILITY.

We don't see the yacht in isolation.

We consider how you reach it, how you board, how you live aboard, how you get ashore and what happens when you do.

Flights, private aviation where appropriate, VIP airport arrangements, private transfers, hotels before and after the charter, the yacht itself, equipment, guides, vehicles, security and experiences can all become part of one journey.

You shouldn't have to coordinate multiple suppliers and repeatedly explain what you need.

That is our job.

Your journey. Our responsibility.

CONFIDENCE BY DESIGN™

Private yachting is built around freedom.

Our role is to ensure that freedom extends to you.

We understand the traveller first. Then we consider the yacht, crew, boarding, cabin, equipment, tender, cruising ground, ports, shore transport and experiences.

We don't assume that every yacht can work for every traveller.

And we won't describe something as accessible simply because somebody else managed it.

We establish what works for you.

Because the purpose isn't to charter an accessible yacht.

It's to experience the ocean.

CONCLUSION

Perhaps you charter because you value privacy and exceptional service. Perhaps you want the freedom to discover islands and coastlines on your own terms. Perhaps conventional cruising doesn't work for you.

Or perhaps being aboard a private yacht makes something possible that you thought no longer was.

Whatever the reason, we begin in exactly the same place.

With you.

The right yacht, in the right place, with the right crew and the right support ashore.

From your front door to the water, from yacht to shore, and home again.

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