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Dear Charter World,

Pricing analysts have noted that prices for cruise ships have stabilized at between 15-30% lower than they were before the global economic downturn. Crewed prices in the Mediterranean are shortly to follow suit with bareboats also offering great discounts for late bookings.

Airline prices are currently reported to be the cheapest in a decade with domestic fares down 20% and international up to 40% especially for First and Business Class.

We booked a number of groups to Istanbul at just over \$4000pp for Malaysian Airlines Business Class. Limited Singapore Economy fares were also on offer for as low as \$1500pp including taxes. Qantas was also offering two for one deals but all these specials have been hard and fast, with limited booking periods. Please see further down for more airline specials.

The season is in full swing and we will be at Sanctuary Cove Boat Show this weekend (23 & 24 May) on the marina aboard a Fountaine Pajot Mahe 36.

The Sanctuary Cove Boat Show claims the on water exhibits stretch 5.2kms if placed bow to stern!!

Hope to see some of you at the show!

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Catana Catamarans

Catana Catamarans are relatively rare in charter as they are sometimes twice as expensive as other models and appeal to the more discerning owner. Retractable dagger boards are one of the main hallmarks of their design which allow unrivalled performance, tulip shaped bows and underwater bulbs are also to increase the sailing ability.

The brand new Catana 41 and 50 have recently arrived in Turkey and are available for charter equipped with extras such as water maker, generator and air-conditioning.

Bow Thrusters now on smaller bareboats

When countries like Croatia built marinas, a large yacht was 40' and waterfront space was and remains at a premium. With two 50' yachts opposite each other the space to manoeuvre into a pen can take the skills of an acrobat especially when there is wind to contend with. The ultimate tool to help is of course the bow thruster, but often these are only fitted on the larger vessels. We can now offer bow thrusters from 39' upwards on a variety of vessels.

Beneteau Oceanis 58

Beneteau are set to release the new Beneteau Oceanis 58 at the forthcoming La Rochelle Boat Show. This model should be available in the Mediterranean for charter in the 2010 season, and will represent the largest bareboat available.

Please [call us](#) for more details

• LAZY JACKS OR INTERNAL MAST FURLING?

The choice of these two options is really a matter of personal preference. In their first introduction, in-mast furling was problematic, but these days the system operates effectively.

In-mast furling is the quickest and easiest way to furl the main; however with no battens in the main the sail generally lacks shape. Vertical battens are currently being experimented with on some models.

Lazy jacks offer the ability to fully batten the main, and with well serviced cars drop quickly to the boom, although it is still necessary for someone to go forward to stuff the sail fully in the bag. One criticism of lazy jacks has been the extra windage of the up to 1 metre high bay being a disadvantage when trying to manoeuvre the boat in tight places in windy conditions.

• THE WHITSUNDAYS



So much has been written about the Whitsundays for so long, it is sometimes hard to find anything new and exciting to highlight this area.

It does however remain a perennial favourite with our clients, offering world class natural beauty and sailing conditions and with direct access making it an easy choice for those who only have a 7 day holiday window.

Direct flights to Hamilton Island are available from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, and for a 7 night sail you really could not consider anywhere else. Within 15 minutes of landing you can be onboard in Hamilton Island marina (which is a nice spot to sit).

While bareboat prices have crept up over recent seasons, airfares have reduced and we are increasingly finding operators are willing to discount or offer free days in off peak or for short term charters.

While Sunsail are the only operator based at Hamilton Island, all mainland operators will deliver vessels to Hamilton Island from \$170 which is less than the cost of four people using the Shute Harbour/Hamilton Island ferry.

Apart from the quick onboard time, Hamilton Island is best placed as there are numerous anchorages within a short distance.

Starting in Airlie Beach with a 4 hour sail to the main anchorages usually requires the first and last night to be spent at Abel Point Marina which is not ideal when time is short.

For those who think they have seen all of the Whitsundays has to offer, there are vessels that are licensed from Bowen to Mackay which allows a much greater cruising area. There are also boats that are licensed to travel up to half an hour after sunrise and half an hour before sunset to extend the cruising time, although obviously with the angle of the sun at these times visibility is not as good.

Inverters, generators, microwaves and air- conditioners are all finding their way onboard as the range and generally size of the

vessels increases.

[Click here](#) for more information.

• CANAL CRUISING



Canal cruising continues to grow in popularity as Australians discover the advantages of these affordable and independent holidays.

Although available in France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Germany, England, Ireland and Scotland, we have found 95% of our clients tend to charter in France and of these over half in the Burgundy region for their first cruise.

Burgundy is reputed to be the prettiest area in France with picture postcard scenery featuring waterside villages, magnificent chateaux and ancient churches.

One-ways are very popular especially on the Canal du Nivernais between Migennes and Chatel Censoir.

Most locks are now automatic and negotiating them is part of the fun. Bikes onboard are an extra but a "must have" as early morning rides to town for breakfast are a highlight.

The canal boats have evolved to practical and comfortable vessels (albeit a bit on the ugly side). Flybridges are essential to see over the levee banks, with eight the maximum you would want onboard in up to four ensuited cabins.

Prices are extremely reasonable from approx \$80 per person/per day in the season

Please [contact us](#) for a comprehensive brochure.

• AIRLINE SPECIALS

AIR CALIN

- Ex Sydney to Noumea
- A La Carte Fare
- Economy Class
- From \$399pp plus taxes \$185pp
- Valid all year round (with some blackouts)
- To be ticketed by 12 June 2009

SINGAPORE AIRLINES

- Ex Melbourne to Istanbul
- Economy Class
- From \$1330pp plus taxes
- Valid all year except 01 June - 19 July
- To be ticketed by 29 May 2009

MALAYSIAN AIRLINES

- Ex Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Adelaide to Europe
- Business Class
- Companion Fare
- From \$3900pp plus taxes
- Valid all year round
- To be ticketed by 30 June 2009

BRITISH AIRWAYS

- Ex Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Adelaide/Perth to Europe
- Premium Economy Class
- From \$4200pp plus taxes
- Valid for travel to 15 August 2009
- To be ticketed by 30 May 2009

• CHARTER SPECIALS

LANGKAWI/PHUKET

- For charters 18 June - 01 November 2009

Monohulls

Pay for 7 and sail for 10 nights

Pay for 10 and sail for 14 nights

Pay for 14 and sail for 21 nights

Catamarans

Pay for 9 and sail for 10 nights

Pay for 12 and sail for 14 nights

Pay for 17 and sail for 21 nights

CARIBBEAN

- For charters 29 May - 23 November 2009

Monohulls

Pay for 7 and sail for 10 nights
Pay for 14 and sail for 21 nights

TAHITI

- 20% Discount for charters 01 July - 08 August 2009 on the Harmony 47, Harmony 52 & Catana 41
- 30% Discount for cabin share charters between June-Sept 2009 on the Eleuthera 60 Catamaran

GREECE

- 20% Discount for charters 20 June - 05 Sept 2009

CROATIA

- 35% Discount for charters 06-20 June 2009

SICILY

- 30% Discount for charters 06-13 June 2009

CÔTE D'AZUR

- 20% Discount for charters 04-11 July 2009

• **CHARTERER IN FOCUS - SIMON LAURIE**

Simon Laurie has enjoyed a charter holiday in four of the past five years (what did you do in '08 Simon?) moving every year to a new country.

In 2005 Simon and his wife Cherry chartered a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 37 from Split to Dubrovnik and got the chartering bug. The next year was a circumnavigation of the Isle of Pines (New Caledonia) in a Fountaine Pajot Lavezzi 40 in company with friends on another boat. The Laurie Family really enjoyed this cruising and has a plan to return in 2010.

In 2007 Simon skippered a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 54 Deck Saloon for two weeks from Marmaris to Gocek, and in June this year will sail a Hanse 54 in Corsica and Sardinia.

Simon, as with most of our clients, has been a great source of feedback on the charter areas and boats. It will be interesting to see how he rates a Hanse 54 against the Jeanneau 54.

Good chartering!

Brook Felsenthal
and the Charter World Team