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Dear Charter World,

The Mediterranean booking season is finally in full swing with airlines starting to release some bargain offers, especially for Business Class.

We have also seen a trend back to the Pacific and have also booked our September charter in New Caledonia. Anyone interested in returning a Fountaine Pajot catamaran from the Loyalty Islands please see the article below.

I have finally recently got my Marine Operators License which is now a requirement for chartering in Croatia and no doubt will also soon be needed for other areas.

The course was actually a lot of fun, and gives you great confidence in using the onboard radios in international waters. It is actually the only license I know of that requires no renewal or any ongoing fees. Anyone interested should visit [AMC](#).

Speaking of Croatia we have a super special below.

• LAST MINUTE SUPER CROATIA SPECIAL OFFER

\$2980 per person

Based on 6 share on a Bavaria 40 (2009 built)
Valid for 01 May - 06 June 2009

Includes:

- 14 nights onboard
- Air travel to Split (return) with Singapore Airlines/Croatian Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane departures (excluding taxes)

Please call for details.

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• CHARTERER IN FOCUS - PHILIP BALMER

Phil Balmer is a relatively new charterer of ours and has just booked his third charter in three years.

What is most interesting about Phil is that although he lives in Dubai and has the Mediterranean at his fingertips, he has chosen to return to Turkey for the third year in a row.

There is always a tough decision for charterers; should I try to emulate the last trip which was fantastic, or should I try a new area and hope it is as good as the last.

If I could estimate I would say that over 80% of people do tend to move to a new country, yet it is counter to the average summer holiday where people return to the same region or town year in year out.

A yachting holiday offers so much variance, possibly due to the weather, that returning to the same spot in a different yacht can feel like an entirely different experience.

For many years Australians returned to the Whitsundays when the same holiday style was available at the same cost and equal flight time into the Pacific. With so many options now available and well marketed, this trend is changing.

In Phil's case he has moved along the coast on every charter from Gocek to Orphaniye to Bodrum. So the charter areas are all unique and this time the group is taking a catamaran.

Given I believe Turkey is the best charter area in the world, I think that Phil is making some great choices and has proven that returning to a place that you have enjoyed so much is a very viable option.

• AIRFARE SPECIALS

MALAYSIAN AIRLINES

- Business Class Companion fare to Europe
- Into Istanbul for just under \$4000pp (plus taxes)
- Into London/Amsterdam/Frankfurt/Paris/Rome or Stockholm for under \$5000pp (plus taxes)
- Exceptional value & limited offer

ETIHAD

- Commencing services to Athens (02/06) & Istanbul (01/06)
- Global Birthday Bonanza
- To be ticketed by 17/04
- From (low season to 30/06) Economy - \$1280pp (plus taxes) or Business - \$6400pp (plus taxes)

AIR TAHITI NUI

- Special fares released for travel prior to 30 June to Tahiti
- Fares from \$850pp (plus taxes) ex Sydney
- Code share flights with Qantas, Emirates & Air New Zealand now allowed across the Tasman for better connections

• YACHT CHARTER SPECIALS

WHITSUNDAYS

For bareboat charters 01-08 Apr, 21 Apr-01 Sep & 01 Nov - 23 Dec 09

- Pay for 6 & go for 7 nights
- Pay for 8 & go for 10 nights
- Pay for 10 & go for 13 nights

SEYCHELLES

Cabin share charters on a Nautitech 82

- 30% discount for May, June & Sept 09

THAILAND & MALAYSIA

For bareboat charters 18 May - 01 Nov 09

- Pay for 7 & go for 10 nights
- Pay for 10 & go for 14 nights
- Pay for 14 & go for 21 nights

CARIBBEAN - British Virgin Islands

- 30% discount for bareboat charters 23 May - 31 Oct 09

TAHITI

- 20% discount for bareboat charters for 01 July - 08 Aug 09
- 50% discount for cabin share charters on a Eleuthera 60 for May - Dec 09

GREECE - One Way Specials

- **Oceanis 31** - \$270 per night
30 May (Lavrion) to 06 June (Lefkas)
- **Cyclades 39.3** - \$370 per night
18 June (Samos) to 24 June (Kos)
- **Lagoon 420** - \$1000 per night
20 June (Rhodes) to 27 June (Athens)
- **Oceanis 461** - \$485 per night
11 July (Athens) to 18 July (Skiathos)
- **Oceanis 423 (4 cab)** - \$285 per night
25 July (Rhodes) to 01 August (Lavrion)
- **Oceanis 393** - \$430 per night
22 August (Skiathos) to 29 August (Kos)
- **Oceanis 31** - \$315 per night

05 Sept (Lefkas) to 12 Sept (Corfu)

- **Bavaria 50 Cruiser** - \$740 per night

10 Oct (Kos) to 17 Oct (Rhodes)

- **Oceanis 473** - \$285 per night

17 Oct (Rhodes) to 24 Oct (Athens)

• THE LOYALTY ISLANDS

I have just finished reading Geoffrey Blainey's latest book on the exploits of Captain James Cook and it has inspired my next charter to New Caledonia's Loyalty Islands.

Cook discovered and named New Caledonia on his second major voyage (Caledonia being the former name for Scotland) and following namings such as the New Hebrides and New South Wales.

D'Entrecasteaux soon followed, searching for the lost expeditions of La Perouse.

Neither Cook or D'Entrecasteaux spotted the low lying Loyalty Islands which were eventually discovered by British trade ships in 1793.

Entries in the log books describe the islands as friendly and honest (or perhaps the natives) which is perhaps why the islands were named the Loyalty Islands.

The Loyalty group comprise of three main islands which are located 60-80 miles north east of the New Caledonian mainland. Ouvea to the north is best known for its immense pristine beach and dramatic horse shoe shape. This island is a dream destination with its magnificent clear blue sea, white sand beaches and its green parrots which are unique in the world. The west coast of the island boasts the largest beach in the Loyalty Islands: 25km of uninterrupted white sand surrounded by an emerald lagoon.

Today eighteen tribes comprise a population of 3500 people speaking languages of both Polynesian and Melanesian origin as well as French.

In the middle Lifou is the largest of the islands (larger than Tahiti) and the most populated. A new marina at Chateaubriand offers all facilities, and there are a number of wide deep bays offering good protection from the prevailing winds. The island is made of fossil coral with 100 metre terraced cliffs and a dense and humid forest in the interior.

As with Lifou there are a number of basic guest houses (gites) and restaurants to eat ashore.

The local population is 97% Kanak and is involved in industries such as fishing, vanilla plantations and tourism.

Mare to the south is possibly of less interest to the cruising yachtsmen. A new port was built in Tadine in 1998. however

anchorages are relatively limited.

The best way to get to the Loyalties is to sail from Noumea around to the east coast of the mainland. This east coast is extremely lush and tropical and also a great cruising area in its own right. From here it is approx 70 miles of open sea to Lifou which is achievable in daylight hours in a fast cat. It is also common to leave the mainland at about four in the afternoon and sail overnight to arrive in the morning.

We booked a Fontaine Pajot Mahe 36 which can motor at 8+ knots and with MPS achieve speeds in the low teens, so the miles can quickly disappear. We disembark in Lifou on 01 October this year.

Please call if you are interested in doing the return leg as there are savings to be had.

• PHUKET CABIN SHARE

A new 82' Nautitech has begun 7 night departures from Phuket operating on Thursdays from Yacht Haven Marina.

The three crew comprise of a Captain, Steward/Cook and Deckhand with an all inclusive rate from \$1840 per person/per week including all meals, linen/towels, watersports equipment including sea kayaks and snorkeling equipment. All double cabins have ensuites.

The Nautitech 82' is a true blue water cruising catamaran with a 33' beam and draft of only 4'6".

Those looking for exhilaration, space and comfort will not be disappointed. Please contact us for further details.

• MEDITERRANEAN CABIN SHARE

Berths are still available for both of our sailing school set departures in Croatia and Turkey for 09. Join in the fun without the need to fill your own bareboat.

TURKEY - 30 May to 13 June 2009
CROATIA - 13 to 27 September 2009

From \$3355 per person includes 2 weeks aboard.

Please contact us for further details.

• FEATURE YACHT - ROBERTSON CAINE 474 POWER CAT

The largest bareboat motor cruiser has arrived in the Whitsundays being the new Robertson Caine 474 Power Cat.

At 47'3" overall and a beam of 24'10" this is an extremely spacious vessel. Built in South Africa, the charter version has four double cabins all with ensuites, plus a further single and head in the bows for a skipper if required.

Powered by two Cummins 150hp diesels, the catamaran is surprisingly efficient. The cat is set up with a governor up to 10 knots; however anyone with an accredited license can be ungoverned at up to 20 knots.

The brand new design is an ideal cruising platform boasting three deck levels with large functional living areas.

Please call for further details.

• FEATURE YACHT - TURKISH GULET *ESAT*

Turkish gulets have continued to grow in popularity over recent seasons even among hardcore bareboat charterers looking for a different experience.

Over 20 years we have honed down the very best of these unique vessels. As an example: Esat has eight double berth cabins, two of which have a third additional single berth. Air-conditioning is installed in each cabin to add to your comfort.

The saloon area is tastefully designed and furnished using aquamarine and turquoise colours. Inside the cabins the hand-made bed covers with authentic design and attractive accessories add a pleasant atmosphere.

On the teak deck there is an ideal sunbathing area; on the aft there is extensive seating with shade from a large sun awning; perfect for sitting back and enjoying the lavish scenery in comfort.

The crews are a highlight and I have never had negative comments regarding the onboard cuisine.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is the value. In June this experience is available for \$145 per person/per night.

Please call for further details.

Good chartering!

Brook Felsenthal
and the Charter World Team