



Charter World Yachting Holidays
- Australia's original yacht charter specialists

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Dear Charterer,

Last month I found myself researching some different charter areas for long term clients - Chesapeake Bay, The English Channel and Tunisia to name a few. I could only estimate the number of bareboat bases around the world to be in the many hundreds.

We know that if you are a sailor and business or pleasure takes you anywhere near a lake, river or navigational stretch of water, it is only natural to want to get afloat anyway you can - so call us for advice on how to get aboard.

2010 is shaping up as our biggest on record with low airfares, pent up demand and overall growth in people taking boating holidays driving demand.

We are off to Adelaide for the Optimist Nationals, 130 kids from 8 countries - great fun!

Thanking you all for your support in 2009.

Trust that you all have a safe & Happy Christmas and New Year.



• Gulets Get Classier

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Turkish gulets have continued to attract new and repeat clients for many years. I believe they are the best value boating holidays in the world.

We offer a select group of vessels that we have personally inspected and can guarantee the service is exceptional.

Traditionally built of local pine and copper nails, the standard of finish has continued to improve in recent years.

The 120' Kaptan Kadir (see photo above) offers six air- conditioned master cabins as well as sensational entertaining areas.

Paul Lynch of Lynch's Restaurant fame has chartered a gulet on a number of occasions and raves about the meals, which is quite a recommendation!

Gulets with four cabins and three crew are available from as little as \$180 per person per day (8 share).

Please contact our office for further details.

• Greece - Another Option



While the Ionian, Dodecanese and Sporades would comprise 80-90% of the yacht charter fleets, the Cyclades is gaining a following with our clients as an area offering the very best of sailing in Greece.

Previously the Cyclades were only touched on whilst sailing on the popular downwind route from Athens to Rhodes.

The Cyclades are broken into three groups being the Northern Cyclades (Kéa, Kithnos, Syros, Andros, Tinos, Mykonos, Delos & Rinia), Middle Cyclades (Sérifos, Sifnos, Antiparos, Páros, Naxos, Dhenoussa, Iráklia, Skhinoússa, Koufonisia, Amorgós & Lévítha) and Southern Cyclades (Milos, Kimolos, Folégandros, Sikonos, los, Thira & Anáfi).

In recent seasons bases have opened in Syros (north group) and Paros (middle group). It is even possible to pick up and drop at a base further south such as Kos or Rhodes. Long time clients Tim & Mandy Grogan and family have rebooked a Syros to Kos one-way after enjoying a Syros/Syros itinerary last year.

Perhaps the best known island Santorini, is easily accessible and with a new marina now a comfortable overnight anchorage. Previously there were only the major ferry buoys to tie up to as the depth made anchoring impossible.

Perhaps the appeal is the contrast of the Cyclades from party and tourist mecca Mykonos to relatively isolated and secluded islets in the little Cyclades.

A range of monohulls and catamarans are available from the bases above.

- Feature Yacht - Lagoon 420 Hybrid



The Hybrid has been around for a couple of years now, there are even two in the Whitsundays now, however improvements (mainly to the batteries) have been made with better storage capabilities.

The ability to generate charge by sailing by spinning the propellers is a fantastic innovation, but initially worked best for long distance cruisers.

The Mediterranean also offers shore power for charging in most marinas which is not available in most of the world's cruising areas.

The addition of a small back up generator has proven useful in early models as excessive engine use and light winds can cause problems.

Perhaps the most surreal feeling is the lack of any sort of noise while under power - it would be great to see this propulsion system mastered and transferred to other vessels.

- Turkey Overland

In 1987 I returned to Turkey to design an overland trip after a group of 13 yachts from the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria had sailed the southern coast. In the end we had 88 people travel north to Istanbul covering Pamukkale, Ephesus, Kusadasi, Troy and Gallipoli.

The trip was so successful we have continued to offer it ever since in a variety of ways, but self drive and mini bus with driver, become most popular. Up to 70% of our Turkish charters make this trip with a growing number also venturing into the underground cities of Cappadocia in the middle of mainland Turkey.

A brief description of the overland is below:

Pamukkale - Pamukkale's Turkish name means 'cotton castle' and refers to the spectacular chalk white cliffs upon which the present day resort is built amidst Roman ruins. The area is characterised by the white fungi-like deposits of lime formed by the hot spa water mixing with carbon-dioxide in the air as it spills out on to the plain below.

Ephesus - Renowned as one of the world's most complete ruin sights, Ephesus is rivaled only by Pompeii in grandeur. The foundation of the town is shrouded in legend. Greek migration into the area began in about 1400 BC and lasted 200-300 years. It is as though a whole population just got up and left.

Gallipoli - The Gallipoli peninsula is dotted with the war graves and memorials of that ill-begotten campaign. The dead of Australia, England, France, New Zealand and Turkey (more than one hundred thousand on both sides) are buried amongst the debris of the war. Any one visiting cannot help but be moved.

• Charterers in Focus

They say you can count your real friends on one hand, so people you can spend two weeks on a small boat with must be just the one finger.

We have many clients who have continued to charter almost over two decades together - always the same group.

Jane Adcock and Rob James along with Ian and Lyn Pattison from Torquay on Victoria's surf coast are examples having chartered in New Caledonia, Whitsundays, Tonga, Turkey and next year Croatia to name a few in 40-43' monohulls.

The Clark's and Robinson's from New South Wales' Central Coast like wise have chartered extensively together although we have heard of some spectacular mid charter break ups and departures (not many and I believe in all cases family groups).

I am waiting for a reality TV series on a boat which would be a combination of Survivor, Big Brother and possibly Master Chef.

• Charter Specials

Thailand/Malaysia

For charters up until 18 Dec 09:

Pay for 7 and sail for 10 nights

Pay for 10 and sail for 14 nights

Pay for 14 and sail for 21 nights

Caribbean

20% off selected yachts for charters through to February 2010.

Whitsundays

For charters 11 Jan - 31 March 2010:

Pay for 5 and sail for 7 nights

Pay for 7 and sail for 10 nights

Pay for 10 and sail for 14 nights

For charters 12 April - 31 August 2010:

Pay for 6 and sail for 7 nights

Pay for 8 and sail for 10 nights

Pay for 10 and sail for 13 nights

Mediterranean

Some early booking discounts are still available with selected operators.

Please [call our office](#) for more information.

Cabin Share

Maldives/Madagascar (7 night departures) - 50% off for honeymoon & wedding anniversaries

Seychelles - 30% off departures through to January 2010.

Thailand - 30% off December 09 departures.

Good chartering!

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