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PERFECT VIEW
Depending on the expedition, residents can enjoy scenery ranging from the rustic charm of the US east coast to the awe-inspiring landscapes of Antarctica

THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

Travelling around the globe while sleeping in your own bed every night might sound like an oxymoron—but it's exactly what residents of *The World* experience. **By Alicia Walker**





The largest privately owned residential yacht, spanning 644 feet from bow to stern, has aptly chosen The World as its moniker on account of its continuous circumnavigation of the globe. Owners of the 165 individually designed apartments take in an ever-changing view through their large picture windows, framing some of the most remote and breathtaking views on earth. From polar bears and penguins to rainforests and savannahs, the dynamic panoramas are certainly one of most compelling design features of this behemoth vessel.

Akin to living aboard a five-star hotel, The World's amenities include a spa, library, a theatre, a gym, a studio, a games room and a chess room, a tennis court, a virtual golf studio and an outdoor green, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, clothing boutiques, a market, a deli and four restaurants.

Although some of the residents live on the ship year-round, most tend to spend three to four months aboard, and then return to business or family endeavours for the rest of the year. They collectively decide on the annual voyage, with the ship docking in more than 100 ports in 30 different countries on every spin round the globe. Every corner of the planet presents a unique possibility—with rare opportunities to see places already on The World's itinerary such as Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and North Korea—combined with the comfort of sleeping in the same bed every night.

FIVE-STAR LIVING

The World has a plethora of facilities for residents, including an outdoor swimming pool, gym and various restaurants



Aside from the journey, the opulent interiors on the vast ship are among its biggest selling features. To shape and style the apartments and common rooms, four renowned interior design companies got on board, including the UK's Nina Campbell, Juan Pablo Molyneux of JP Molyneux Studio, Luciano Di Pilla of TMT Design and Norwegian cruise vessel designers Yran & Storbraaten.

Plush carpets and teak accoutrements are a first taste of the luxurious decor inside the yacht. Cosy, elegant studios are the smallest accommodations available on board; it scales up to vast three bedroom apartments and a tremendous penthouse that will comfortably accommodate 12 guests. The apartments all contain full-sized kitchens, equipped with premium appliances. And of course there's no living away from the internet today—and The World caters to that need with full connectivity in its shipboard home offices, no matter how far the vessel roams. Come evening time, residents can also book themselves a private Bali bed on Deck 12 to spend a night sleeping under the stars.

The on-board spa offers a luxurious setting and a full menu of massage, haircare and other treatments, guaranteeing a full pampering after a day out, exploring the hideaways of every new port. Meanwhile, the wellness centre is equipped with all the fitness requirements to keep the body agile enough to explore all those destinations. Off-ship excursions, such as snorkelling, cycling, kayaking and diving, are also available, and there are on-board personal trainers and physiotherapists.

When you're not docked or cooking in your own kitchen, the dining options are highly attractive. The formal, intimate fine-dining restaurant Portraits serves haute cuisine for those celebratory moments, while the Mediterranean-focused Tides showcases panoramic views of the ocean. Residents can also opt for the Marina for a more informal dose of steak, seafood and rotisserie. Should you have a craving for Asian food, East serves up Japanese, Chinese, Thai and Indian dishes. Drinks are served up at the Regatta Bar, or relax in the comfort of The Garden for a spot of tea.

This exclusive community, living in exceptional luxury, enjoys constant opportunities for adventure on their doorstep. Forget being a student of the world—consider becoming a resident of The World. 🌐

