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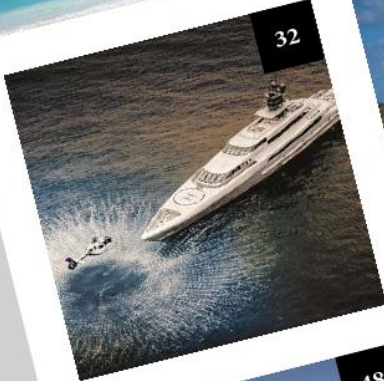
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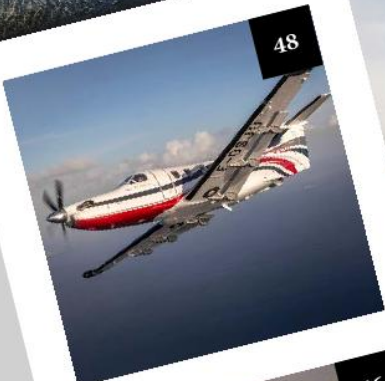
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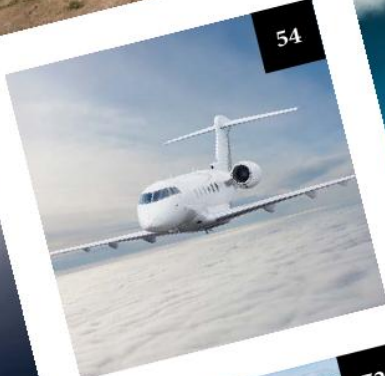
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A large yacht is visible on the right side of the image, partially cut off. The yacht is dark, and its upper deck and cabin are visible. The background is a vast expanse of the ocean under a dramatic sky. The sky is a deep blue, transitioning into a lighter blue and then a warm orange and yellow glow near the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The water is dark with some whitecaps and a shimmering reflection of light on the right side.

The World

Residences at sea:
traveling the world without
leaving home

By Sylvie Peron - © The World





THE WORLD, the unique residential mega yacht that sails all over the globe, including to remote destinations, allows its 300 residents the privilege of waking up to new scenery outside their veranda every few days. During a stopover in Cannes, on her way to Corsica and beyond, we had the privilege of being invited onboard to visit some of the residences before joining a couple of long-time owners for a leisurely lunch.

What makes this ship so special is that these are not cabins but luxurious homes at sea. Each private residence is crafted in the refined vision of industry-defining designers and architects, and customized with the comforts and personal touches that truly make it the resident's own, adorned with their art, their family photos and personal items, even their wine collection. Each residence has its own private verandah, and while looking through the window the landscape changes every few days, it remains the same inside. Always at hand, the outstanding staff knows and fulfills every personal preference. These homes are the launching point of daily explorations, the elegant enclave to host family, friends and guests, and the welcoming haven where to curl up in one's own bed, ready to wake up to the new vista of the following day's journey.

From well-appointed studios to three-bedroom residences, complete with gourmet kitchens and private en-suite baths for both the primary and guest rooms, there is a home suited to every need.

Launched in Norway more than two decades ago, the ship is in splendid conditions. Competent authorities recently rated her a mere 5.6 years of fatigue age, only a quarter of her actual chronological age. Having just undergone a six-week-long, USD\$30 million+ dry-dock refit in Cadiz, Spain, the ship is the largest, privately owned residential yacht on the planet. Many of the common areas were

renovated three years ago, and we were told the recent refit mostly involved some out-of-sight technical areas, including allowing the best connectivity while at sea or in distant locations for some owners who keep conducting business while onboard. A new high voltage shore connection, aka «*shore power*,» was built. It was a complex and expensive undertaking that now allows The World to shut down its generator engines for power production while docked, thus eliminating emissions, including greenhouse gases, in certain port stays that have this capability.

The air-conditioned wide lobby offered a refreshing respite from the suffocating heat of summer's first heatwave. Resident-owners all know each other and as some greeted one another returning from a trip ashore, we chatted with a California philanthropist who spends most of her time onboard. The day before, she had visited a villa in Cannes her father had acquired and lived in back in the early fifties. Remembering black and white photos from her childhood, she recounted the emotion-filled moments she had experienced upon seeing the villa for real in full colors. This was her first visit to the city on the French Riviera her father had loved so much.



Strolling down 'main street' lined with artwork and boutiques, we glanced at dazzling gems displayed in the appealing windows of the jewelry shop, complete with private rooms where residents & guests may try on and order jewelry, unless they prefer the jeweler to visit them privately in their residence to design custom-made items.

Among the prized recent additions are Fredy's Marketplace, displaying local sundries and fresh gourmet delicatessen, and Fredy's Deli Café. Specialty coffees, pastries and light fare available at the Fredy's Barista are very popular, particularly among the younger generations.

The age demographics have changed considerably over the past decades. Staying connected while on board is essential and, similarly to private aviation, today's owners seem to be much younger than before. This was evident on the pool deck where young families and couples were enjoying light fares with friends al fresco.

The World offers an abundant choice of restaurants, from the casual Poolside Grill by the main pool, to Marina where the finest steaks and seafood are prepared to perfection and served with a large wine selection. The ship's haute cuisine restaurant, Portraits, can be privatized for special events in a sophisticated Art Deco-

inspired interior and intimate ambiance. We enjoyed lunch at Tides on the terrace opening to the sea. The catch of the day of this Mediterranean style cuisine with an Italian flare was fresh Tuna. The menu is designed to help residents & guests with their health and wellness goals.

East, in a contemporary Pan-Asian-inspired décor offers traditional and innovative cuisine from China, Thailand, India and Japan. Residents may also request a chef to prepare a personalized meal in the privacy of their residence.

A plethora of leisurely indulgences include an extensive, award-winning wine list of over 1 200 labels, hand-picked from 20 countries and a wine cellar holding over 15 000 bottles. The cigar club is the intimate room where to enjoy hand-rolled Cuban tobacco, with a glass from the fine collection of cognac and Scotch.

The Garden, the Marina Bar, the Lobby-Bar, the Pool Bar, Quantum, a casual sports bar and the Regatta Bar, home to The World Yacht Club complete the offer.





«We're all quite fit and active,» confided our host over lunch. Indeed, when they're not exploring, snorkeling and scuba-diving, kayaking or bicycling onshore, the fitness center and its wide range of cardio equipment is put to good use. Classes are offered daily, featuring everything from yoga and Pilates to Zumba. Tennis is played on the only regulation-size court at sea that's now a favorite spot for pickleball. The Spa is a 7 000 square foot retreat including massage beds, Aqua Spa, steam bath, full body hammam treatments and a new cold plunge installed during dry-dock. There is also a medical center staffed full-time by a qualified physician and nurse.

The Enrichment program allows to delve deeper into the history, culture and traditions of destinations, and of course there are the expeditions themselves. Onboard Zodiac boats residents and their

guides explore remote shores and passages. An average of three days makes for extensive time in each port. The journey is different each year, with the residents choosing where the ship will travel.

As 2025 draws to a close, residents will celebrate the holidays in Sydney, Australia, before one last stop in Tasmania. Next year may bring the most extraordinary adventure yet, with nearly 90 destinations across 6 continents.

«We're extremely fortunate,» concluded our well-traveled host, who has been a resident almost since the ship was launched. ■

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