



MAIN SALON ENTRANCE / MOECCA



FULL SAIL / MONTIGNE



BATHROOM / PRINCESS ILUKA

ASIA ONBOARD

The waters of the East are a considerable draw for those seeking to cruise in luxury aboard superyachts, and for those who do not yet own, chartering is an equally luxurious alternative with a bevy of options.

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High on the list of desirable yachts has to be 57-meter **Montigne**, a three-masted, MCA-certified schooner built for an experienced superyacht owner who calls Hong Kong home. Created by Turkish builder **Agean Yachts**, the boat was delivered in 2009. Its customized interior has unusually spacious guest areas for a sailing yacht, plus an additional VIP cabin nearly as big as the **Master Suite**. The Montigne sleeps up to 12 guests in six lavish staterooms, as well as 10 crew, and has a top speed of 12 knots. Auspicious dragons decorate the impressively long six-meter bowsprit, stern and main saloon while sun lovers will enjoy the top deck Jacuzzi, as well as a wet bar, teppanyaki grill and built-in water mist fans (from US\$140,000 a week).

Contact: Ocean Independence Charter Operations, charter@ocyachts.com; www.ocyachts.com

The 46-meter **Moecca** is a wide-beamed, twin-hulled motor yacht beautifully refitted in 2006. Always based in Southeast Asia, its captain and crew are highly knowledgeable about the best cruising areas. The design ensures massive exterior spaces for sunbathing and relaxing, while all guest suites are above the water line and feature panoramic windows. Opt in for an onboard masseuse to enjoy prime pampering at sea; gourmet cuisine and fantastic service are naturally part of the luxury experience (from US\$155,000 a week, plus expenses).

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The **Princess Iluka**, one of Australia's most iconic vessels, is also available for lavish trips up Australia's stunning coastline and into the Pacific. Re-launched in October 2009 after an extensive multi-million dollar refurbishment, the 34.5-meter vessel comes with dual V12 Mercedes diesel engines offering 13 knots of speed, and extended transom and room for eight guests and six crew. The new interiors include nine Sony plasma TVs, a state-of-the-art entertainment system and spacious aft decks, perfect for soaking up the sun in Fiji, the Great Barrier Reef or French Polynesia (price available upon request).

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