

Project Sunset

The ultimate surprise birthday present for some lucky lady. Built by Sunrise Yachts in Antalya, Turkey



Built as Project Sunset this newly launched superyacht was conceived as a long range displacement yacht capable of trans-Pacific voyages or extended summer cruising without refuelling. Her 45 metre hull is designed to carry 10 guests in extreme comfort cocooned in luxury, to areas of the world where others fear to float. An 11th guest can be carried by using a drop down Pullman berth in one of the twin cabins.

To this end, she was equipped with a master stateroom on the main deck, four roomy guest accommodations below and in the storage areas below that, massive, and we do mean that, areas devoted to refrigerated stores, deep freezers and dry goods lockers that allow the yacht to pass supermarkets

by just as easily as she flits past the fuel dock. The second in the series designed by the late Paolo Scano, the yacht was built in Antalya by Turkey's rising superyacht superstar builder Sunrise Yachts. Seven years ago what is now Sunrise Yachts was nothing more than an undeveloped plot of land inside the Free Trade Zone in Antalya, an area already populated by yacht builders and supportive trades boasting the required level of skilled labour and facilities.

In demand

Today the company has expanded its facilities to become the largest and most prestigious of Turkey's yacht builders with six yachts in build and capacity to take on three more up to 70 metres. Project Sunset was launched in late August and

Specifications

Length Overall	44.80 metres
Waterline Length	38.5 metres
Beam	8.93 metres
Draught	2.7 metres
Displacement	380gt
Engine(s)	2 x MTU 12v 2000 M70
Speed (max)	16.0 knots
Speed (cruise)	12.0 knots
Fuel capacity	55,000 litres
Range at 9 knots	7,400 nm
Bow thruster	Torkmaster
Stabilisers	Quantum Zero Speed
Freshwater capacity	13,500 litres
Black water (capacity)	2,340 litres
Grey water (capacity)	3,250 litres
Owner and guests	10 + 1
Crew (number)	9
Hull	Steel
Superstructure	Aluminium
Naval architect	Paolo Scano
Exterior styling	Paolo Scano
Interior designer	Frank Darnet Design



is due to be handed over to her American owners shortly before appearing at the Monaco Yacht Show. Captain Marvin Wilson is not at liberty to disclose the yacht's real name because it is a closely guarded secret. In fact secrecy has been the keyword he explains.

Top secret

The owner is building her completely in secret as a special surprise for his wife. If the name gets out that will spoil the surprise, says Captain Wilson. He continues, "The boss has told his wife she is going on a yacht trip in the Mediterranean, she thinks he has chartered a yacht but when she gets to the dock she is going to find this beauty wrapped up in a big bow ribbon with my crew on hand to welcome her and

her hubby on board for a trip of a lifetime. I cannot wait to see her face. For the last two years the boss has had to creep away from home on the pretext of buying milk from the store just so he can phone me here at the yard for a progress report.

Despite not ever having seen her he knows what a good yacht he is getting because the Bosun and I make a video each day detailing the day's progress and we send it to him so that he can look at it when his wife is not around. Don't you think giving your wife a superyacht is the ultimate romantic gesture?"

Reviewed by Frances and Michael Howorth