





FURTHER AFIELD

# Luxury and adventure – you can have it all

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Once you have seen the Riviera and the popular ports of call of the Mediterranean and Caribbean, then what? Increasingly, clients want to contrast the experience of 5 star luxury with adventure. Since yachting allows freedom of the seas, clients can decide where they go, and when.

**R**ecently we have seen a growing desire for access to remote locations such as the Galapagos, Antarctica, the Arctic, and Asia; cruising grounds that are the antidote for those who are tired of the well trodden paths of the Caribbean and Mediterranean. As a result the number of explorer vessels, and yachts with ice-breaking hulls is increasing as the demand from more intrepid travellers grows. The latest exploration vessel to be launched is the formidable 77.4m (254') *Legend* – an icebreaker that pushes the boundaries of exploration with the potential to cruise anywhere in the world in absolute luxury – from the Arctic to the Antarctic, and everywhere in between.

Having just completed an extensive, two year rebuild with a new superstructure and a 3.6-metre extension to her ice-breaking hull, *Legend* is in a class of her own. Above the waterline she is a megayacht with all the usual trimmings (and more), but below the waterline her hull is optimised for navigating through iceberg-strewn oceans. The first truly ice-breaking superyacht in the world, she opens up the spectacular Polar regions to charterers looking for something different.

#### Chasing the polar summers on board *Legend*

Few have experienced the enormity of Antarctica. The most adventurous of cruising grounds, this last wilderness on earth is the perfect area to discover on board *Legend*. Adventure cruising does not mean it's all expeditions and exploration. With fine dining, a cinema room, a Balinese spa with sauna, massage room and beauty saloon, it can be as laid back and luxurious as you like. Simply take in the stunning surroundings – drink Champagne in the hot tub whilst gliding passed an iceberg, spot wildlife, and admire the courtship of seabirds and the comedic antics of King penguins from the sun deck. Or, witness the dramatic break up of the pack ice, only to step ashore and see newborn seal pups and penguin hatchlings. December and January welcomes the sun for 20 hours a day, while February and March is the best time to journey deeper into the Polar Circle as the pack ice is at a minimum.

A short season of long days, the Arctic summer offers sunsets that linger until almost dawn. As the winter snow melts, waterfalls and glaciers come to life, the latter creating mesmerising icebergs of every shape and colour.

Iceland awakens through the summer, bringing lush green landscapes, long hours of daylight and pleasant temperatures. From early June to mid July the sun barely sets, illuminating the fjords and mountains in a near continuous golden glow. From the intense greens of the mountain slopes along the south coast to the jet black volcanic rocks, and the plethora of colours from the abundant alpine flowers, the landscape bursts into colour throughout the summer months.

Greenland is dominated by the world's second largest icecap. Only a narrow fringe of rugged mountains and green valleys remain ice-free as the fleeting Arctic summer brings nearly 24 hours of daylight. During the summer months, the pack ice breaks up and giant icebergs drift through the fjords, best discovered on board *Legend*. Discover Greenland's rugged coastline, stepping ashore to explore its wide-open spaces and sparsely inhabited coastline.

Embarking on a charter along the Inside Passage of Alaska on board *Legend* you will encounter ancient glaciers, rustic fishing villages and startling wildlife. The scenic stretch of coastline has become the most popular cruising destination in Alaska. In this vast terrain of ocean you will discover ancient snowfields, glaciers, fjords, conifer forests and mountains, and many of the world's most elusive creatures as you steer a course between the mainland and the off-lying islands of southeast Alaska.

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*LEGEND 77.4M (254')* 26 GUESTS, PRICES FROM €455,000 PER WEEK. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON CHARTERING *LEGEND* AS SHE CHASES THE POLAR SUMMERS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST CAMPER & NICHOLSONS BROKER. [WWW.CAMPERANDNICHOLSONS.COM](http://WWW.CAMPERANDNICHOLSONS.COM)

#### *Legend's ice-breaking capabilities*

Originally built as a Soviet military icebreaker, *Legend* has a sharply sloping bow which allows her to slice through the ice while deflecting it at the same time. Her propeller is 4-metres in diameter and generates enough torque to push her bow up on to the ice. The ice is crushed by her weight and travels to her stern where a 50mm thick solid steel ice knife above her propeller cuts the ice like a sword before the huge propeller chops it into small pieces. This allows *Legend* to reverse back through the ice should she come across something that even she cannot move.



People hanker after what's new and exciting. Where haven't we gone yet? Let's start travelling further afield, seeing new destinations, new places.

Jan Verkerk, Owner, 77.4m (254') *Legend*



