

At one with the Ocean

Stunning finishes, a relaxing interior, and an enviable beach club all combine to make *Yogi* one of the finest yachts to hit the charter market this year.

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Launched in March from Turkey's Proteksan-Turquoise yard in Istanbul, this 197'6/60.2m motoryacht is the second successful launch for the yard this year, and the yard's largest yacht to date. *Yogi* features exterior and interior design work by Jean Guy Vergés. Her distinctive exterior lines are similar to an expedition vessel with vast outside deck spaces, and a spacious interior.

Many years of chartering gave her owner a clear picture of what he wanted for his own yacht. The brief was to create a yacht with unique features that would allow a guest to feel connected to the water. And onboard *Yogi* a guest feels just that. The vast superstructure is deliberately designed to offer views over the water from almost every vantage point, with oversized portholes and windows bringing natural light into the interior. >>

The 197'6/60.2m *Yogi* resembles an expedition-style vessel



Elementary yet stylish alfresco dining aboard *Yogi*

The connection to the water is further enhanced by the large temperature-regulated swimming pool aft of the main deck—just one of the many significant design features onboard. With a clear glass front panel and a glazed skylight on the bottom, the sun's rays are reflected onto the vast beach club spaces below.

The beach area is in fact made up of two magnificent beach club areas, each with its own access to the water from either the bathing platform or side balcony area. *Yogi* also offers a Jacuzzi for up to six guests on her sun deck, surrounded by built-in sunbeds, a large alfresco dining area with seating for up to 14 guests, and a Teppanyaki bar.

Inside, *Yogi's* Asian-inspired interior provides ample private and public spaces for guests to enjoy. The owner requested a clean and contemporary interior with a combination of woods and fabrics that would complement the clean lines of her exterior. Designer Jean Guy Vergés has drawn inspiration from Asian influences; the use of natural woods, complemented by tan and white soft furnishings, and contemporary furniture, make her calm and light interior akin to her



Yogi's decks are designed with relaxation in mind



The large main saloon is a perfect entertaining space with superb views

Specifications

Length | 197'6/60.2m

Beam | 30'1/9.4m

Year | 2011

Builder | Proteksan Turquoise

Interior Designer | Jean Guy Vergés

Guests | 12

Crew | 15

Charter grounds | Yogi is available for charter in the Caribbean this winter season through Burgess, www.burgessyachts.com

Prices | from \$357,000 per week

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namesake ('Yogi' means practitioner of yoga). Even the ceilings are finished in the same effect, with the use of slate-looking panels and leather stitching.

Her amenities include a massage room and bar aft of her beach club area, and a multimedia playlounge with computer stations, video games, and a large

movie screen on her sundeck. The owner wanted a big main saloon and large formal dining room for entertaining, whilst the upper lounge areas were to be lighter and more conducive to lounging and smaller, intimate parties. All of this has been achieved and the yacht's voluminous interior includes a large main saloon (over 100 square

meters) and formal dining area (60 square meters) on the main deck, which are the more formal spaces of the yacht; whilst the playlounge on Yogi's sundeck, and upper deck lounge, along with the remainder of Yogi's spaces, are all designed for casual and comfortable relaxation. There are two cinema areas onboard, one on deck where the sun



Yogi's unique design connects guests with the ocean



Yogi can accommodate 12 guests amid luxury surroundings



With its twin Caterpillar 3512B engines, *Yogi* reaches speeds of up to 16 knots



The opulent VIP stateroom

pad can be adjusted to provide comfortable seating towards the large screen; whilst forward in the main saloon, guests can watch movies while relaxing on one of the large sofas.

There is spacious accommodation for 12 guests in six staterooms, including a main deck master suite with a private lounge area, office dressing room and his and hers bathrooms, which combined cover a space of 75 square meters; a VIP stateroom, also located on the

main deck; and three further double cabins and a twin cabin on the lower deck.

Yogi has two tenders onboard, and a host of watertoys, including WaveRunners, SeaBobs, and towable toys, all of which can be stored forward of the beach club area.

Since leaving the shipyard in March, *Yogi* has covered about 5,000 nautical miles and, according to her captain Jean-Louis Carrel, she handles well at sea.

Powered by twin Caterpillar 3512B engines of 1,911hp each, *Yogi* reaches speeds of up to 16 knots and cruises comfortably at 13 knots. For long-distance cruising, 12 knots gives her a comfortable 5,000 nautical mile range.

Indeed, both inside and out, *Yogi* lacks nothing; innovative design features and the highest quality finish have ensured that she is one of the finest yachts available for charter today. ■