

BRILLIANT VACATIONS WITH BLACK DIAMOND LIFESTYLE

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Luxury lifestyle consultancy Black Diamond Lifestyle offers a large selection of exclusive island-hopping experiences and a fleet of fully crewed private yachts for charter all over the world.

Once you step aboard your yacht, your experienced captain and crew will take you to the world's best beaches and resorts, whether you choose exclusive islands, hidden bays and backwaters or opt for bustling ports. On board, you'll enjoy superb meals and wines, sunbathing on deck, swimming, water-skiing and jet skiing as well as massage treatments.

For a tailor-made exotic break, the South Pacific is the ideal location with more than 130 islands as well as reefs, lagoons, deserted beaches, tropical rainforests and excellent anchorages. Sleek motor yacht Tu Moana, which cruises in the area, is 226-feet long and can accommodate up to 32 guests in a range of luxurious cabins. The yacht has a crew of 30 and cruises at a comfortable speed of 12 knots. For the ultimate island-hopping experience on Tu Moana, set off on a cruise around fairytale French Polynesian Islands such as Tahiti and

Bora Bora. A sample week-long itinerary might include a day on a coral reef fringe on Motu Mute islet, where you can visit a small village before a sunset cruise with local music, plus a visit to the island of Taha'a for snorkelling, kayaking, lagoon swimming and a traditional island feast. On Raiatea, you can enjoy kayaking and swimming while the crew sets up an island barbecue and movie under the stars. Look forward to a champagne breakfast on the tropical island of Huahine, visit a pearl farm, trek up a mountain or dance in a Tahitian nightclub. You can do everything from swimming in crystal clear lagoons to seeing local island church choirs perform on your cruise, and along the way, the crew can set up a floating bar beside an island for you to enjoy some refreshing drinks while swimming. In the evening, you can enjoy a movie on the outdoor cinema on deck. Tu Moana costs \$350,000 per week to charter.

Alternatively, step aboard luxurious superyacht TV, a magnificent 256feet Lurssen-built yacht. Her stylish interior, designed by Alberto Pinto, includes an owner's suite that has panoramic views, a private deck, private Jacuzzi, king-sized bed, his and hers en-suite bathrooms and



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an office. TV can entertain a large number of guests, with plenty of luxurious salons as well as indoor and outdoor dining. The sundeck has a large Jacuzzi, pool and outdoor bar. On the lower deck there's a health spa with beauty salon, sauna, massage room and gym. The spa area expands onto a large fold-down sea terrace on the aft deck to allow easy access for ocean swimming. The indoor cinema can also be converted into a children's playroom. The yacht also comes with two tenders, a ten-meter RIB, a jet tender, four jet-skis, dive gear and water ski equipment for guests to use. TV cruises in the Pacific, Caribbean and South America areas and charters cost from €850,000 per week.

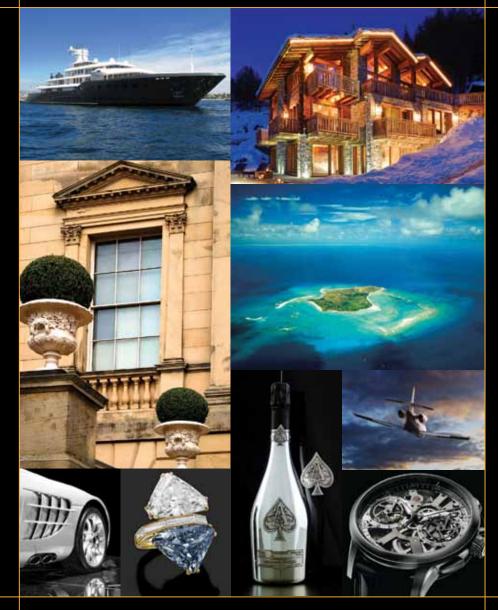
Black Diamond Lifestyle can oversee all vacation details from start to finish, taking care of all custom requirements, such as private jet flight from any location to your yacht charter and airport car transfers. They can also organise all required food and drinks for both the flight and the yacht.

If you're celebrating an anniversary or special occasion, Black

Diamond can also arrange deliveries of champagne or diamond jewellery from companies such as De Beers or Boodles. No detail is too small for Black Diamond - or too big. In addition to organizing yacht charters worldwide and offering a wealth of yacht charter and private island combination vacations, Black Diamond Lifestyle will even help you to buy or build your very own vessel from scratch.

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