

BLACK DIAMOND LIFESTYLE:

DARE TO DREAM AND DIAL

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A jewel-encrusted iPhone with a direct line to your luxury lifestyle consultancy is one of the most exclusive luxury travel accessories you can get.

Black Diamond Lifestyle (BDL) arranges everything for luxury travel, from private yacht and jet charter to the exclusive rental of villas, chateaux and ski chalets in the most select and inspiring destinations around the world. BDL issues its top clients with an exclusive iPhone, which is encrusted with precious stones and has a special Black Diamond Call button with direct access to the luxury bespoke service.

“The iPhone allows you to be directly in touch in case you want to add anything extra to your experience,” says managing director Yulia Sultanova.

Yulia explains that this is just one example of how BDL goes the extra mile for full service: “We feel it’s an important piece of the chain to make the package flawless to our customers. If someone charters a yacht and a private jet to their destination and needs a car transfer and VIP handling at the airport, we’ll arrange it,” she says.

Black Diamond’s properties include private islands, luxury villas and exclusive chalets all over the world. It recently added a 4.5 acre site in Blue Bay, Ibiza to its portfolio – with an accompanying yacht, sports vehicles and VIP club, bar and restaurant access.

The luxury consultancy company is part of the Sunseeker London Group, giving it access to any Sunseeker yacht, as well as to larger yachts including the prestigious trio of Abramovich yachts: Luna, Pelorus and Eclipse.

For special occasions or events, BDL can arrange extra luxuries such as fine wines or diamonds – working closely with jewellers such as Boodles, De Beers, Stephen Webster and Harry Winston.

Black Diamond also arranges luxury adventure travel, such as whale watching, mountain climbing or heli-skiing, “We have trips to some of the most dramatic and beguiling parts of the earth,” says Yulia. “From dogsledding at the South Pole, to rain forest expeditions, along with, of course, the option for unparalleled luxury. It is not uncommon for

our clientele to want to wash down the adrenaline with a dry martini,” she says.

As a boutique luxury lifestyle consultancy, BDL deals discreetly with high net worth individuals and celebrities worldwide, with no request too extraordinary. “We have dealt with many unusual requests from some clients in the past – one, a famous clothes designer, wanted a yacht crew to change her bed linen three times a day. The bed linen had to be her own trade mark and a different colour every time it was changed.”

BDL doesn’t charge membership fees and Yulia says that even when economic conditions mean that clients have to watch their funds, they use BDL to save both time and money.

As an incentive for repeat patronage, Black Diamond Lifestyle rewards top clients with gifts. For example, a customer chartering a mega yacht for €500,000 per week receives three bottles of Armand de Brignac (Rose, Gold and Blanc de Blanc). A client who buys a yacht worth €25m through BDL will receive the signature BDL gold or platinum diamond-encrusted iPhone 4, or two iPhones for a yacht worth €50m plus.

So whether you want to dock at the Monaco Grand Prix, honeymoon in the Pacific or go whale-watching in the Arctic, BDL can arrange it all, and as their motto says: ‘Dare to dream. The possibilities are limitless.’

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There are very few islands that retain a sense of fantasy and untouched beauty, but the Maldives is definitely one of them. With vibrant coral reefs, blanched sand beaches and inimitable turquoise waters, this small, Indian Ocean island country is an idyllic paradise, just waiting to be discovered.

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