

MEAN MACHINES



The 280-foot motor yacht, Annaliese, will be visiting Phuket in November.

Big, beautiful and in a bay near you soon

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ARRIVING IN PHUKET this November is one of the world's largest luxury charter

yachts. The 280-foot Annaliese will be a towering presence in the waters around the island until January 2 (107), when she will be returning to her usual haunts in the Med.

With 18 staterooms, including a double master suite, double VIP suite, eight double staterooms and eight twin staterooms, Annaliese can comfortably accommodate 36 cruising guests serviced by a crew of 34. The master suite measures over 1,300 square feet alone. The bedroom itself has 180° panoramic windows with a door to a private deck. An enormous Californian king-sized bed faces a 42" retractable plasma television with Creston control console. Male and female dressing rooms, twin Jacuzzi bath, private study and a twin stateroom complete Otis remarkable suite.



Annaliese also boasts almost 26,000 square feet of guest space, set across five decks, which means parties aboard can be anything from lavish to extravagant. The main deck provides one of the largest spaces of any private yacht. Aft, the teak sofas, seats and tables can be illuminated for drinks before or after dinner. Moving indoors, the raised plat-

form rear saloon is ideal for a game of cards or a movie on the 51-inch screen with surround sound. In the main saloon, fibre optic-lit glass pillars emit soft hues of colour with silver-leaf louvered windows separating the saloon and bar from the dining area. Mirrored ceilings, a grand piano, large sofas and group of armchairs, silk curtains, Michelangelo



The interiors of Annaliese are even more opulent than a five-star hotel - with service to match.

marble columns and the hand-made, raised pattern carpet all combine to provide the perfect atmosphere for casual entertaining - day or night.

The dining saloon seats 36 on large, comfortable chairs with hand-made silk upholstery. Oak tables can be laid with individual place mats or table linen from a range of colours to suit every occasion, and lighting can change the mood at breakfast, lunch or dinner.

The main and dining saloons can also be re-arranged, creating one enormous space suitable for hosting parties or conferences, while the upper deck saloon is more like a private club. Two seating areas each with their own plasma screen, a backgammon and card table and a generously stocked bar make this the place to be after dinner.

Alternatively stroll downstairs past the spectacular panels of blue Brazilian Makauba marble and take in a movie in the main cinema - the library includes vintage and modern classics.

The lower deck health centre is designed for fitness as well as beauty. The tranquil epicentre is a large curved salon set around a marble Jacuzzi. Large slabs of cut-to-curve Azul Paraiso marble arc set off by floor-to-ceiling back-lit glass panels that dissolve through spectrums of purple, blue and green. Recline on the beds and gaze at the aquarium, all under a star ceiling lit by fibre optics.

Apart from the well-equipped gymnasium, there is a salon for facial and body treatments, a massage room, hair and nail salon as well as separate male and female steam rooms, saunas, showers and Jacuzzi plunge pools. A second relaxation area provides calm while a trained beautician provides expertise.

For sport, there are four waverunners, two tenders and a garage full of other leisure equipment including a fully equipped diving centre, while the sun-deck, 70-foot above sea level, offers the pinnacle of privacy - splash in the Jacuzzi or lounge on the helipad/sundeck, and with no worries about troublesome tan-lines.

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Plenty of room to land your helicopter then plunge straight into the Jacuzzi.