

# Sea Lane



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ACE is the iconic custom-built superyacht from the Lürssen shipyard whose debut dates back to 2012. A tailor-made project for a detail-attentive and experienced owner who relied on the skilful pen of the prestigious London-based Winch Design studio to draw her outer identity and inner soul with lines that have retained a contemporary flavour, with oval balconies and large side-arches connected in a seamless inside/outside transition. A true example of a luxurious superyacht combining beauty and functionality throughout her 85 m (278'10") length and 14,5 m (47'7") beam. In 2018 she underwent a tasteful refit, resulting in significant improvements to her impressive volume of 2,732 GT resting on her steel hull. Her name appears neat and essential, set in the centre of the large oval above the large arch with which it merges to convey its message loud and clear and make its presence felt. Her shape allows natural light to be fully exploited while retaining a strong sense of privacy within, giving brightness to the timeless classic and contemporary style. Her breath-taking upper deck offers more than 500 square metres dedicated to social spaces. An immediate feeling of welcome is perceived from

the stern, featuring a beautiful lounge area with a large awning to afford protection from sun rays, two large tables with wide sofas and brightly coloured seating. Further on is a large oval table for 12 guests for alfresco royalty-like dining, supported by two side counters which are ideal for setting up astonishing buffets in an artfully decorated space.

Beyond the large glass doors, the step change in the design of the Main Saloon is spellbinding indeed, featuring a sophisticated piano bar with a mother-of-pearl counter while the whole area is floodlit, perfect for serving an aperitif worthy of the best private clubs. A delicious hors d'oeuvre before settling down in a lovely full-beam lounge area is ideal. Here every detail is taken care of with harmony and freshness, with extreme refinement to leave guests in a limbo of relaxation with their feet sinking into soft carpets and wide sofas to indulge in the pleasure of chatting.

Guests can move between the other decks via a wide, shimmering staircase, walking on polished, illuminated marble and holding on to a wooden handrail graced with a silver-plated railing, an effect that fills with brilliance the entire open view between decks.







































As we walk towards the bow, we reach the formal dining room with wooden floor and large carpets lit by diffused lights, to celebrate an elegant event with an important dinner for special guests or simply to enjoy time with the sublime pleasure of a controlled temperature while sitting comfortably on white armchairs sipping one or more of the precious duly-decanted wines stored in the spacious wine store at the right temperature.

In a refined design, several elements in red stand out, combined with sophisticated white, resulting in an opulent but in no way flamboyant look.

Further along, the piano room opens up to an amazing panoramic view. Relaxation is a must here, though entertainment is not bad either, given the presence of a beautiful games table. Of course, the romantic notes of the piano add a touch of style that makes all the difference, reaching as far as through the doors that open onto the outside deck, where two large sofas are also available to indulge in the pleasure of dolce far niente, reading a book or simply enjoying the company of guests sheltered from the breeze, or taking a dip in the large swimming pool with a volume of no less than 30 cubic metres of water to cool off at

any time of the day. The counter-current jet ensures endless swimming, while waterproof headphones are available as a pleasant add-on.

Towards the upper deck forward, the space narrows down, reserving adequate space for the touch & go helipad certified for helicopters such as Airbus Helicopters H130 or similar helicopters (for private use only) or for setting up a Moroccan tent where spiced tea can be relished while lying on comfortable cushions and gazing at the sunset filtered by the fluttering, light fabrics.

Moving around the bridge deck, we enter the owner's private area. Here the warm hand-made wooden floors convey a unique feeling as we walk on. In the private lobby there is a discreet service desk and a double door leading out to the side corridor on one side and an extremely well-kept private office on the other side, which features a private balcony and a bookcase concealing a private bathroom.

Further on, a superbly equipped wardrobe with refined and practical electric curtains to cover the compartments precedes the magical bathroom with large decorated mirrors, a Jacuzzi fitted with multiple water jets, twin sinks and a private toilet, all































in an elegant and refined setting. A few steps ahead, a small corridor adorned with large paintings heralds the entrance to the very spacious master bedroom where an infinite silk carpet is an indication of its hospitality. A super king-size bed with a headboard up to the ceiling is softly illuminated by the many ingenious spotlights, together with two armchairs on which to stretch out one's legs and a romantic-style chaise longue.

The view aft affords memorable sunrises, with the large doors and windows giving a 270-degree view. Beyond the doors, an intimate balcony provides an ideal spot where to enjoy a hot morning coffee or the last flute of champagne in the evening.

Going up to the top deck, the automatic doors open the view to an unusual and pleasant room, a Tea Room with dark, warm woods and soft lights, a spot on board ACE not to be missed if privacy during the day is what you are looking for. From the Tea Room, you can reach the outside deck forward to sip cool cocktails while sitting on large stools at the piano bar or in the sparkling Jacuzzi or reclining on beauty sunbeds. But there's more. Aft, on the opposite side, the doors open wide to make room to a large sofa

sheltered from the sun for afternoon toasts or, if necessary, the area can be turned into a private disco for a frenzied night of dancing.

Further up, we reach ACE's highest point (the Crow's nest) from where you can enjoy the best views even during cruising, while relaxing comfortably on a large sofa bed facing forward. Not only that, but stargazers can promise each other love kissed by starlight.

Returning to the main deck, guests can stop off at the beauty salon if they so wish. Warm, reassuring and extremely well-tended, it is perfect for rekindling one's spirit, mind and entire body with massages and various beauty treatments for her and him.

An elegant shower is also available, as it comes invariably handy before and after wellness sessions, while the mother-of-pearl washbasin is again something for the eyes to feast upon. Guests reach their rooms through the starboard side lobby. There are just four rooms, albeit they are well equipped and finished with marble and granite combined with fine wood, each original with a different theme, Art Deco, French Provence, classic and contemporary nautical, each of them having something to tell.

A movie theatre fitted with a Dolby































surround system is available to entertain guests with films, matches or media events of all kinds. Lying on single or double armchairs with soundproof walls and a giant screen, guests can enjoy the best systems, including Apple TV while savouring freshly-made popcorns.

Descending to the lower deck, we reach a huge SPA with hammam and beach club.

Mosaics on the floor demonstrate the deliberate imprinting of this cleverly designed area. The 2.50-metre-deep cold-water plunge pool and the large thermal whirlpool with cascading water adorned with sandstone on the outside, set against white Roman columns, are proof of this. In addition, there is a shower with a bucket or side jets of ice water and an ice machine artistically clad in polished stone.

And that's not all, there is also a Turkish hammam with a starry ceiling and a large stone floor in the centre to stretch out on. Finally, a large sauna tops it all.

Allowing imagination to run unbridled is a large hatch that can be opened to create a beach club flush with the sea, giving the fantastic feeling of never departing from well-being and relaxation. Here, sun loungers can be positioned just a step away from the

sea water.

If the desire to relax is also combined with physical fitness and if the urge to move around while breathing in the sea air is irresistible, then a fully-equipped Tecnogym gym on the main deck overlooking the sea will do the job. Here, among other things, once the sports session is over guests can reach the aft deck to regenerate themselves with freshly centrifuged fruit and vegetable smoothies while sitting at the counter of the large mosaic-customised central bar or lying on the large sofa. This is a truly delightful area as it allows guests to engage in sports and relax in the open air while being protected from the wind by the large side windows.

Descending into the Swim Platform, we reach the ideal point to get into the water in a fun way. Of course, diving from here into the crystal-clear blue waters is always an irresistible feeling, while climbing up the convenient retractable stairs adds a glamorous touch. However, this is also the starting point to enjoy the fantastic toys available on board, including the latest seabobs, flyboards, diving gear, kayaks and much more, all to be enjoyed in safety.

The large hatch gives access to the lazarette housing two tenders including

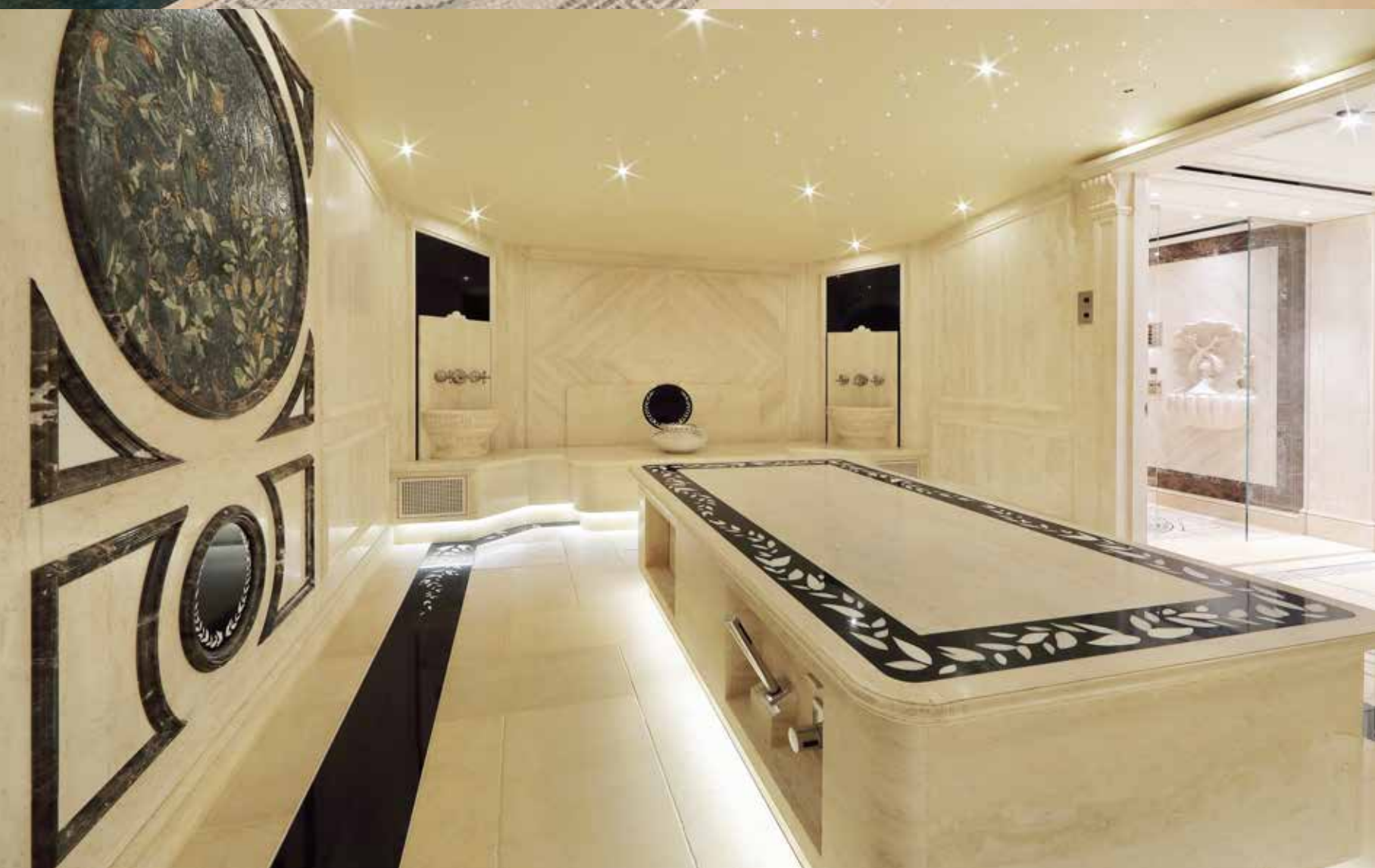






















a 9-metre RIB as well as 3 jet skis to be used for guest transportation by sea but also for all water-related fun.

Life on board is not only about fun and relaxation but also about satisfying the palate. On board ACE, at the level of the main deck, 3 chefs work from the galley to serve delicious gourmet dishes as well as simple traditional dishes such as epic pizzas or exquisite pastries.

Thanks to the large space available, guests can try their hand at preparing dishes in a real show cooking session, matching them with wines served at the right temperature and chosen from the fine selection stored in the temperature-controlled wine store.

Attending the ten guests on board is a crew of no less than 30 members who enjoy large, reserved spaces with a play area to regain energy, as well as rooms where they can rest.

The engineers' control room is next to the engine room, the beating heart of ACE, which is powered by two powerful MTU engines that push her up to 16,5 knots max speed and up to 6000 cruising miles of autonomy at 12 knots. A peculiar feature of ACE is her ability to produce and store up to 43 thousand litres of fresh water, a range that allows her to travel to remote are-

as from the Norwegian fjords to the humid coasts of Asia.

From the bridge deck the captain can oversee all on-board activities and control all manoeuvres. The bridge is designed to be extremely welcoming with wooden floors, while leather upholstery covers the seats and dashboards of the state-of-the-art systems on board, such as the powerful Raytheon. Even in dark night sailing mode she retains her charm and guests can enjoy a cruising experience and follow manoeuvres in real time. Next to the bridge is the captain's cabin with his office, allowing the captain to be ready and operational at all times.

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