

## M/Y BALAJU

## AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER IN THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN RIVIERAS

From the glamour and nightlife of St. Tropez and Cannes to the enchanting streets of Portovenere and Cinque Terre, the French and Italian Rivieras hold every kind of fairytale. Let BALAJU show you yours.

As entertaining as it is elegant, BALAJU is ideal for the entire family. The interior is a blend of warm, neutral tones and vibrant colors. Some dramatic furniture and fabrics create the lively sophistication that is BALAJU, just like the atmosphere of the Rivieras. Relax on the spacious sundeck or in the Jacuzzi to watch the sun set behind the highly perched medieval village of Eze. Rest from your activity filled day in St. Tropez in the full-beam master suite, situated on the main deck. Four cabins on the lower deck offer privacy and comfort for your guests as well.

BALAJU is an experience like no other, one that can be enjoyed by kids young and old. Let the magic of the Rivieras take you away, and let BALAJU be your vessel.

#### **CHARTER RATE**

€15,000 EUR / per day plus expenses

\*No minimum number of days required.

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## M/Y BALAJU

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

BUILDER Intermarine

YEAR / REFIT 2002

ACCOMMODATION 10 guests sleeping
L.O.A. 44.5m / 145' 11"

BEAM 8.51m / 27'11"

DRAFT 2.74m / 8' 11"

SPEED 12 knots cruising

16 knots max

WIFI YES
GYM/EXERCISE EQUIPMENT YES
DECK JACUZZI YES

#### **KEY FEATURES:**

- An expansive sundeck, perfect for viewing the Riveras and entertaining guests
- A highly professional Captain and crew, ensuring impeccable service and seamless event planning
- A world class chef that will astound you and your guests with sublime cuisine
- An endless list of toys, perfect for families with children



# THE RIVIERAS

### ONBOARD BALAJU

A stunning backdrop to an unmatched scene creates the intoxication of the French and Italian Rivieras. There are few places that are as synonymous with the allure of yachting as the stretch between St. Tropez and Portovenere. This is where the world's elite summer in style: beautiful men, women, and of course, yachts.

BALAJU is a one-of-a-kind yacht that not only thrives in the waters of the Med, she shines. Whether it is the bright lights and beach parties of the St. Tropez clubs, or the candle light and silence of St. Honorat that lure you to this part of the Mediterranean, BALAJU is an essential component to your perfect getaway.

Allow the family-friendly crew to unveil the toys and let the games begin. When you arrive in the Porquerolles, hop in the see-through kayaks and while you become mesmerized by the sunlight shimmering on the mica rocks these islands are famous for, don't forget to look down to admire the sea life beneath you. The floating trampoline will have you jumping on water and gazing at the bewitching coastline of Cinque Terre with new height.

From the well-sailed waters of Portofino, to the coasts of Cap Ferrat and Eze, this span of the Mediterranean offers a scene that never stops and BALAJU can keep up.







### PORQUEROLLES

### **FRANCE**

The Porquerolles are a group of islands off the French coast known as the "Golden Isles" for the way sunlight shimmers on its mica rock. The Porquerolles are isolated and serene. Small coves separated by rugged cliffs boast excellent swimming. Porquerolles is beloved by filmmakers, who use it as a South Sea island stand-in, and for sophisticated travelers looking to escape the hustle and bustle of modern life.



### ST. TROPEZ

#### **FRANCE**

The seaside resort town Saint Tropez made popular by Brigitte Bardot and the 1950's Jet Set remains popular with the world's elite. Set on the lovely blue water of the Bay of Saint-Tropez, this modern version of a medieval town is most popular for the line of yachts along the Quai, and the facing line of terrace cafés, divided by a parade of strolling tourists and slow cruising expensive cars. Behind the cafés, the small streets and old buildings are picturesque, but they're more popular for the multitude of shops and restaurants than historical significance.

Dining at Josephs is always a good choice. The world famous Caves du Roy is a perennial hot-spot or choose from the VIP room, the Papagayo or the piano-bar La Madrague. For a party during the day, head for the Voile Rouge, an opulent bar and restaurant where dancing in the sunshine is a regular occurrence. Le Spoon Byblos is another trendy restaurant address in St Tropez, opened by super-chef Alain Ducasse, with sumptuous hi-tech design featuring red leather and teak, and dishes inspired by the cuisines of Spain, Italy, the Riviera and North Africa.



### CANNES

#### **FRANCE**

Cannes is the "star" of the French Riviera, famous for the International Film Festival and the glitzy hotels, cars, beaches and visitors attracted here. Although it's a contrast to the pretty inland villages of the "arriére pays," it would be a shame to visit the South of France without experiencing the city for yourself. The city of Cannes is centered around the old port, with the central part quite compact. The famous "Croisette" is the boulevard and the beach that extends around the bay to the east of the port, in the protected "Rade de Cannes." The Rue d'Antibes is the main street running east-west through the center of the city.



### ANTIBES

#### **FRANCE**

Antibes was a Greek fortified town named Antipolis in the 5th century BC, and later a Roman town, and was always an active port for trading along the Mediterranean. Today it's an attractive and busy town, popular with "foreigners" from Paris and the north of France, with non-French, and with the local population. Its beauty resides in the vieille ville (old town), with the ramparts along the sea and the long, arched, protective wall along the port. There are plenty of little streets for exploring, restaurants of all types, and lots of shops, from authentic little general stores to tourist gift shops.



### ST. PAUL DE VENCE

#### **FRANCE**

St. Paul is a beautiful medieval fortified village perched on a narrow spur between two deep valleys. Its location gives you a great view of the village from the La Colle road to the east or the Cagnes-Vence road to the west. Although the village itself is one of the most intact medieval villages of the region, with much of the ramparts still intact, the predominant attraction in the village are the scores of art galleries and restaurants.

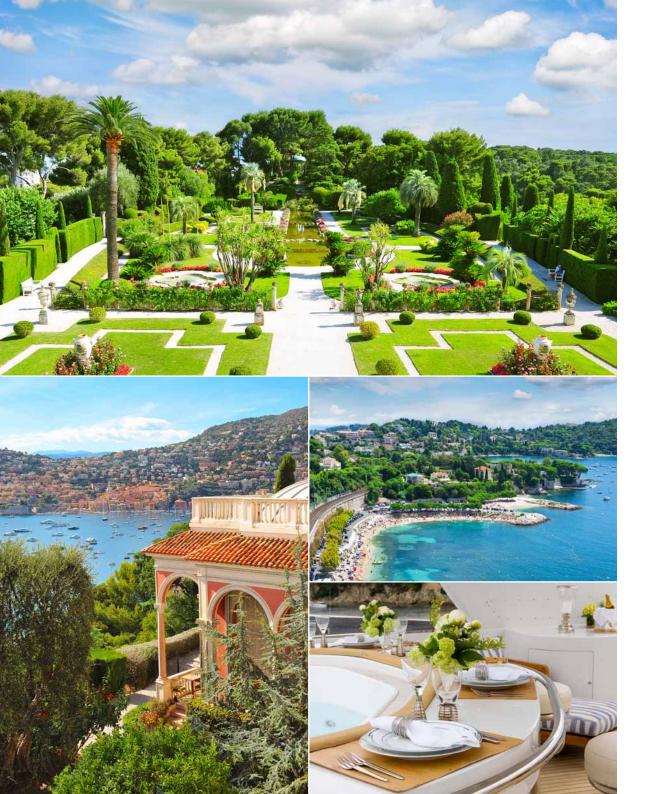




### NICE

### **FRANCE**

Nice is ancient. Inhabited for 400,000 years, the "modern" city of Nikaia was established by the Greeks. The Romans may have started the tourism with their extensive baths in Cimiez. In spite of modernization, the city retains its medieval heritage in the vieille ville (old town), with its narrow winding streets and closely-packed red-tiled roofs. Other than a base for your trips inland, Nice is a center for activities. Dine, shop, sunbath and swim, head to the theaters, operas, museums, or just stroll along the Promenade des Anglais and enjoy the good life.



### ST. JEAN CAP FERRAT

#### **FRANCE**

St. Jean Cap-Ferrat is an exceptional seaside village and one of the loveliest places on the Mediterranean coast. The penninsula juts into the warm waters of the eastern Mediterranean between Nice and Monaco. Its tranquility and warm climate make it a favourite holiday destination. Saint Jean Cap Ferrat is also known for its luxurious properties nestled amoungst lush vegetation. Wander along the port, opposite the wharf where you'll discover a number of fine restaurants and shady terraces. Also stop at the Ephrussi de Rothschild Foundation - one of the most beautiful villas on the peninsula which is open to the public.



### EZE

### **FRANCE**

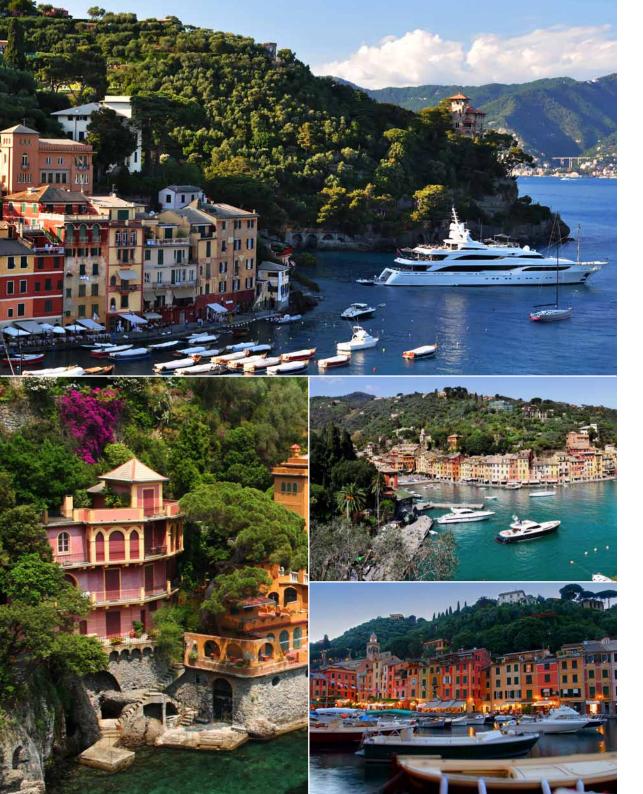
Eze is a medieval village perched like an eagles nest on a narrow rocky peak overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The ancient fortified village is still crowned with the ruins of its 12th-century fortified castle (torn down in 1706), sitting on a narrow rocky peak. The castle grounds host the well-known Jardin Exotique, and from the top you'll have a good view of the coast. The village forms a circular pattern around the base of the castle. The old buildings and narrow streets are very well restored, with high stone walls and narrow roadways of red-brick centered stone.



### MONTE CARLO

#### **MONACO**

With centuries of romantic history and a powerful concentration of the world's wealthiest residents, Monaco merits its glamorous reputation as an elegant playground for the rich and famous. This autonomous fairytale state features a royal palace, a 'Belle Epoque' casino, exotic gardens, a cliff-side aquarium, a yacht-filled harbour, plush hotels, ritzy restaurants and sumptuous spa facilities. For a night on the town, the Casino, Hotel de Paris and the Café de Paris are all synonymous with Monaco. Try Rampoldi's for dinner, the ever-popular rendez-vous with chic bistro-style atmosphere. Alternatively try Le Louis XV at the Hotel de Paris with an 18th century style dining room where the renowned Alain Ducasse conjures up Italo-Provençal cuisine.



### PORTOFINO

### **ITALY**

Originally a small fishing village shaded by eucalyptus and olive trees, Portofino has become a sunny and relaxing paradise on the Ligurian Riveria. The famous and busy harbour is dotted with palm trees and overlooks an azure sea, backed by the tranquillity of the Italian countryside with its olive groves pines and cypress trees. The exquisite swimming cove at Paraggi is just around the corner, and from to the summit of Monte Portofino, above the town, are stunning panoramic views across the Mediterranean to the mountains of Corsica. Cocktails at the famous Hotel Splendido overlooking the harbour are a must.



## CINQUE TERRE

#### **ITALY**

The steep terraced-vineyard coastline of Cinque Terre has breathtaking trails that have become a magnet for hiking enthusiasts. Each of these five villages is a unique destination carved rather amazingly out of the rock. That shouldn't preclude lesser jocks from heading to this charming region, however. This area is not only famous for its hiking trails and intense beauty, but also its great cuisine.

Before you start bouncing from one village to the next, take a 15-minute uphill trek through gorgeous vineyards, to the Santuario della Madonna di Montenero. The storybook journey, replete with fragrant wildflowers and colorful butterflies, is topped with uninterrupted views that allow visitors to size up the region's entire 11-mile coastline from 1,100 feet above sea level.

Once you've worked up an appetite, have a leisurely lunch at Trattoria Gianni Franzi, a 45-year-old institution that still serves scrumptious dishes like grilled baby octopus. For something regional yet surprising, head to L'Ancora della Tortuga. Be sure to reserve one of three tables that overlook the sea, or a spot on the upstairs terrace.



### PORTOVENERE

#### **ITALY**

Portovenere has been occupied since prehistoric and Roman times. Sitting on a rocky peninsula on the Gulf of Poets, an area in the Gulf of La Spezia, it was once populated with renowned writers like Byron, Shelley, and DH Lawrence. The main street, lined with little shops and boutiques, is entered through Portovenere's ancient city gate. On the promontory, the picturesque San Pietro church sits on a site that is believed to have been a temple to Venus, Venere in Italian, from which Portovenere gets its name. Its harbour is lined with brightly coloured houses and narrow, medieval streets that lead up to Portovenere's fortress - the Andria Doria Castle. A trip to Portovenere is not complete without a beautiful walk up to the castle and the hill which offer great views of San Pietro Church and the Sea. The Castle is open to visitors in the summer and often has fantastic art exhibits.



### ELBA

#### **ITALY**

Napoleon would think twice about fleeing from Elba were he exiled here today. Though it's a bit more congested now than when he was charitably dumped here in 1814 (he engineered an escape in less than a year), the island is an ever-glorious setting of beaches, blue waters, mountain trekking and mind-bending views, all supplemented by some very fine cuisine.

While the dismal remains of the once prevailing ironore mining industry groan on, the inevitable dominance of tourism has motored ahead. Over a million visitors a year take the one-hour ferry cruise out here, and in Portoferraio, the primary arrival point, it sometimes feels like they've all decided to turn up on the same weekend. Elba is the largest, most visited and most heavily populated island of the Tuscan Archipelago – Parco Nazionale Arcipelago Toscano, Europe's largest marine protected area – yet this 28km-long, 19km-wide island has plenty of quiet nooks, particularly if you time a visit for April, May or September. Avoid August at all costs.

