

A FANTASTIC Voyage

IS A DREAMY LIFE ON THE WATER YOUR STYLE? THEN A YACHT, OF COURSE, IS THE WAY TO GO.

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It's easy to build Canada's most luxurious charter yacht. You just need some seriously deep pockets. "The *Spirit of 2010* was essentially built with an open cheque book," says owner Dan Clozza of Forum Investments. Forum owns the 120-foot mega-yacht (you get to use "mega" once you get over 100 feet) that took five years, a full team (including interior designer Bev Richards and engineering guru George Rodden) and the aforementioned cheque book—tapped to the tune of \$12.5 million—to construct.

Ambling through the *Spirit's* three floors, five grand staterooms and staff quarters, it's hard not to wax expansive. Yachts like this are ideal for one of two purposes: the sumptuous, over-the-top cocktail party, or the luxe long-term voyage.

As the ultimate party destination, the boat easily allows up to 100 guests to mingle amid the butter-soft leather chairs and rich African cherry panelling that give the *Spirit* its private club vibe. (Those who'd like to stay a little longer have the option to buy—it's currently on the market for \$9.99 million from Blackfish Marine in Vancouver.) A commercial-style granite bar comes complete with four-door cooler and professional pour station. In the oversize galley kitchen, an executive chef helms a pair of counter-top stoves on a granite island, his creations presented on a custom Makore table—a \$30,000 affair bordered with a thick line of ebony and finished with 50 layers of lacquer.

Dream Homes



FROM TOP African cherry lines the main living space; the master bedroom is a spacious retreat; the kitchen features two stoves and two refrigerators—perfect for feeding a party; the bar, with a professional pour station, can host up to 100 guests.



But it's in the private spaces, like the staterooms, where the boat morphs from a grandiose floating party to a more intimate, clubby space for families and friends. Rich taupe Berber carpet makes feet forget they're far from shore. Of course, it's still a boat: custom-milled built-in storage abounds in the rooms, allowing for clutter-free living in a condo-size bedroom. And should you hanker for a quiet night in, there's a private theatre room, complete with 65-inch screen and all the hi-fi whistles.

And then there are the hidden luxuries. The accommodations for the private crew of six. The \$22,000 stainless steel anchors that keep your dream firmly tethered to earth. The state-of-the-art GPS and radar—lest you have an unscheduled meeting with a sandbar. And, above all, the ability to steam offshore at 12 to 18 knots without leaving a single comfort behind. *w* See SOURCES



Getting To Cabo

The *Spirit of 2010* overwinters in Los Cabos—the desert climate is better suited to afternoon margaritas than, say, Vancouver's rainy winter. No yacht to call your own? Stay at the pretty, beachside Sheraton Hacienda del Mar. It's designed in the classic style of a Mexican hacienda, with ochre-toned buildings winding through acres of gardens, dotted with fountains and songbirds. From \$169/night. starwoodhotels.com



WINGS OF DESIRE

by James Roxby Stewart

When redesigning the interior of this Bombardier Global Express XRS, designer Robert Bailey faced the owner's tough prerequisites: create a dream space that provides the utmost in comfort during ultra-long distances—and is light enough to stay in the air.

Bailey's finishes—from leather seats to hand-knotted wool carpeting, silk walls to milkweed fabric on automatic screens—keep this jet luxuriously understated. Working with Bombardier to establish the floor plan, seating styles and the interior finishes, he selected materials that were lightweight and fire retardant. (The marble countertops, for example, are a thin veneer laminated to a lightweight aeronautics substructure.) A credenza holds a climate-controlled wine cellar and hides a pop-up flat-screen TV. Smaller displays provide personal access to TV, video games, Internet and music, while a second cabin holds two sofas that easily fold into a king-size bed. (All of the executive seats also fold into beds, complete with pillowtop mattresses.) Even the four-person dining table can be reduced in size, lowering to become a coffee table—perfect for the owner who's ready to transition from meeting to party, entertainment system included, along with half a dozen guests.