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Want to learn to skipper a super yacht? Or have an intimate week-long stag party with a difference? Perhaps you're looking to entertain your business associates with real *panache*? Or have a memorable off-site meeting? Or do you just feel like throwing everything in a weekend bag and jetting off to Greece for some last-minute sun and sailing? And perhaps doing some waterskiing, wakeboarding and fishing too?

Now you can enjoy this luxury for a price that fits wallets that may already be slim after a summer holiday in Cap Ferrat, buying a Saro-Gem custom watch or splashing out on the new Jaguar F-Type.

Welcome to Misty Blue – a 63-foot luxury motor yacht that takes six guests plus crew. She's unique, built entirely to owner David and Sharon Waldman's high quality specifications. Think wood panelling, three roomy cabins with their own luxury marble en suite bathrooms, a big saloon, leather sofas and the thickest of vanilla hand-made Indian carpet. She's 2002 vintage but looks spanking new after extensive re-fitting.

There's never been a better time than now to step aboard Misty Blue. Not just because she cruises the newly fashionable Ionian Sea – to the destinations of your choice. Not simply because you swap grey skies for weather that's blissful from now until November and boasts blue heavens again from April. But because this is the LUSSO deal of the century, and perhaps the millennium.

Instead of the boat and crew costing you £18,000 to charter for six people for a week, she's being offered to the Lusso lads (and ladies) for £11,950. Just £166 per person per night (based on six people). If you want something short and sweet, take a day's cruise and gourmet meal aboard for £150 per person. Or a special Stars and Drinks evening – about which more later – a snip at £75 a head.

The week's price covers as much alcohol as you can drink 24/7, skippering lessons if you'd like them, loan of watersports and fishing gear and breakfast and delicious home-cooked lunch every day plus one gourmet five-course evening meal during the week. Included too are a personal tender to take you to shore whenever you choose, plus all the yachting services of David and Sharon, the delightful crew of two... He's the Captain/engineer; she's the first mate/chef.

What's the catch? There isn't one.

If this sounds like an advertisement, it's not. A promotion? It's not. It just so happened that David and Sharon read LUSSO – possibly the universe's leading luxury lifestyle magazine – and knew they wanted to share their yacht with its readers. Their kind of people.

You'll be in good company if you cruise the Ionian. Billie Piper just holidayed there and so too Giorgio Armani, the latter on his own boat. And it's a magnet for Oprah, Spielberg, Madonna and Abramovich. It offers some of the best sailing in the world.

Hop aboard Misty Blue and you can visit emerald islands in an azure sea. David will teach you to

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skipper, helping you with boat handling and navigation. Afterwards you'll pop onshore to dance the night away in the groovy nightclubs of Lefkada. Or jump in the tender to nip across the waves to quayside bars with live music in Meganisi's Port Vathy.

You may drop anchor by the floating Russian palaces – the mega yachts found beside Skorpios, the new party island belonging to 24 year-old Ekaterina, daughter of potash *buhzillionaire* Dmitry Ryboloblev. And swim to one of its beaches. Or you can learn to scuba-dive. And who could resist water-skiing or wakeboarding beside these James Bond-style party islands?

If peace is more your thing, David will take you to hidden bays and secluded beaches and the best harbours. You'll probably see turtles swimming and swordfish jumping out of water and dolphins playing in the bow waves as you cruise along gently. He'll also guide you on walks through gorges and villages. Or you'll hug the coast at Misty Blue's leisurely pace of 10 knots an hour, sailing past Lord Rothschild's own private peninsula for the rich and famous on Meganisi.

You'll eat barbecued sea bream, succulent octopus and stuffed vine leaves and drink *ouzo* and *retsina*. Then feast on watermelon sweeter than the sun. You'll find few places to beat the Taverna Stavros Family on Meganisi. It's on the marina, the tables set beside the bobbing boats and owner Nikolaos will treat you like a long-lost friend.

But when you don't ever want to see taramasalata again, you can enjoy Sharon's cooking on board. Coronation chicken for lunch, perhaps? Or a gourmet dinner with homemade fish cakes, lemon and lime sorbet to clean the palette, salmon with crème fraîche and dill and then the lightest of sticky toffee puddings.

You'll sunbathe on deck then lie on a recliner sipping cocktails in the evening as the sun dips behind the hills. Just when you think it can't get any better, you can stretch under a limitless sky, watching shooting stars. Or invite Steve Clarke-Lens on board for a Stars and Drinks evening. An eccentric Englishman who built his own felucca (Egyptian ship), Steve now struts the deck of Misty Blue with thespian abandon, pointing his torch into the night sky and hammily divulging fascinating facts about....oh well, I'm not going to spoil it by saying. Just go see for yourself.

 $A\ week's\ cruise\ costs\ \pounds11,950\ or\ \pounds166\ per\ person\ per\ night\ plus\ fuel\ (based\ on\ six\ people).$  Visit\ www.mistybluecharter.com.

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