

As Luck May Have It

THE PERSONAL PREFERENCES OF *SUERTE*'S OWNER MAKE THE NEW 228-FOOT TANKOA YACHT IDEAL FOR CHARTERING.

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THE OWNER OF *Suerte* had two non-negotiable requests for its design: The interior had to be modern, comfortable, and welcoming enough for him to feel as though he were coming home whenever he came aboard; and there had to be a separate entrance and set of passageways for the crew members, so that he and his guests could enjoy their privacy. Charter clients will appreciate those features—and others—as much as *Suerte*'s owner does.

The 228-foot tri-deck, whose name is the Spanish word for 'luck,' is the first launch by Italy's Tankoa Yachts; it debuted at the Monaco Yacht Show last September. It accommodates 12 guests and a crew of 17, including the captain.

The Florence-based designer Francesco Paszkowski included spacious social areas on each of *Suerte*'s decks. The interior decor, selected by Paszkowski's partner, Margherita Casprini, includes teak, oak, black slate, Jerusalem stone, and various types of leather, marble, and onyx. Notable amenities include a main saloon that also serves as a 16-person cinema room and a sky-deck swimming pool with a glass bottom that serves as a skylight for the saloon below. Carbon filters limit emissions, and advanced soundproofing reduces engine noise, making *Suerte* exceptionally green and quiet. ➤

SOCIAL GRACES || *Suerte* features numerous indoor and outdoor entertaining spaces, including two interior saloons. The upper-deck saloon (shown here) has a lounge area, an 8-foot fireplace, a 90-inch video screen, a game table, a baby grand piano, and a sushi bar. The eight-panel skylight doubles as the glass bottom of the swimming pool on the deck above. A sliding wall can convert a portion of the saloon into an additional guest cabin.

UNDERSTATED ENTRY || *Suerte's* main entryway is modelled after a winter garden. It features floor-to-ceiling windows with wooden slats, a black-slate floor, and an anodized-aluminium bar in the shape of an airplane wing. It also has separate entrances for guests and crew members, and a stairway that leads down to the beach club.





WINE AND DINE || A meal aboard *Suerte* can be a multisensory experience. The food is prepared in a galley designed by one of Italy's top restaurateurs, and served in a dining room that features a large tropical fish tank and a custom-made glass wine cabinet. The cabinet can prominently display as many as four dozen bottles from the yacht's climate-controlled pantries, which hold a total of about 600 bottles.



MOVIE NIGHTS || The focal point of the main saloon, located aft of the dining room, is an 88-inch curved Samsung video screen set into a black-slate wall. The room can comfortably accommodate 16 guests. While the outdoor areas attract guests during the day, the saloon serves as a popular gathering spot in the evening.



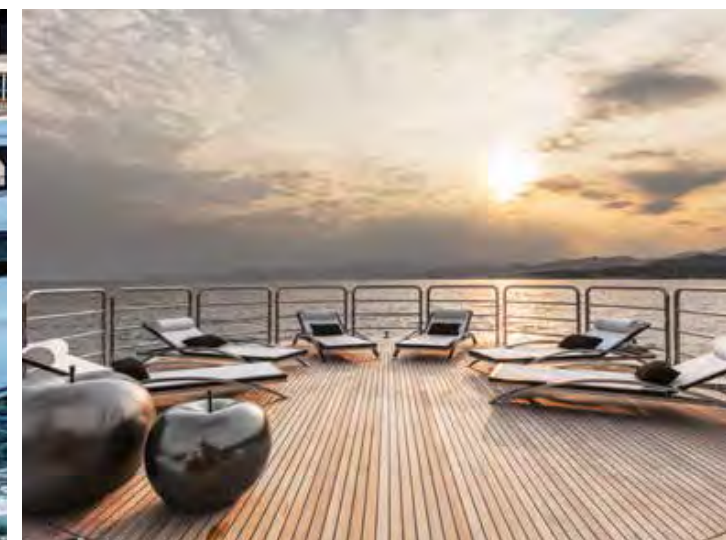
ROOM WITH A VIEW || Guests can enjoy a panoramic view from the master suite, which is located on the forward portion of the upper deck. The suite is furnished with a king-size bed and includes an office and an expansive bathroom. The adjacent private terrace houses a 20-foot-long lounge and a four-person Jacuzzi.



DETAILS, DETAILS || The VIP bathroom (above left) features a stand-alone Corian bathtub and a black-granite shower. In an upper-deck lobby (above right), a rustic wooden wall sculpture exemplifies the yacht's contemporary decor.



GREAT OUTDOORS || *Suerte* offers opportunities to enjoy the sun and the ocean breezes on each of its three decks, including the upper deck (above), where the terrace is furnished with a dining table and L-shaped sofas. The 38-foot-wide main deck (below) features a wrap-around sofa that seats as many as 20 guests. The deck also provides access from the entry area to the beach club below.



CATCHING RAYS || The sky deck features a 16-foot pool (top) with a swim-up bar. The open space at the rear of the deck (above right) can be used for sunbathing or dancing, and it converts into a helipad. *Suerte's* beach club (above left) is separated from the swim platform by glass doors and is equipped with a sauna, a white-marble Turkish bath, a massage room, and a full bathroom. In front of the beach club is a tender garage housing personal watercraft, underwater sleds, and two 23-foot tenders. [R]

CHARTERING *SUERTE*

BUILDER: Tankoa Yachts, www.tankoa.com **DELIVERED:** September 2015 **LENGTH:** 228 feet **CABINS:** 6 **GUESTS:** 12 **CREW:** 17 **CRUISING AREAS:** Caribbean during the winter; Mediterranean during the summer **WEEKLY BASE RATE:** Starting at about \$611,000 **TOYS AND TENDERS:** Two custom-made 23-foot tenders with 260 bhp engines, four Seabob Cayago F7 underwater sleds, six personal watercraft, snorkelling and diving equipment **HIGHLIGHT:** Enjoying the view from the observation platform above the sky deck **CHARTER CONTACT:** Yacht-Ology, sales@yacht-ology.com