

Life After Yachting: From Chief Stew To CEO Of TAP Expeditions

How did Gemma Heyns go from being a chief stew to a CEO, and what advice does she have for you?

Gemma Heyns, former chief stew and current CEO of [TAP Expeditions](#), an African Safari company that provides tailored and unique exploration experiences for captains, crew, and guests was in the exact same position as you. So, how do you go about planning your life after yachting?

Life after yachting: Q&A with Gemma Heyns:



1. Tell us about your life on board, ie what made you choose a career path in yachting, how long you were a yachtie for, what your job role was.

I started yachting purely for the ability to travel, growing up in South Africa, international travel wasn't affordable nor was our passport accepted in other countries on a working

basis. Yachting seemed to be the answer to these setbacks, I set my mind to two years, the plan was to travel and explore as much as possible. I didn't know enough about yachting to focus on climbing the ladder to Chief Stew... initially.

Time passed and I loved the adventure and yachting community, after traveling and working seasonally in the industry I was allowed to step up to a Chief Stewardess position. It was at this stage that my focus shifted from the need to explore every corner of the globe to the need to build capital for whatever my next endeavor might be. Ultimately I ended up working in the industry for a decade and looking back now a decade filled with incredible experiences, self-growth, and maturity.

2. Which yachts had you worked on previously?

So, in my early years I struggled to find a job, to be honest, I met agents and applied for jobs relentlessly but nothing came. Answering every unknown phone call with an air of hope. Finally, my first job came as a sole stewardess on a private/charter 30m motor yacht, formally known as M/Y Eagles Nest (shout out to any sole stew working on a charter boat – some of those days were my most brutal days onboard.)

From there I moved to M/Y Serque and it was here working as a 2nd stewardess under an incredible Chief Stewardess who was also a professional butler, ran top restaurants in NYC (as head chef), and served on some of the most beautiful mega superyachts. She had a hugely successful career in hospitality and an overwhelming commitment to developing my skills set. To this day I have not met a more inspiring, hardworking woman in the industry, to who I am eternally grateful for! These were the tough breakthrough years, from there I stepped up into Chief Stewardess roles on 55m – 65m motor yachts.

3. What is your current Job role now and where are you based?

My current role is one of many hats (a great skill learned in yachting) I founded a boutique safari company called [TAP Expeditions](#) creating tailored travel to Southern Africa.

I build and market itineraries personalized to each guest's interests and needs in their quest to explore Africa's wildlife, culture, landscapes, and history. My day to day ranges from meetings with industry professionals, social media and marketing, website development, sales, and accounts, and of course looking after guests ensuring they have the best information and preparation before, during, and after their travel. I love Africa and TAP Expeditions is a platform to share that love with others.



4. At what stage did you know it was the right time to consider transitioning to a land-based job? Can you explain the rationale behind your decision?

The decision to go land-based came out of a personal need to reconnect with my family and friends at home. There had been so many missed occasions and I felt as though I was living in a different world from all of it. It was an emotional decision. It was only once I was land-based, working for a safari company in Cape Town that my focus settled and my plan forward started to align. I had played with the idea of opening a safari company.

Many guests during my yachting days had asked if I would ever

consider taking them to Africa (let's face it African news can be quite intimidating) and my answer was always a huge YES! I would love to share the beauty of my continent with guests who after a ten-day charter or so thought they might never leave the boat or me behind!

Similarly, the fellow crew from around the world are always eager to explore. I found I was able to help plan their trip to Africa when they were often left with little planning time (often crew is caught in a crazy season and when it ends they jump on a plane and their leave starts). Running TAP Expeditions is purely commissioned base (the properties where you stay take the price knock). Thus crew is given expert knowledge, will be informed of ongoing specials, and not have the pressure of working and planning to deal with. All for the price they would pay had they booked the trip themselves.

I built my industry knowledge and nurtured connections within my safari job until I received a phone call from a long-time captain who I worked with for many years. "Gem," he said, "do you want to come back and help me set up another amazing program?" A tough decision, but it was a yes; let's face it who leaves yachting only once;) I went back, now with a clearly defined plan to utilize yachting to set up what would be my future career.

Having a rotational role meant I had time and capital to build my business. Working on a private/charter vessel gave me access to the clientele market I need while forming valuable relationships. This time around I had a goal and strategy to kick start my official life after my yachting career.



5. Did you have a plan for your new career before arriving on land and did you have an idea of what you wanted to do?

As per above, it took an emotional need to leave yachting before I was able to formulate a strategic exit the second time around. Having a plan ensured that I made the most out of every contact, opportunity, and cent made while still working on a yacht.

6. Can you tell us what the best part of being a CEO is, and how the skills you acquired as a yachtie have helped your career life after yachting?

It's funny cause I have been reflecting on this recently. When I took my very first yacht job, an experienced stew who I met at a crew house said to me:

“congratulations working as a sole steward you will learn all facets of the job. And, the results obtained are a direct reflection of your hard work and commitment to succeed.”

Well, those words ring true as a CEO too, especially starting as a one-woman show, it is the commitment to succeed which can be grueling. But once you start ticking off those milestones, the reward is nothing short of empowering.

Yachting as an industry adds huge value to creating a rounded CEO.

These are the top three skills in my book:

A. Yachting develops the skill to work under immense pressure with limited time frames, high expectations, and logistical constraints.

B. Yachting truly expanded my ability to understand and work with a range of people from vastly different wealth, cultural and demographic backgrounds. The ability to create a strong team and empower individuals to share their passions and common goals are huge. It is the road to success, an old African proverb I am encouraged by says, “if you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

C. Responsibility, learning to be accountable for yourself and your role, whether it is caring for and maintaining a billion-dollar yacht, honoring your word, or just showing up and being present, hold yourself accountable.

7. If you could go back in time, do you think you'd make any changes to the way you went about the transition from the sea to land?

Yes, the major difference would be TIME! I should have

realized time is not infinite. There are many points in my yachting journey where I could have better utilized the resources available to me. I would have started planning and building my business much earlier and invested more in the maintenance of relationships over time.

8. What do you think the biggest challenges are for crew wanting to leave yachting and start something new?

There is a huge misconception about the yachting industry. A “yachtie,” is almost always immediately classified as a dropout or party starter, or just lost. My advice to anyone leaving the industry is, don’t play into these misconceptions, be proud and confident of what you have achieved!

For example, all you chief stews/stewards out there, you’re not a specialist toilet cleaner (not that this should be dismissed itself, it shows grit). You successfully managed the interior staff and functioning on-board large, privately owned motor yachts valued at \$20 000 000, as well as everything below:

- Controlled and managed interior budgets and supplies
- Facilitated human relations, key skills development, and training of multiple expertise to a diverse workforce
- Interior team recruitment and hiring
- Client relations and silver service provider to an elite international clientele on expeditions starting at \$350 000/week
- Events management, seamlessly orchestrated a variety of successful events and showings on board for up to 150 people, often with very strict time constraints and intense pressures
- Sourcing and facilitating suppliers and contractors in remote, foreign locations
- Conflict resolution and problem-solving to ensure seamless efficiency and customer service

- Safety, security, and medical aid duties
- Food and hygiene safety

You have done a lot!!!! Don't undermine your skillset.

9. Is there anyone who has inspired you, or helped you build this new path for yourself?

I have had some amazing friends and family worldwide who have helped to put TAP Expeditions on the map and grow my reach, thank you to them. A former employer once said to me follow your passion, often great ventures are born out of a passion project, even if you feel like you're swimming upstream. This has been advice that kept me moving forward even when adversities hit.

10. And lastly, where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

On safari! In five years, I would like to have an established confident team of safari specialists. Have more resources to empower the work taken on by my [partnering charities](#). Maintain the personal and intimate connection between clients, staff, and suppliers. Relationships are worth more than the bottom line and I hope in five years I still know that.



To finish off, please could you share with our readers your top 3 tips for preparing for life after yachting:

- Utilize your platform, the people, the travel, the money! It is a blessing to have an abundance of these while still in the yachting industry
- Nurture relationships, surround yourself with your biggest advocates
- There is more to success than money, establish these

goals early

Following on from our life after yachting series, make sure to read our feature with Matt redstone, former head of global services by, [clicking here](#).

For the latest yacht crew news, click [here](#).

Porto Montenegro and Gulf Craft Now Offer A Deal On Home Berthing

As part of a new collaboration unprecedented in the marine industry, [Porto Montenegro](#) and [Gulf Craft](#) have teamed up to offer complimentary home port berthing to Gulf Craft's owners who base their yachts in Porto Montenegro.

New Gulf Craft purchased in 2022/2023 are eligible for free seasonal or [annual berthing](#), and owners who purchased a Gulf Craft in 2021 receive a 40 percent discount.



In addition to the complimentary Silver Membership for two people at Porto Montenegro Yacht Club, owners of Gulf Craft boats who choose to berth at Porto Montenegro will be able to enjoy additional, highly attractive lifestyle benefits. Yacht Club members can use the spectacular Yacht Club Pool, the Sailing Squadron, and the Sports Club, which offer excellent services and amenities, as well as reciprocal membership privileges at over 15 yacht clubs worldwide.

The Porto Montenegro Marina Director, Tony Browne has said:

“For two brands that are recognised as world leaders in their sectors, this partnership is an absolutely natural outcome of our years of friendship and great mutual respect. We are thrilled to offer Complimentary Home Port Berthing to Gulf Craft owners and look forward to welcoming them into our marina community.”

The jewel of the Adriatic and the world's first TYHA 5 Gold Anchor Platinum marina, Porto Montenegro resides in the

stunning Boka Bay, among spectacular cruising grounds that remain relatively uncrowded even during high season. The naturally protected waters of Boka Bay benefit from a mild climate and 260 days of sunshine every year, making it the perfect spot for both cruising and sea trials. It is easy to reach all the major cruising grounds of the Eastern Mediterranean from Porto Montenegro.

Owners, captains and crew can take advantage of the full home port solution at Porto Montenegro. A wide range of yacht services and amenities are available on the marina's 450 berths. This includes valet services and overview supervision for large vessels, as well as an onshore entertainment program.

"Porto Montenegro is a very special place, with the magnificent natural beauty of its surroundings, outstanding quality of the marina and warmth of its people," said Mohammed Hussein Alshaali, Chairman of Gulf Craft. "I cannot think of a better place as home-port for our yacht owners and we are honoured to form this partnership with Porto Montenegro."

Home Port offers one full calendar year of berthing from the date a yacht owner secures their berth in Porto Montenegro, beginning in April 2022.

Find out the official list of 2022 yacht crew events in Porto Montenegro for this med season by clicking [here](#)

Yacht Chefs: Do You know Your Meat Cuts?



“There are many ways to leave your lover but many more ways to cook all the different cuts of beef...and all that even before you’ve paired it with other ingredients to create your amazing dish. One of the secrets to cooking beef perfectly is knowing your cuts and the section of cow that your beef comes from that has a strong impact on its flavor, texture and cooking method.

How many primal cuts are there in a cow?

There are 8 primal meat cuts in a cow: the brisket, shank, rib, chunk, loin, round, flank, and short plate. On their turn, the primal cuts are then broken down into sub-primal cuts, including specific steaks and chops such as flank steak, flat iron steak, filet mignon, rib eye, Tbone, porterhouse, etc.

However, In order to have a better understanding of different cuts of meat you need to understand where in the animal a certain piece of meat comes from.

So, whereabouts in the animal do certain pieces of the animal come from?

Meat means muscle, so one of the most important aspects to remember while learning about meat is that muscles that are utilized more frequently become tougher than muscles that are used less. The shoulder, neck, and legs, for instance, include muscles that work the hardest during life. The sections of the animal that work less are found in its rear part, particularly in the small of the back.

Although, the muscles that don't get used much will be tender, at the same time they lack the richness of cuts that are marbled with fat or that contain a lot of connective tissue, which breaks down with long braising or stewing. Fat adds flavor, and so do the surrounding organs, which may lend a stronger flavor to cuts. In fact, the tenderloin, while exceedingly tender, is the least flavorful cut of meat on the animal. Cuts like the shank and neck take hours to tenderize but are richly flavored. Muscles that work build flavor.

An interesting fact is that the rule above applies to all the types of meat we consume, from different mammals and birds. For instance, the chicken breast meat is very tender, much more tender than the legs and thighs that work more. This makes them full of flavor, but tougher.

What are the 8 primal meat cuts?

The Brisket

Found in the chest area between the shoulders of the cow, which means it's a working part of the animal so it moves quite a lot during its lifetime, so the brisket has a large amount of fat which is marbled throughout and adds lots of flavour to the meat.

Traditionally, brisket is slow-roasted in the oven until the meat is falling apart and meltingly tender. However, it is also the most popular cut for making corned beef and pastrami, and can also be turned into mince as the fat prevents it from drying out during cooking.

Shank:

This cut comes from beneath the brisket. Because this area is full of connective tissue, the part is known to be one of the toughest of all 8 cuts and requires a lot of preparation to tenderize. It is typically cut into cross sections called Shank Cross-Cuts which are braised to make flavorful, fork-tender dishes such as OssoBuco. The usual shank cuts are usually cooked for extended periods allowing the meat to tenderize as much as possible.

Rib:

These cuts are obtained from the cow's backbone and ribs: to be more specific, only the last 6 to 12 of the 13 pairs of ribs; the chuck cut takes the remaining ribs. Because this muscle doesn't get much exercise, it yields some of the tenderest meat and can develop excellent marbling which imparts moisture and flavor to the meat. The high amount of marbling in these cuts is one of the main reasons behind their rich flavor. The beef rib primal cut offers some of the most tender, flavorful, and generally desirable steaks and roasts, so the rib primal cuts are the best for grilling and roasting and not for slow cooking.

Chuck:

Comes from around the shoulders, it's a rich flavored cut that can be used to prepare delicious roasts that are ideal for cooking low and slow as well as very succulent grill steaks. It is also home to short ribs. The shoulders are one of the hardest working parts of the animal, so chuck can be quite tough if not cooked properly. This is due to its high fat and tissue content. During the cooking process, the sauce absorbs

the flavors of the beef while preventing the meat from drying out.

Loin:

The loin is located at the top of the cow, just behind the ribs. The tenderest and most expensive cuts of beef come from the loin and are usually divided into two parts: sirloin and short-loin. the short loin is where we find the most desirable cuts of meat. These include T-bone and porterhouse steaks, as well as the strip loin. The muscles in this part of the cow are not overworked, the meat is quite tender. While sirloin is slightly tougher than short-loin, it is thought to be the more flavorful of the two.

Round:

The round is a large primal cut consisting mainly of the rear leg and the rump of the cow. While this primal cut of beef tends to be lean, it is also tougher as the muscles around this part of the steer are usually worked hard on a regular basis. The round cut is among the most inexpensive beef cuts you can get that are every bit as nourishing as beef tenderloin or ribeye steak which makes the beef round a very economical way to feed a family or any other group of hungry people.

Flank:

The flank cut, which is just below the loin, is one of the tastiest but in the same toughest cuts of meat, you'll ever eat. There are no bones in this flavorful cut and needs loving care and proper cooking technique to bring out all the good flavor in it. It used to be known as one of the cheapest cuts however its low-fat content, has elevated its status as one of the most sought after, and thus increased its price. There are two opposite cooking choices with a flank. You either cook it hot and fast, or long and slow by braising. The purpose is to break down the connective tissues by cutting thin slices or by heat and moisture.

Short plate:

The short plate primal is found in the cow's abdomen, sits below the rib, and the meat from this part of the animal is rich in flavor and well-marbled. Plate cuts have a tighter grain structure and are fatter than rib cuts, so they have a great quality-price ratio.

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As you can read in the article above, the 8 primal meat cuts have varying levels of flavor, tenderness, and fat. Knowing the various cuts of meat will not only help you choose the best cuts for different cooking methods and meals, but it will also help you reduce the amount of time you spend simply thinking of great recipes you would like to prepare.

This article was written in collaboration with [Maison del gusto](#), a high-end food selector and Monaco's premiere purveyor of gourmet food. Driven by the desire to offer you the most flavorsome, tender, succulent, and consistent meat—without compromise. Please ask for our catalog and choose your cut among the best beef in the world. You can choose among our Galician beef selection, Australian and the American Black Angus beef, or the Kagoshima or Waygu Japanese beef.

To find out how to make fresh produce, including the 8 primal meat cuts last the crossing, [Click here.](#)

Running an Online Business:

The Real Truth

Are you thinking about life after yachting?

All you may want to know about running an online business

If you are a yachtie and haven't said you are leaving yachting FOR GOOD at least three times, are you even a yachtie...? We all know by now the amazing lifestyle that the yachting industry allows us to have during our time working on boats. And we also know that going land-based and running an online business after experiencing THAT lifestyle, is not easy, to say the least. It is actually one of the most difficult decisions that you will probably have to face in your life.

Obviously, depending on:

- Where you come from
- The possibilities that exist in your country jobs wise
- The salaries
- The cost of living

As well as many other crucial factors, you will relate to this post on different levels.

So, if you want to leave yachting, but you do not want a “normal job”, what's the option?

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Probably, the first thing that comes to your mind is running

an online business. Which, for [Jamila](#), was THE ONLY option. However, it can be difficult to make big investments- especially if you are someone who is careful with their money. Therefore, if you do want to set up your own business, but you are not willing (or are not in a financial position) to make a huge initial investment, what are your options? Jamila has been running www.starfishcrew.com since November 2016. She is here to tell us how she has been able to support herself through the business she created after leaving yachting.

Misconceptions about running an online business:

IT DOESN'T COST YOU ANYTHING:

Even if you are offering services, not products, you will ALWAYS have to invest a bit of money. Especially at the beginning. Running an online business means that you will need AT LEAST a website. If you are not able to create a professional website by yourself, you will need a web designer. And, THEY ARE NOT CHEAP. This is just the very basic. Counting on you not to have to buy any other equipment to create the content you are planning on selling. Aside from this initial investment, which, let's face it, you will have to make, you need to count on all the monthly expenses that you will have. Just to keep your business running, you will need to pay for things like:

- Annual hosting
- Mailing platforms (let's say Mailchimp) monthly fees

And many other expenses that may not even occur to you. If you are not computer savvy, and need to hire somebody every time you want to change something on your web. Obviously, every

business is different, so your monthly expenses may be close to zero, or maybe much higher. But this post has been made to let you know what you may find on average.

IT GIVES YOU TOTAL FREEDOM:



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This depends on what you see as “freedom”. Yeah, sure, you can take your laptop with you and work from anywhere. If you do want to work. If you do not want to work, you don’t have to, obviously. You are your own boss. Which is amazing. However, if you do not work, you do not get paid. When you work for yourself, and you know that if you do not reply to a certain email, that potential client might be lost, you will probably end up replying to that email. Online business or not, when you are your own boss, you always feel this “pressure”, not knowing how that month is going to go financially.

So:

1. You either have to have multiple sources of income
2. Savings to back you up just in case
3. Or be 100% sure that you will be able to make enough money to support yourself and pay the high monthly bills that everyone with a “normal life” has.

PASSIVE INCOME:

The idea that you will set your business up and it will just run itself, providing you with an amazing passive income is just not true. An online business is HARD WORK.

If you are not willing to:

- Spend endless hours in front of your computer
- Invest in mail marketing, design, SEO, etc courses

This might not be for you.

LOTS OF MONEY:

An online business requires time before it starts making enough money for you to start thinking about it as a “real” source of income.

You will have:

- Great months: when you will feel like a rockstar
- Average months: when you will feel like your business is in a bit of a slump
- And bad months: when you will literally want to quit

And you have to be prepared for it.

Can you make enough money from running an online business?



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That's entirely up to you, and your circumstances. Could you live with, say 4,000 pounds a month where you are from? In London, 4,000 may not get you as much. However, in a country like Spain, where the average monthly salary is 1,500 monthly, you could have more of a comfortable life. You will need to calculate how much money you will need a month to live comfortably wherever it is you want to relocate to when you quit yachting.

where to start with running an online business:

Just, START! Most of the time we don't start things that we want to do because we overthink them too much. Just, start! One thing at a time. And before you know it, you will have all the basics covered. This quote may help:

"What if it were easy"

Just think about what you would be doing (in this case, business-wise) if it was easy.

When to give up running an online business:

Running an online business will mean that you most likely will want to give up 1,000 times. Especially, when you know that you can get another job on a yacht quite easily. And, continue getting a great salary for it without worrying about all of the “real-life struggles”. You need to be able to balance the satisfaction with the struggles. In doing so, you will find that the positives always win. However, there are times when you may need to accept the reality and give up that initial idea that you haven’t been able to make work.

Not explicitly QUITTING, just re-think your business idea if it’s gotten to a point where you have been trying for months and it just hasn’t worked.

There is obviously a reason why it is not working.

- Re-think your niche
- Target a different audience
- Maybe invest in a professional to help your design a business strategy
- Re-define your short and long-term objectives

There are a million things that could be stopping your business to work. The sooner you face them, the sooner you will make it work.

Overall, it’s certainly not easy but once you find your footing the benefits will come



We hope you found this article useful!

For more advice from Jamila, check out The [Crew Library](#).

And for the latest superyacht news, click [here](#).

West Nautical Fuel Calculator – How it Works

How does the West Nautical Fuel Calculator help Superyacht owners and charter clients budget for their holidays?

The West Nautical Fuel Calculator allows charter guests and yacht owners to calculate the fuel consumption and cost, based on their itinerary. Making it the easiest way to map your dream itinerary, while being able to calculate the yacht fuel costs.

So how does it work?

The fuel calculator has an interactive map. You can input the starting point as well as a destination onto the map. This will automatically populate the distance table. The next step is to enter the speed and fuel consumption of the yacht. Most yacht brochures will have information about the maximum and cruising speed as well as the fuel consumption. Which, is calculated at a number of litres per hour. The last step is to input the cost of fuel per litre. This is information that all captains and chief Engineers will have as they regularly bunker in similar locations. This will then calculate the total fuel cost of the trip and when each passage is calculated, will calculate the fuel cost for the charter. Each yacht will consume fuel differently for a number of reasons, the main reason being the size and make of the engines as well as the speed at which the yacht is able to cruise.

Click on the link to give it a go and try out some

examples: westnautical.com/fuel-calculator/

The screenshot shows the WestNautical fuel calculator interface. On the left is a world map with 'Map' and 'Satellite' tabs. On the right is a dark-themed control panel with the following sections:

- TOTAL DISTANCE (NM):** Input field for NAUTICAL MILES (0).
- TOTAL DISTANCE (KM):** Input field for KILOMETERS (0).
- SPEED (KN):** Input field for KNOTS (0).
- SPEED (KPH):** Input field for KM/HOUR (0).
- FUEL CONSUMPTION (L/HOUR):** Input field for L/HOUR (0).
- FUEL COST (PER LITRE):** Input field for PER LITRE (0).
- TIME TAKEN:** Displays 0 DAYS, 0 HOURS, and 0 MINUTES.
- TOTAL:** Displays 0 FUEL CONSUMED (L) and 0 TOTAL COST.

To plot points on the map, click with your mouse – this will automatically update the distance table. Then enter the speed, fuel consumption, and [fuel cost](#) to determine the total cost of the trip.

Here are some examples of fuel consumption:

1: A fast 30m yacht cruising at 20 knots (Lady Amanda) will consume roughly 400-500 l/hour.



2: A typical displacement yacht may cruise at 12 knots and consume 300 l/hour.

3: Some yachts can cruise at 10 knots (Firefly) and consume

100 l/hour.

Fuel prices can fluctuate, but typically fuel when cruising in the Mediterranean is between €0.80 – €1.20 per litre.

Have a go at using the West Nautical Fuel Calculator and let us know how it goes!

If you are interested in chartering a yacht, get in touch with West Nautical's expert team on charter@westnautical.com or view their yachts for charter on [their website](#)

For help with yacht and destination-specific fuel, calculations get in touch with one of their client managers today: info@westnautical.com

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**Yacht Crew: Your Official
Invitation To The 2022
YachtNeeds Crew Party**

**Superyacht Content is the
official media partner for**

the 2022 Yachtneeds Party!

[YachtNeeds marketplace](#) and [Port Vauban](#) are happy to announce their partnership in hosting their annual fun-filled Yachtneeds Crew Party, which will take place on Friday 8th April 2022. With hundreds of crew already registered and more continuing to sign up, Bastion Saint Jaume, Antibes will be filled with yachties from far and wide, ready to party the night away.

Captains and crew attending the event can expect a night of fun, laughs, catching up with friends, free bbq, free drinks, exceptional DJs, musicians, magicians, and much more.

Haven't registered yet? [Click here](#) and come and meet us at the crew party of the year! Be there for the start of the party at 7:00 pm, and don't forget to wear your best Hawaiian shirt!

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A message from Tony Stout, Founder of Yachtneeds:

"The reason we're putting this event on is not only to celebrate the launch of YACHTNEEDS marketplace but also to bring the industry back together. Yacht crew are the backbone of our industry and thanks to our partnership with Port Vauban Antibes and our sponsors, we're able to offer crew a really fun night off the boat in an incredible location," – Tony Stout, Founder of Yachtneeds.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the sponsors of the 2022 Yachtneeds crew party!

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- GF Entertainment
- All Services

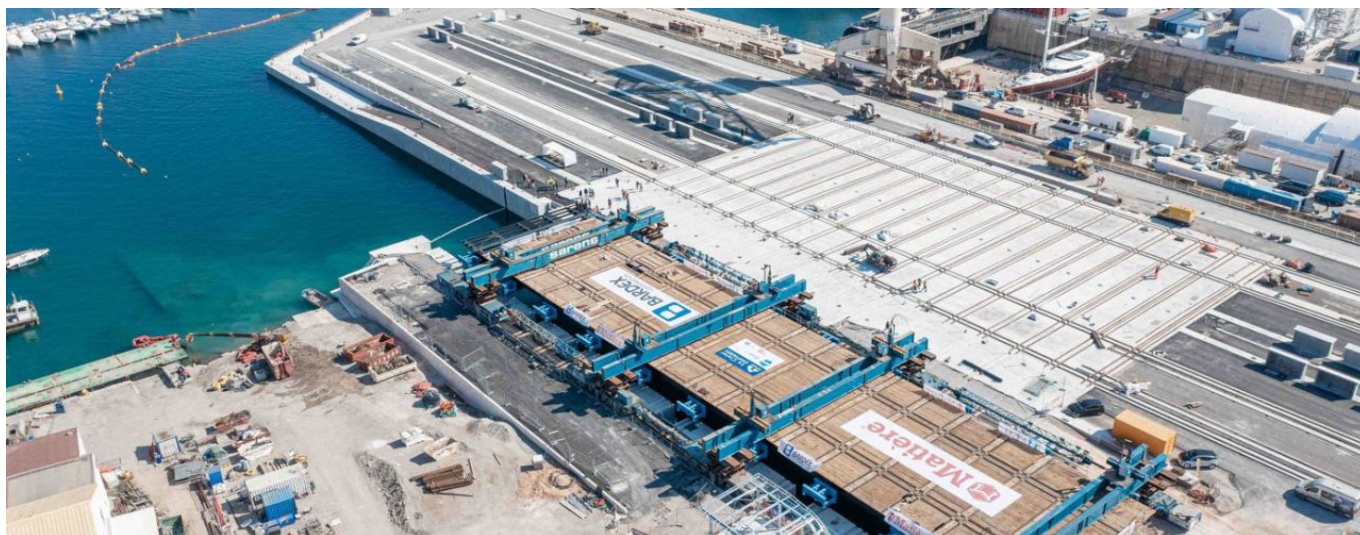
Watch Now for highlights of the 2019 Yachtneeds crew party in Port Vauban, Antibes:

For further details of the event, stay up to date by [clicking here](#).

To check out the 2022 Superyacht Events, [Click here](#)

MB92 La Ciotat Superyacht Shipyard Closer To Completion

[MB92](#) La Ciotat, France's leading superyacht refit shipyard, announced that a major milestone has been reached in the construction of the platform, maintaining the shipyard's schedule for the opening of the facility as planned this autumn for yachts up to 115-metres in length.



What's new?

Following the delivery last summer of the main elements of the structure and 9 months of engineering work on-site, the Matière-Bardex team has now completed the complex task of assembling and moving the lifting platform to its final position. At 100 metres in length, equivalent to a football pitch, and 20 metres wide, the platform weighs 1,100 tonnes and required a team of 20 people and 3 hours to carry out the exceptional manoeuvre of moving the shiplift structure and 2 days for the final installation in the concrete recess.

The innovative Bardex lifting system which includes 20 chain jacks is now being installed and features a hydraulic ram and chain system expressly designed to increase safety and reduce maintenance.



The Installation of the world's largest artificial harbour-based fish nursery:

The platform's docks have been equipped with a biomimetic solution supplied by the company Seaboost. Based on the complex structure of Posidonia seagrass, this solution creates an effective, integrated, and safe environment that will encourage the reproduction of local marine species.

In addition to the nursery, La Ciotat Shipyards, the local port authority, have administered an exemplary project, implementing numerous environmental measures during the construction phase such as soil decontamination, reuse of materials on-site, installation of a double bubble curtain, and anti-sediment curtains to protect cetaceans and water quality.

Mathieu Bauden, MB92 La Ciotat Facilities Director comments:

“This is a key stage in the delivery of the 4300t platform which leaves us well-positioned as we enter the final six months of the project. The next important steps are the delivery of the control building, the installation of all energy networks, reception of the transfer system, the cradles, and final testing followed by certification by Lloyds this summer.”

Vincent Escallier, Commercial Director of MB92 La Ciotat added:

“We are all looking forward to the imminent opening of our new facility and this latest accomplishment brings us one step closer. It’s an extraordinary piece of infrastructure that complements the wide range of lifting options available to clients of our shipyard.”

For a Yacht Crew Guide To La Ciotat, [Click here](#)

2022 Yacht Crew Events In Porto Montenegro

A Yachties Summer In Porto

Montenegro

Captains and Crew, the official list of 2022 Yacht Crew events in [Porto Montenegro](#) is here! In the past year, the world's best Superyacht Marina, and may I add, the world's first platinum-status marina, has attracted yachties from worldwide and hosted an array of activities at the Porto Montenegro Crew Club. We can't wait for you to see what's planned for you this Summer...

But firstly, why should yacht crew visit Porto Montenegro?

Located in the UNESCO-protected Bay of Kotor, Porto Montenegro offers Superyacht crew the chance to attend a vibrant series of events, concerts, and festivals planned for locals, crew club members, residents, and international tourists. Want to bring your friends and family with you? The 2022 Porto Montenegro events calendar has something for everyone.

Superyachts are set to pile into the marina and the 2022 Med hot-spot is preparing for a summer of concerts, wine tasting events, foodie weekends, fashion shows, sporting competitions, and outdoor challenges.

What is there to do in and around the Superyacht Marina?

1. Porto Montenegro Superyacht Marina is a short drive from Lake Skadar, the largest lake in Southern Europe, often overlooked by the tourist trail.
2. Tara Canyon, the second deepest canyon in the world is around 3 hours away.
3. In early spring, the snow-capped mountains of Kolasin

and Zabljak, reaching more than 2,000 metres high, provide the ideal setting for off-the-beaten-track skiing.

4. Set sail to the best beach clubs in the country, from Ribarsko Selo, a beach restaurant where fishermen bring in fresh catches of the day, to the world-famous Nikki Beach, a recent stylish addition to the Bay of Tivat. Just less than a 2 hour drive from the Marina, enjoy the 13km long beach, Velika plaža, with kite surfing, chilled parties and an open horizon.
5. For a cultural visit, the medieval fortified town of Kotor with its limestone cliffs and winding streets, and the 'Our Lady of the Rocks church', set on an islet off the coast of Perast.
6. [The marina village](#) and [Yacht Club](#) is the heartbeat of Porto Montenegro's buzzing social scene. Accommodating for yacht crew, residents, and guests, the old and new come together to take in the 2022 Superyacht med-spot.
7. Take a visit to Boka Bay.

Porto Montenegro 2022 Summer Events List:

Boka Bay Trail – 1st May 2022



Image from Porto Montenegro

This unique trail race is a rare opportunity to see the beautiful bay and take in the breathtaking coastline from a new perspective – and at the perfect time of year. With three different trails – 16km, 33km, and 83km – each starting from a different town in Boka Bay, runners will discover new routes through the area, ending at the same place – the striking Old Town of Kotor.

Spark.me – 4th-5th June

Spark.me is one of the most carefully curated business and internet conferences in Southeast Europe. Each year, Spark.me brings stories from the front lines of disruptive technological solutions, innovative business models, engaging branding strategies, and world-changing initiatives. Designed to inspire, to ignite the imagination, Spark.me connects business, technology, and innovation leaders, marketers, start-ups, and geeks with industry experts and a network of companies.

Made In New York Jazz Festival Vol. 6 & 7 – 17th and 24th June

Montenegro's international community comes together for the Made In New York Jazz Festival. Both the 6th edition (postponed from September 2021) and the 7th edition of this international music festival will take place on the Synchro Stage, presenting a line-up of legendary global, US, and European jazz artists. Marking jazz appreciation month throughout June, and organised in collaboration with Rabbit Records, the festival brings the flair of Manhattan to the marina village.

Superyacht Summer Games – 26th June

Superyacht crews and industry professionals are invited to participate in the exciting and fast-paced event held within the grounds of Porto Montenegro. Teams compete in a decathlon and sailing regatta, challenging their agility, hand-eye coordination, teamwork, and sportsmanship through a fun-filled course on land, followed by a regatta in J70s. A BBQ and award ceremony is the perfect end to the day, and a chance for teams to celebrate their success.

Marks of Protection Art Experience – 18th June – 2nd July

Marks of Protection is a visual and historical exploration of Slavic tattooing as both striking symbolism and a surprisingly effective method to combat human trafficking by historic invaders. In this remarkable exhibition at the Naval Heritage Museum, guests can discover this ancient Balkan tradition through an array of NFTs, fine art, and photography.

SuperWine 9.0 – 2nd July



Image from Porto Montenegro

The SuperWine festival is the most exciting wine tasting event in Southeast Europe. Guests enjoy tastings from some of the most respected and carefully selected regional and European wineries at a summer pool party at the Yacht Club. The festival is completed by DJ performances and culinary zones, making it a night to remember.

Concert: Berlin Visiting – 20th July

One of the cultural highlights of the summer, this classical music concert brings leading musicians of the Berlin Philharmonic, one of the world's most celebrated cultural institutions, to the Synchro Stage, in partnership with KotorArt International Festival. Featuring violinist Daishin Kashimoto, concert-master of the orchestra, principal clarinetist Andreas Otensammer and guest pianist José Gallardo, the concert brings artistic excellence, virtuosity,

and unique sound of this great orchestra to Porto Montenegro for one extraordinary night only.

International Fashion Festival – 22nd -23rd July

Porto Montenegros annual International fashion festival will be on the luxury waterfront, gathering the world's most prestigious designers in one setting. This years runway will be making a return for the fourth year, with an extended catwalk, VIP cocktail events, and unforgettable after-parties for Captains and Crew. The Fashion Festival is a showcase of luxury pieces admired by international fashion icons, celebrities, and royalty, for their intricate designs and fine detail.

Polo in the Port – 11th – 14th August

For crew into their sports, Polo in the Port will be coming to the Porto Montenegro marina village. The Summer Event will be held over a two-day period in the 2022 Med hot spot, with drinks receptions, and a closing party. Players from across the globe will attend the matches, which will take place on the pop-up polo field.

Gastro Weekend – 19th – 21st August





This weekend festival offers dishes from around the world as well as delicious regional cuisine, served up by talented chefs in a stunning summer garden. Family and friends can enjoy al fresco dining, with DJs until the sun goes down and a night of dancing under the stars.

Dino Merlin Concert – Date TBC

Open-air concert of the Balkan superstar Dino Merlin, featuring Dino's 10-piece band, dance crew, and creative team on the amazing Synchro Stage.

ACREW Awards – 14th -16th October



Image from Porto Montenegro

For the first time, Porto Montenegro will host the [ACREW](#) Awards, which celebrate the dedication and talent of Superyacht Crew. More than 500 Captains, Crew, and Industry Professionals will meet at the leading Superyacht marina in Porto Montenegro. The theme for the 5th edition of the ACREW Awards will be A Knight to Remember, with the official ceremony held in the Auditorium and the after-party at Latitude42.

Visiting Porto Montenegro In Winter 2022

The Winter list of 2022 Yacht Crew Events In Porto Montenegro will be announced later this year

For further information on the 2022 Yacht Crew Events In Porto Montenegro please visit the website: www.portomontenegro.com

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Yacht Job Tips For Both Hunting And Hiring Crew

Hunting for a Superyacht Job, looking for a candidate, or ready to make a change? Then you need to have a read of our yacht job tips before you start.

Marc Anthony once said:

"If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life"

And that pretty much sums it up for a lot of us in the yachting industry. Getting there, on the other hand, is a different story, which is why we've constructed a list of yacht job tips from professionals themselves.

Long gone are the days of a casual stroll down the dock to get a spot on a busy charter yacht. We've all heard many versions of that story from the veteran crew, reminiscing about their first position on board. Today though, things are different. The world is different and the Superyacht job market is different, add in the joys and complications the internet presents and it seems like being better connected doesn't

always result in necessarily getting together the right candidate with the right yacht.

Here are our top 3 yacht job tips for the seekers and the finders:

If you're seeking your first Superyacht [job](#) or planning a career change, here's what you need to do...

1. Find yourself an agency you love



Whether you are a captain or a deckhand, a kite surfing instructor, or anyone looking to “move up” onto a bigger boat, the first thought you have when embarking on a job search should not be getting headshots done. From the basics of getting your CV together to help you to address any potential shortcomings or gaps in your experience, the best recruitment agencies will want to get to know YOU. It's in their best interests to get you on a boat you're going to love so get a reference, do some searching online and meet them in person to get organised.

2. Discover your special skill

Maybe working in yachting has been a dream of yours, or you want to see if your talents and experience shoreside could be valuable in starting a career in yachting? If you are a first-time yachting job seeker, especially if you have a particular profile, you need to get some expert advice on how to proceed. Crew that has special technical skills from videographers to drone handlers, kite surfing instructors to carpenters, are in hot demand. (I won't even mention the severe shortage of really good masseuses and hairdressers right now). You may be a more valuable candidate than you think, but only with the right training, tickets, and professional guidance to get you ready.

3. Don't cut corners

More isn't always better in yachting. I feel bad when I see those pesky LinkedIn posts that invade my newsfeed from time to time from potential candidates practically begging for a job onboard. It doesn't often work in other industries and apart from the occasional lucky strike it doesn't in yachting either. This is your career and doing it right can mean the difference between building up your bank account, or being stuck shoreside for the rest of your life. Get a professional to put you in front of the right captains and on the right boat.

If you're a captain or a yacht manager looking to fill a position on board, here are our top 3 yacht job tips:

1. Don't be a CV trawler

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CB5NUtdA7UD/>

Give me the name of a fellow captain anywhere that has time to

sift through dozens of CVs and we'll give send you a lifetime supply of Superyacht Content pens right now (am I right?)... Quality, not quantity, is the key here because after all, time is money. Many crew agencies execute database mining with a clever keyword search and send you all the candidates who come up straight to your inbox. A great crew agency will actually search for Superyacht jobs, vet, and present you with a small number of fantastic people for your open position.

2. Agency networks will find the unfindable

Often those with the most specialised skill set aren't looking for the Superyacht jobs. And these positions (particularly when you consider they will have dual responsibilities onboard) are tricky to fill, to say the least. The Jet Ski instructor is also the engineer; the chief stew who also has experience as a seamstress; the deckhand who is also a certified pilates/yoga professional. You need to be creative to keep the boss happy so the recruitment team you partner with, shouldn't be any different. You may get lucky with a suggestion from a fellow captain, but this is akin to a needle in a haystack. The best recruitment professionals think out of the box and network in other complementary industries to find you the right person.

3. Make sure candidates get a real vetting before they meet you

Job hunting statistics tell us that about half of job seekers are outright lying or embellishing their skill set on a CV, yet so very few potential employers vet their candidates. Would you ever put a person in charge of the health and safety of your owner not having done so? Make sure whoever is sending you candidates is calling every single reference (and then some) before you even see them for an interview.

Visit the yacht crew training and careers section on our website for more yacht job tips and tricks by [clicking here](#).

For the latest yacht crew vacancies, [click here](#) and register on the Superyacht Content Jobs Board.

Below Deck Strangest Guest Requests

The Cast of Bravo TV's Below Deck Med has revealed the strangest requests they have received from guests

As yacht crew, it's your job to accommodate for the guests. And subsequently, try to make their guests stay onboard the yacht the best it can be. However, the [Below Deck](#) strangest guest requests may be a bit too left-field to achieve. Nevertheless, they do make us laugh!

Here are the strangest guest requests received from the Below Deck Med cast:

Courtney Veale



Photo by: Laurent Basset/Bravo

The Strangest guest request that Below Deck Med star Courtney Veale has received is:

“probably being asked to go to Russia with a charter guest”

Courtney says the guest on board proceeded to ask her to come to Russia with him over the Christmas and New Year period... But as crew do, she went along with it in conversation to be

polite but had no intentions of going, of course!

Lloyd Spencer



Photo by: Laurent Basset/Bravo

For Lloyd Spencer, the Strangest guest request he received was being asked:

“Can you hold a talent show?”

Avid watchers of the show may remember this episode airing in season 6 of Below Deck Med. And of course, Lloyd acted as the MC for the whole talent show – he certainly stepped up, even if he thought it was “a strange request.”

Mathew Shea



Photo by: Laurent Basset/Bravo

Chef Mathew Shea certainly showed off his culinary skills last season of Below Deck Med. Clearly, he knows what he is talking about when it comes to luxury cuisine on board. Therefore, he was completely fine when a family of charter guests requested for him to:

“Make some tuna sushi”

However, he adds that actually, they wanted it made:

“with canned tuna”

It's safe to say, he was horrified.

Mzi Dempers



Photo by: Laurent Basset/Bravo

Mzi Dempers, Aka Below Decks most lovable deckhand. He is adored by his guests, as well as viewers on the show, so much so, Dempers' strangest request was to:

"Put on a fireman's outfit, hand out shots to all the ladies on board and, dance for them too."

We wouldn't have minded being a fly on the wall on that charter!

David Pascoe



Photo by: Laurent Basset/Bravo

Fan Favourite, David Pascoe kept his answer fairly brief and to the point. When asked in the interview what his strangest guest request was, he simply said

“The strangest guest request I’ve ever gotten was to give someone a baby”.

The context probably explains a lot, but let’s just leave it at that...

For the full video on Below Deck Strangest Guest Requests, watch now:

<https://www.superyachtcontent.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/video-1646736157.mp4>

What is the strangest guest request you have received? Let us know over on our socials by [clicking here](#)

For the latest Superyacht for yacht crew, click [here](#).

How to Become A Superyacht Housekeeper

Superyacht Housekeepers

[Wilsonhalligan](#) often sees green yachties apply for the role of

a Superyacht housekeeper and work their way up to the head of the house. With the housekeeper role being a common entry position into the Superyacht industry, it's a great way for aspiring yacht crew to begin their career at sea.



What experience do I need to become a Superyacht housekeeper?

Of course, it is always advantageous to have previous relevant experience in hospitality to join yachting. For example, working in high-end restaurants as a waitress. Or working in various areas of hotels i.e. the restaurant and housekeeping. However, you can also enter as a green stewardess without any hospitality experience whatsoever.

Nonetheless, working in Housekeeping in boutique hotels and high-end (chain) hotels will put you in good stead to gain a good housekeeping position on board a reputable yacht.

Depending on the size of the yacht, and previous experience, as an entry-level stewardess housekeeping is generally the area you will start off. Especially for someone who hasn't any

hospitality experience. This is because housekeeping is an area that can be taught to a green stewardess. As it doesn't necessarily put them under pressure with guests straight away. They can practice making beds time and time again before guests arrive.

What are the requirements for Housekeeping on a yacht?

Housekeepers need a strong eye for detail, keeping a lookout for fingerprints, watermarks, smears, dust, etc. You need to be meticulous and take pride in your work. Ensuring every bed and cabin looks like it has come straight out of a catalogue. As well as looking after guest rooms, housekeeping also includes looking after different 'public' areas of a yacht. These include guest corridors, guest's day beds, crew areas, etc.

It is important to be trained in the correct use of products and chemicals for each and every surface to make sure there is no damage made to the expensive materials.

Although there is less guest interaction in housekeeping, guest satisfaction still plays a very important role. To the guests staying on board, when the crew pays attention to the finer details, it really makes an impact. For example, noticing how they sleep at night (how many pillows, how many covers, blankets). Or if they are eating the turndown of fruit/chocolates and what type of water they drink. Preparing the cabin in this personal way the next night can leave a lasting impression.

Video by Top Notch Tabletops

What progressions are available once

landing a yacht job as a Superyacht housekeeper?

There is great career advancement in housekeeping on yachts. From Junior Housekeeper, to lead Housekeeper, to Head of House. We know many pursers who have come from a housekeeping and service background. As they have learned the same managerial skills needed while a purser actually has nothing to do with service.

Let us know through our socials if you have any questions by [clicking here](#).

Interested in a career as a Superyacht housekeeper? Get in touch with [Wilsonhalligan Recruitment](#).

For the latest Yacht Crew career and training advice, [click here](#).

Travel Restrictions In The Med

The latest travel restrictions for yacht crew heading to the Med hot-spots

[Blue Marine Travel](#) is a privately owned marine travel company, located in the UK. Yachties travel to multiple destinations on a regular basis, which means having to stay informed of the

latest travel restrictions worldwide. This is where blue marine can help by providing guidance and support when needed. Founded by Lee Baldwin over 18 years ago, the company now offers 6+ travel services including Visa assistance, multicurrency quotations, billing, and ground transportation. And now they're here to bring you the latest travel restrictions in the Med:

France



Image by @insidecotedazur

EU passport holders travelling from

within the EU to France

- Travel is allowed without the need to quarantine
- Vaccinated travelers are not required to have a COVID-19 test result before traveling to France.
- Fully vaccinated travelers must have proof of vaccination to enter France. Only vaccines authorized by the *European Medicines Agency* (EMA) are accepted. These are *Pfizer* (Comirnaty), *Moderna*, *AstraZeneca* (Vaxzevria), *AstraZeneca* (Covishield), and *Johnson & Johnson* (Janssen) – Travelers who are eligible for the EU Digital COVID-19 Certificate or equivalent may use it to present proof.
- French authorities also accept the following vaccine combinations: *AstraZeneca/Pfizer Cominarty* – *AstraZeneca/Moderna* and *Pfizer/Moderna*.
- Mandatory health pass is needed in public spaces – This can be downloaded from both IOS and Android Store, titled '*TousAntiCovid*'

Non-EU passport holders travelling to France from outside the EU

- The only difference to the above is that non-EU passengers will need to complete a health declaration for arrival in France. Please see the link – [12-02-2022-engagement-sur-l-honneur-orange.docx \(live.com\)](https://www.12-02-2022-engagement-sur-l-honneur-orange.docx)

Italy



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EU passport holders travelling from

within the EU to Italy

- Travel is allowed without the need to quarantine
- Vaccinated travellers are not required to have a COVID-19 test result before traveling to Italy.
- Fully vaccinated travelers must have proof of having received the full course of vaccination with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency, a minimum of 14 days before travel, and a maximum of 270 days (9 months) before traveling to Italy. The vaccine proof MUST be written in Italian, English, French, or Spanish.
- Vaccines accepted are Comirnaty by *Pfizer-BioNTech*, *Moderna*, *Vaxzevria*, *Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)*, *Nuvaxovid (Novavax)*, *Covishield (Serum Institute of India)*, *R-CoVI (R-Pharm)*, COVID-19 vaccine-recombinant (Fiocruz). Those who took a different vaccine as a second shot are considered fully vaccinated.
- Mandatory health pass is needed for public settings, more information can be found at the following website – [Covid-19, frequently asked questions and table of permitted activities | www.governo.it](#)

Non-EU passport holders travelling to Italy from outside EU

- There are no different rules for third-country travellers entering Italy. The rules are currently the same as EU passport holders

Spain



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EU passport holders travelling from within the EU to Spain

- Travelers arriving from the EU who are residents of these countries are allowed to enter Spain, provided

that they come directly from them, have transited exclusively through other countries within the EU.

- Vaccinated travelers are *not* required to have a negative COVID-19 test result before traveling to Spain.
- Travellers are recommended to download the contact tracing app RadarCOVID app when entering Spain.
- Travellers arriving in Spain are to complete the following health form – find it on [Spain Travel Health](#)
- All travelers must pass through health checks including temperature checks on arrival in Spain

Non-EU passport holders travelling to Spain from outside EU

- The same rules apply as per above for EU passport holders except for the following:
- Travellers arriving in Spain have to complete a mandatory travel declaration at most a maximum of 24 hours before departure. This can be found at the following website – [Viajeros coronavirus \(sergas.gal\)](#)

Croatia



EU passport holders travelling from within the EU to Croatia

- Travel is allowed without the need to quarantine
- Vaccinated travellers are not required to have a COVID-19 test result before traveling to Croatia.
- Travelers who are fully vaccinated must present a vaccination certificate. Travelers are considered fully vaccinated if they: -Received the second dose (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Gamaleya, Sinopharm, Covishield, Covaxin, Sinovac/CoronaVac) or the first dose in the

case of vaccination with a single dose vaccine (Janssen/Johnson&Johnson) received in 270 days, provided that 14 days have passed since they received the single dose.

- Travelers with a medical certificate confirming recovery from COVID-19 and have received 1 dose of Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Gamaleya, Sinopharm in the last 8 months from contracting COVID-19, provided that the vaccine was administered less than 270 days from their arrival; -Travelers received the first dose of Pfizer, Moderna, or Gamaleya, with which it is possible to enter Croatia in the period from the 22nd to the 42nd day of receipt of the vaccine, or from the 22nd to the 84th day of receipt of the first dose of AstraZeneca.

Non-EU Passport holders travelling to Croatia from outside EU

Non-EU passport holders are not allowed to enter Croatia unless they fall under the exempted category. Seafarers provided travelling to join a vessel are exempt provided they are staying longer than 12 hours and can fulfill the following requirements:

- A negative PCR test result or [rapid antigen test result – RAT](#) for SARS-CoV-2, where the RAT test must be listed in the [Common list of rapid antigen tests recognized by the Member States of the European Union](#), published by the European Commission. If the RAT test results were made abroad, the manufacturer and/or the commercial name of the test must be visible. Otherwise, it will not be accepted as credible for entering the Republic of Croatia. The PCR test result must not be older than 72 hours and the RAT test result must not be older than 24 hours, counting from the time the test was taken until

the arrival at the border crossing point.

- A certificate that they have received two doses of vaccine used in the EU Member States (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Gamaleya, Sinopharm, Novavax) or vaccines approved by the World Health Organization for emergency use (Serum Institute of India – Covishield, Bharat Biotech – Covaxin, Sinovac – CoronaVac) not older than 270 days, provided that 14 days have passed since receiving the second dose of the vaccine, or a certificate that they have received one dose of the vaccine if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen/Johnson&Johnson) not older than 270 days, provided that 14 days have passed since they received the single dose, or a certificate that they have received the booster dose of the vaccine.
- A certificate showing that they have recovered from COVID-19 and have received one dose of vaccine used in EU Member States (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Gamaleya, Sinopharm, Novavax, Janssen/Johnson&Johnson) or a vaccine approved by the World Health Organization for emergency use (Serum Institute of India – Covishield, Bharat Biotech – Covaxin, Sinovac – CoronaVac), provided that 14 days have passed since they received the single dose within eight months from contracting the disease, provided that the vaccine was administered less than 270 days from their arrival at the border crossing point.
- A positive PCR test result or [rapid antigen test result](#), confirming that the holder recovered from the SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, which was performed in the previous 180 days and which is older than 11 days from the date of arrival at the border crossing point, or a medical certificate of recovery.
- Or, if they perform PCR testing or [rapid antigen testing – RAT](#) for SARS-CoV-2 immediately upon their arrival in the Republic of Croatia (at their own expense), with the obligation to stay in self-isolation until they obtain a negative test result. In case they cannot get tested,

they have to self-isolate for seven (7) days.

Malta



EU passport holders travelling from within the EU to Malta

- Travel is allowed without the need to quarantine provided travelling and or transiting through other EU countries
- Vaccinated travellers are not required to have a COVID-19 test result before traveling to Italy.
- Fully vaccinated travelers must have a valid vaccination certificate showing they have received all vaccine doses required before traveling to Malta. Travelers must have received EMA-approved vaccines recognized by Maltese Public Health. These are *Comirnaty (Pfizer)*, *Jannsen (Johnson & Johnson)*, *Spikevax (Moderna)*, *Vaxzevria*

(AstraZeneca), and Nuvaxovid (NVX – CoV2373). A certificate with 2 different EMA-approved vaccines is accepted as valid. Vaccine certificates with all doses from a WHO-approved vaccine are also valid as long as the traveler has also received a booster dose of an EMA-approved vaccine.

- Maltese travelers aged 18 years and older must have received the last dose at least 14 days and no more than 3 months before travel. Alternatively, they can have all doses required and a booster with the last dose of booster administered not more than 9 months before travel.

Non-EU Passport holders travelling to Malta from outside EU

Travelers who have been in the following countries in the past 14 days before travel are not allowed to enter Malta:

- South Africa , Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, French Guiana, French Polynesia, Gambia, Ghana, Greenland, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guernsey, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Isle of Man, Ivory Coast, Jersey, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Martinique, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mexico, Micronesia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat,

Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Norfolk Island, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Pitcairn Islands, Réunion, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sint Maarten, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Svalbard and Jan Mayen, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tokelau, Tonga, Turks and Caicos Islands, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Wallis and Futuna, Zambia, Zimbabwe

in the past 14 days before travel are not allowed to enter Malta –***Travel from these countries may be allowed for essential reasons after applying for an exceptional travel authorization permit online. This can be requested at the following website: [SPH – Travel Authorisation · Custom Portal \(gov.mt\)](#)***

- Travelers who may travel from South Africa and the above 132 additional countries for essential purposes must quarantine for 14 days on arrival in Malta at their own cost. Travelers may be required to take a COVID-19 test during quarantine.
- Travelers arriving from South Africa and the above 132 countries must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result. The test must be taken a maximum of 72 hours before arrival in Malta.
- All travelers must complete a Travel Declaration and Passenger Locator Form (PLF) online before traveling to Malta. This can be found at – [EU Digital Passenger Locator Form \(dPLF\) \(euplf.eu\)](#)

Greece



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EU passport holders travelling from

within the EU to Greece


- Travel is allowed without the need to quarantine
- Vaccinated travellers are not required to have a COVID-19 test result before traveling to Greece
- Fully vaccinated travelers from the EU who are able to present valid proof of vaccination or recovery via the EU Digital Certificate are not required to have a negative pre-departure COVID-19 test result before traveling to Greece.
- All travelers, regardless of vaccination status, must take a COVID-19 test on arrival if they are selected at random by the authorities. Travelers who test positive will be required to quarantine for a minimum of 5 days under supervision (Travelers who refuse will not be allowed to enter.)
- All Travelers must fill out a Passenger Locator Form (PLF) before arrival in Greece. A confirmation email or a QR code generated from the completed form must be presented on arrival. Families can be accepted with one joint confirmation e-mail or a unique QR code. The Passenger Locator Form can be found at the following website – [Protocol for Arrivals in Greece – travel.gov.gr](https://travel.gov.gr)

Non-EU Passport holders travelling to Greece from outside EU

- The rules are the same for non-EU as for the EU passport holders except for the following:

Montenegro



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EU passport holders travelling from within the EU to Montenegro

- Travel is allowed without the need to quarantine
- Vaccinated travellers are not required to have a COVID-19 test result before traveling to Montenegro.
- Travelers must have a valid vaccination certificate showing they have been fully vaccinated with the prescribed number of doses of vaccine before arrival in Montenegro, which is issued by an authorized health institution that no more than 6 months have passed since receiving the last dose of vaccine.

Non-EU passport holders travelling to Montenegro from outside EU

- The same rules apply for NON-EU passport holders, as they do for EU passport holders entering Montenegro.



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