

5 Places To Charter For Christmas And New Year 2023

As the yuletide season approaches, the call of shimmering seas and festive horizons beckons for a unique celebration aboard your vessel. When spending Christmas and New Year onboard a Superyacht, the right destination is crucial for ensuring an unforgettable experience for your guests. From navigating the azure waters of the Caribbean to chartering the chic ports of the French Riviera, this article is your compass to some of the best places to charter for Christmas and New Year – that can make this holiday season truly magical.



1. Caribbean



Antigua

Escape the winter chill with a classic Caribbean charter with warm weather and pristine beaches.

Consider **St Maarten**. Its turquoise waters, scenic beaches, and lively ambiance are sure to guarantee an unforgettable charter. From exploring the charm of Simpson Bay to enjoying watersports in Grand Case and jungle zip-lining at Loterie Farm, St Maarten promises a great holiday.

Chartering in **Antigua**, the renowned Leeward Island, offers an unparalleled Caribbean cruising experience. Explore historic towns like English and Falmouth Harbour, once frequented by Admiral Nelson, now hosting fully equipped Superyacht marinas. Discover the natural beauty of Devil's Bridge and the North Sound, where you might encounter South Atlantic Stingrays.

2. The Seychelles



Mahe. Image sourced from Yellow Zebra Safaris

If the tried and tested Caribbean isn't on your radar this year, the Seychelles are the unique alternative for a stylish Christmas and New Year celebration. With each island offering unique experiences, chartering a superyacht is the optimal way to explore the Seychelles' amazing beauty and diversity.

While larger islands like **Mahe** offer vibrant towns and evening entertainment, exploring the smaller islands and coves reveals an undiscovered and wild atmosphere. **Praslin** is an idyllic island that stands out for its unparalleled beaches – Anse Lazio, for example, is highly acclaimed. The small island of **Curieuse** is home to a protected population of Aldabra tortoises, Seychelles Black Parrots, Hawksbill, and Green Sea Turtles, and rare coco de mer palms – a must-see haven for nature lovers.

3. Bahamas



Nassau

With crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and secluded cays, the Bahamas is an excellent choice for those seeking a tropical paradise with a more private and exclusive feel. The lively islands boast a vibrant culture, exquisite dining, and nightlife, complemented by serene anchorages and powdery beaches for unparalleled relaxation.

Nassau has a rich history, showcasing well-preserved British Colony structures, and the allure that drew pirates for centuries. Island hopping through the **Exumas** is a must, with its 365 cays and islands teeming with diverse wildlife and stunning views.

From swimming with pigs at Big Major Cay to savoring yachting haven Sentinel Cay, each Bahamian island offers a uniquely captivating experience. Whether seeking a lavish New Year celebration with a large group or a secluded Christmas retreat, the Bahamas offers the ideal charter yacht for every guest's ideal.

4. Maldives



Malé. Image sourced from: Backpacker Banter

While the Maldives is primarily known for its natural beauty and secluded islands, exploring the few urban areas does provide a different perspective and a chance to connect with Maldivian culture. With a stunning backdrop of turquoise waters and overwater bungalows, it's a fantastic option for those looking for a serene and luxurious escape.

Malé is the capital city. There, you can visit markets and admire the mix of modern and traditional architecture. Malé offers opportunities to explore local culture, visit historical sites, and experience the vibrant atmosphere of the fish market and local eateries.

Renowned for its exceptional diving spots and abundant marine life, **Ari Atoll** is a favorite among divers. The area is famous for whale shark and manta ray sightings, with Maaya Thila and Fish Head standing out as renowned dive sites.

5. Thailand



Phuket. Image sourced from: Cox & Kings

Thailand has stunning beaches and delectable cuisine. Whether you seek tranquility on secluded beaches or an exhilarating New Year's celebration with Phuket's dazzling midnight fireworks, this tropical haven has it all.

The islands of Thailand, such as **Phuket** and **Koh Samui**, offer a blend of vibrant culture, stunning scenery, and luxurious amenities. Clients can enjoy festive celebrations in a tropical setting. Dive or snorkel in the crystalline waters of Koh Rock, embark on an elephant trek through Krabi's National Park, or revel in world-class nightlife at Koh Phangan and Bangkok.

Chartering a Superyacht in Thailand offers unparalleled views of enchanting landscapes, exclusive access to water-accessible coves, and an immersion into the authentic Thai way of life, ensuring an unforgettable experience tailored to your guests' preferences.

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