

Seaview homes

What better way to wake up than beside a glistening marina sea view? **Charlotte Bryan** goes in search of the ultimate ocean-side residences

Sailing aboard a yacht on the open blue seas, not knowing where the next wave will take you is an idyllic lifestyle favoured by many. However, those seeking a luxurious mooring should look no further than these exclusive marinas. Often combining more than comfortable residences, alongside shopping promenades and restaurant choices, they offer all the premier yachter could possibly want and more.

LIMASSOL MARINA, CYPRUS

Those in search of the perfect yachting pit stop should head to the Limassol Marina, Cyprus (www.limassolmarina.com). Situated on the southern coast of the island, Limassol serves as the ideal base for yachters to explore the numerous secluded bays and popular coastal resorts.

However, residents may never wish to leave the confines of the marina, with exclusive restaurants, shops and spa



facilities, all on their doorstep. Managed by yachting experts Camper & Nicholsons, it is the first full-service marina in the region, providing an impressive 650 private berths for yachts as large as 110m. 24-hour security, high-speed Internet and even a boat yard for light repairs, are just some of the services the marina has to offer.

Meanwhile, residents can stay in the utmost luxury at either one of the 162 luxurious apartments or – for a truly indulgent stay – at the expansive Peninsula and Island villas. Offering beachfront access and large sundecks

Inset: Residents can enjoy panoramic marina views at Marina Palms, Miami

Main: Limassol Marina provides an impressive 650 berths

surrounded by beautiful private gardens the Peninsula villas are ideal for sun worshippers, while residents at the Island villas can drive up to one door and sail away from another, with their own private berth at the bottom of the garden. Prices for a Peninsula or Island villa start from €1.7m/US\$1.5m, the latter is under construction and will be available to buy in 2016.

MARINA PALMS, MIAMI

Located on Biscayne Boulevard in Miami, is Marina Palms Yacht Club and residences (<http://marinapalms.com>), the premier waterfront destination for yachting enthusiasts. Situated along 14 acres of beautiful waterfront, it is the ideal place to enjoy the best that Miami's beaches and waterways has to offer. Water skiing, kayaking and snorkelling will keep the more active of residents entertained, while the marina promenade is home to an array of boutiques, restaurants and bars should guests be in need of some retail therapy.

The marina offers 112 slips, accommodating yachts as large as 27m. Guests will have full access to the yacht club concierge and boat club, where the permanent dock master will be on hand 24/7 to introduce residents to the benefits of life on the water.

And after a day out enjoying the Floridian water scene, visitors can retreat to their luxury condo residence, where generous private terraces give way to panoramic marina views. Inside, freestanding soaking tubs, large walk-in closets and beautiful Italian inspired kitchens are just some of the features on offer. Prices start from €661,225/ ➤



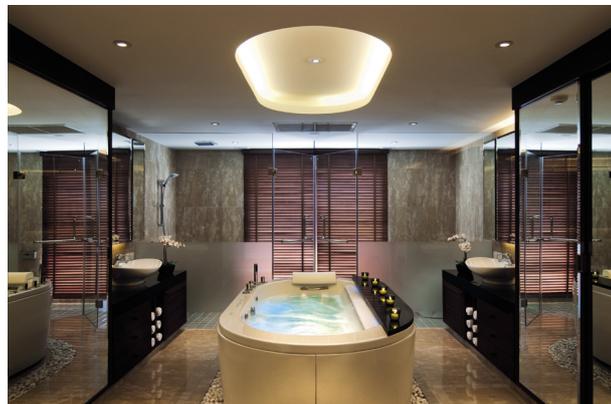


US\$700,000 for a two-bedroom condo residence.

THE WAVE MUSCAT, MARSA GARDENS

Situated in the capital of Oman, where rugged mountains sit alongside pristine beaches, lies the waterfront hub Wave Muscat (www.thewavemuscat.com). A striking new development, it provides world-class amenities in a breathtaking destination. The premier marina facility Anouj is located at the village's heart, where it offers state-of-the-art eco-friendly facilities for yachts as large as 40m.

Residents can stay at the recently opened apartment complex Marsa Gardens, which offers 232 luxury one-to-two bedroom apartments. Surrounded by lush landscaped gardens, occupiers will have the benefit of a pool-side gym as well as full concierge services at their disposal. And a short walk away, is the resort's impressive shopping and café promenade, which holds host to more than 50 shops and restaurants, while the 18-hole PGA Championship links



course designed by Greg Norman will be sure to invigorate the most professional of golfers. Prices are available on request.

ROYAL PHUKET MARINA

Royal Phuket is an established marine haven favoured by the premier yachting community (www.royalphuketmarina.com). Nestled on the East Coast of Phuket it is on the doorstep of Asia's best cruising waters, with the white sandy beaches of Koh Phi Phi, the diving paradise of the Similan Islands, and not to mention hundreds of deserted islands all but a few hours' sail away. Meanwhile,

the marina is a playground in itself, playing host to Phuket's most exclusive residences, as well as several international restaurants,

Top to bottom: Royal Phuket offers a premier marina facility as well as sumptuous private villas

boutiques, a health club and luxury spa. Guests can stay at The Royal Villas, complete with a private 23m yacht berth, expansive tropical gardens and five fully-furnished bedrooms, they provide luxury waterfront living at its best, while the Grand Villa Estate with its master villa, four luxurious guest pavilions, as well as two attached private berths, remain the crowning glory of the island. Prices start from US\$6.3m/€6m for a Royal Villa and €9.4m/US\$10m for the Grand Villa Estate. ■

