Your first port of call

What better way to wake up than to a warm ocean breeze and tranquil marina view? Here, Anabelle Denford looks at some of the ultimate harbour-side homes around the world that provide a luxurious and relaxing lifestyle that’s hard to match.

The freedom of the untethered yachting lifestyle has its charms. An increasing number of people are escaping the bustle of cities and choosing marina bliss as a permanent lifestyle, with the ability to cruise into the ocean from your private mooring whenever you choose. Those seeking an exclusive marina residence should look no further than the superior offerings of Port Ferdinand, Limassol Marina and Royal Phuket Marina, which each offer a luxurious way of life in highly desirable destinations. Boasting a combination of extravagant residences, as well as high quality shopping, entertainment and dining options, these locations offer premier yachting havens.

**LIMASSOL MARINA, CYPRUS**

Situated on the southern coast of Cyprus, Limassol Marina is fast establishing itself as one of the most enticing and unique destinations in the region. Surrounded by secluded bays and coastal resorts, Limassol Marina is the only superyacht marina in Cyprus, making it an ideal base for exploring the Mediterranean. Located at the crossroads of three continents and in the heart of a vibrant city, surrounded by a rich history and a diverse community, residents might never want to leave the marina. Add in delectable cuisine, spa facilities, cosmopolitan nightlife, championship golf courses and ancient monuments and this is truly one of the most exciting cities to explore.

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**PORT FERDINAND, BARBADOS**

The attraction of stunning beaches, an average of 3,000 hours of sunshine a year and a rich, intoxicating culture make Barbados a sought-after destination for discerning travellers. Located at the crossroads of three continents and in the heart of a vibrant city, surrounded by a rich history and a diverse community, residents might never want to leave the marina. Add in delectable cuisine, spa facilities, cosmopolitan nightlife, championship golf courses and ancient monuments and this is truly one of the most exciting cities to explore.

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Main: The luxury Peninsula Villas at Limassol Marina, on the southern coast of Cyprus
on the stunning Saint Peter coastline in North-West Barbados, Port Ferdinand is a boater’s paradise, with many of those visiting choosing to make it their home. And with balcony views of the Caribbean ocean, a 120-berth marina and breath-taking sunsets, it’s easy to see why.

Indeed, Port Ferdinand epitomises five-star living, with the island resort featuring 82 homes built around a modern marina, surrounded by picturesque beaches and idyllic coastal views. These contemporary homes feature marble and limestone flooring, solid wood fittings and a traditional, cool Caribbean aesthetic, alongside a comfort you’d expect of a luxury home. While the fully-fitted kitchen is available for cooking up meals, there is also the option for residents to book a private chef to make delicious Bajan meals using locally-sourced products from Speightstown fishing village and local markets.

Barbadian culture is based on a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, allowing you to ease into tranquil marina life. A short water-taxi away are the glorious beaches of Saint Peter’s Bay, where you can swim alongside the turtles or unwind on the white sand. With an unparalleled array of facilities and activities for all generations and tastes – including golf, fine dining, snorkelling and fishing all arranged by Port Ferdinand’s concierge – it’s a lifestyle that’s hard to beat.

Prices range from US$2.15m for a two-bedroom marina view residence to US$6.5m for a four-bedroom ocean and marina view penthouse.

www.portferdinand.com

Left and below: Port Ferdinand is surrounded by azure waters

Bottom: Royal Phuket Marina boasts impressive facilities

ROYAL PHUKET MARINA, THAILAND

Royal Phuket is a premier lifestyle destination, combining indulgent oceanfront living with a contemporary, award-winning marina. Situated on the east coast of the tropical island paradise of Phuket, off the east coast of Thailand, Royal Phuket Marina is complete with exclusive residences, fine dining restaurants, boutique shops, a health club and spa.

Five elite waterfront estates stand out from the condo apartments and penthouses. Featuring exclusive yacht berths, bedroom suites with private outdoor spaces and a large pool, these first-class residences accommodate every aspect of luxury yachting lifestyle.

An oasis of calm, Phuket offers a spectrum of spectacular sights from blue lagoons and pink sunsets to orange-robed monks. Famous for its beautiful beaches, clear water and coral reefs, Phuket’s astounding beauty is luring visitors from around the globe. On the doorstep of Asia’s best cruising waters, you can step directly from your villa on to your yacht and cruise to some of the world’s most pristine islands, which are just a short sail away from Royal Phuket Marina.

Prices range from US$5.2m for Royal Villas to US$8.5m for the Grand Villa.

www.royalphuketmarina.com

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