

Splendour at sea

Gruffudd Owen explores three of the finest luxury charter yachts available on the global market for 2021: *Seven Sins*, *Savannah*, and *Sovereign* – here's why they're worth finding

After a year like 2020, 2021 presents the ideal opportunity for a spot of high-end escapism on board some of the finest superyachts out there. *Seven Sins*, *Savannah*, and *Sovereign* are all replete with luxurious amenities, guaranteeing a sojourn to remember.

Seven Sins (Yachting Partners International)

Unveiled by builders Sanlorenzo in 2017, you would be hard-pressed to find a more stunning or luxurious yacht than this 52-metre yacht from Yachting Partners International. *Seven Sins* is a 2018 World Superyacht award winner, and with very good reason.

Sleeping a total of 10 guests in five suites, the superyacht's



pièce de résistance is its spacious beach club: featuring fold-down ocean-level balconies, a gym, and a sauna – and situated beneath a glass-bottomed pool allowing for natural light – the beach club can also be converted into a floodable drive-in garage for convenient boarding and disembarking.

The pool itself is similarly impressive, boasting counterflow current, designer lighting, and a Jacuzzi mode, while an innovative use of glass is central to the yacht's design – there is no shortage of natural sunlight, particularly in the main salon with its floor-to-ceiling windows.

As if this wasn't enough, there are also a whole host of additional onboard facilities to enjoy: these range from the relaxing (spa services) to the more adventurous (watersport and fishing equipment, kayaks, sea scooters, paddle boards, and snorkelling gear).

The 11 crew members on board the *Seven Sins* sail in the western Mediterranean in the summer season and the Caribbean during the winter months.

Charter costs range from €275,000 (US\$335,000) per week (low season) to €285,000 (US\$347,000) per week (high season) in the summer. Expect to pay between €220,000 (US\$270,000) per week (low season) and €235,000 (US\$285,000) per week (high season) in the winter.

All prices exclude VAT and a 30% expenses fee. ypiyachts.com

Above: *Seven Sins*' interior is flooded with natural light thanks to floor-to-ceiling windows
Below: Her sleek exterior turns heads wherever she goes



Savannah (Northrop & Johnson)

If you fancy something more intimate, then the 118-foot (36m) *Savannah* is the yacht for you.

Welcoming eight guests in four staterooms – each containing

an en-suite and a TV – its key features include a sundeck offering sunbathing space and the essential Jacuzzi tub, as well as a foredeck with additional sunbathing opportunities on a large sunpad.



The culinary options on board are what makes *Savannah* stand out. A skilled chef will accompany you on your trip, creating a bespoke menu to your tastes using the finest ingredients. You have the choice of formal dining in the main salon, or if alfresco dining is your thing then there are seating areas on both the main deck and the sundeck. What's more, the three bars aboard ensure that guests will never go thirsty.

No yacht is complete without its selection of toys and gadgets, and the *Savannah* is no different. Waterskis, waverunners, paddleboards, fishing and snorkelling gear, and an assortment of beach toys are all on hand to keep you thrilled and entertained during your stay.

Left: *Savannah* sailing on turquoise water of the Seychelles
Below: The spectacular viewing gallery
Bottom: *Savannah*'s deck pool



As with all high-quality yachts, *Savannah* is subject to regular refits – work in 2017 and 2018 saw new carpeting installed on the main deck and bridge, all chairs and cushions replaced on the alfresco dining tables, chairs reupholstered in the main salon, and the acquisition of new interior and exterior cushions, to name but a few updates. In brief, the *Savannah* will be in immaculate shape when you embark on your trip. The yacht cruises in the Bahamas during the winter and off the coast of New England in the summer. The flat all-year rate of US\$56,000 (€46,000) per week (not including expenses) for both low and high seasons makes it a particularly attractive option if you desire a degree of flexibility. northropandjohnson.com ▶

Sovereign (Worth Avenue Yachts)

Built in 2011 by Newcastle Shipyards and refitted in 2017, *Sovereign* has won plaudits for its design – and after a quick glance at its features, it is easy to see why.

The yacht's six suites include two master staterooms: the first on the upper deck has stunning 270-degree panoramic views and access to a private outdoor sitting area, while the main deck stateroom is carpeted with opulent wool silk and offers views through its eight oval windows. Both rooms come with a fully-equipped en-suite (including a Jacuzzi tub), flat panel TVs, Wi-Fi access, controlled lighting, and automatic blinds.



The suites occupy just a fraction of the 8,000 square feet that constitute the *Sovereign's* floor plan. On the upper deck you will find a panoramic sky lounge, marketed as the yacht's main social area. With peerless views, high ceilings, and a large bar, it also provides access to the outdoor dining area containing a circular alfresco dining table as well as a large lounge space for privacy and relaxation.

Go one level higher and you will reach the sun deck, whose social area is fitted with bar chairs, an outdoor shower, a 46-inch TV, a bar, an infinity edge pool, and a Jacuzzi. If the sun gets a bit too much, a hard top provides shade in the Jacuzzi and bar area. Inside, a marbled foyer leads to the main salon and a separate dining area.

Accommodating up to 14 guests, *Sovereign* offers all of these amenities and much more. The yacht is rigorously maintained by its owner and undergoes frequent refits, ensuring a pristine

Above: *Sovereign* arrives in port
Left: An aerial view of *Sovereign* shows off her three decks
Below: The infinity edge pool

quality all year round. Similarly to *Seven Sins*, *Sovereign* sails in the Caribbean during the winter and the Mediterranean in the summer. Excluding expenses, prices range from US\$250,000 (€205,000) per week (low season) to US\$275,000 (€226,000) per week (high season) in both summer and winter. ■ worthavenueyachts.com

