# Chartering a Private Yacht

This playbook provides a detailed sequence of actions to charter a private yacht for a custom sea voyage. It covers the whole process from initial research and budgeting to crew selection and destination planning.

### Step 1: Research

Begin by researching the different types of yachts available for charter and the companies that offer them. Consider factors like size, amenities, capacity, and price.

### Step 2: Budget

Determine your budget for the charter. Remember to account for additional costs such as fuel, food, drinks, docking fees, and any extra services you may require.

### Step 3: Destination

Decide on your preferred destination(s). Take into account the travel time to the destination, the season, and any activities you want to enjoy while at sea or in port.

### Step 4: Charter Company

Select a reputable charter company. Look for reviews, ask for references, and ensure they have the proper credentials and insurance.

### Step 5: Yacht Selection

Choose a yacht that meets your needs and falls within your budget. Consider the layout, facilities, performance, and any additional equipment or toys included.

### Step 6: Crew Selection

If not provided by the charter company, choose a crew. Ensure they are experienced, licensed, and complement the kind of voyage you're planning.

### Step 7: Contract Review

Carefully review the charter contract. Look for details relating to cancellation policies, insurance, liabilities, and what's included in the price.

### Step 8: Secure Booking

Secure your booking by signing the contract and paying the required deposit. Note any payment schedules for the remaining balance.

### Step 9: Preparation

Prepare for the trip. This includes planning the route with the captain, arranging transportation to and from the yacht, and packing appropriately for the voyage.

### Step 10: Set Sail

Enjoy your bespoke sea voyage. Ensure safety protocols are understood by everyone on board and keep communication lines open with the crew.

## General Notes

### Custom Requests

For any special requests such as dietary preferences, celebrations, or specific activities, communicate these to the charter company well in advance.

### Insurance

Consider purchasing travel insurance that covers yacht charters to protect against unforeseen circumstances.