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*Remember the scene in 'Titanic' where Jack and Rose stand at the bow of the ship, arms open and staring at the sea and the setting sun? If you have a secret wish to do the same, **Neha Malude** suggests taking a look at four uber-luxurious yachts from the best in India.*



Picture Courtesy: Marine Solutions



Marine Solutions' Sea Ray Sundancer-510

A brainchild of Major General S. Dutta VSM, Marine Solutions boasts of a variety of yachts that cater to the rich and famous – motor yachts, sailing yachts, fishing yachts and super yachts. The Sea Ray Sundancer-510 is a motor yacht which personifies luxury boating. With an overall length of 15.49 metres (approximately 50 feet) and Standard Twin Cummins® QSC 550 HO Diesel V-Drive Inboards with DTS, the yacht features large hull windows and graceful hull and deck lines.

There is an enclosed cockpit Sunroom with two retractable sunroofs and a pivoting double helm seat. The cabins are carpeted and the main cabin, which receives plenty of natural light is done up in Walnut or Rift Cut White Oak.

The salon has an L-shaped sofa with a pull out bed and along with an entertainment centre gaming system, there is a flat screen TV, a DVD player, a storage cabinet for CDs and videotapes, The Forward Stateroom comprises a full-sized island style bed, a storage compartment and a shower area while the Mid Master Stateroom consists of a queen-sized bed with a carpeted floor, a flat screen TV with a DVD player, and an en suite bathroom. If your heart desires to sail away into the sunset in the lap of luxury, we suggest you give this one a dekkko.

Base Price: 21,00,000 US dollars

For more information, visit: <http://www.marinesolutions.in>



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Navnit Marine's Princess 42

The Princess 42 is like poetry on water, one might say. At a hull length of 13.23 metres (approximately 44 feet), the yacht is an iconic model in the Princess range and is an entry level yacht from the LMVH portfolio (Louis Vuitton group). The spacious flybridge provides a dining table and a U-shaped seating area that converts to a berth, decorated in pristine, white upholstery and teakwood furniture – a perfect place to entertain guests, thanks to a refrigerated coolbox, a barbeque and a wet bar integrated into the console. U-shaped sofa with dining table to starboard (converts to double berth).

Steps connect the flybridge to the cockpit which features a large lazarette and storage below the seating. Triple sliding doors will take you to the salon that boasts of wraparound screen and panoramic windows. The lower accommodation comprises an elegant master cabin and a twin guest cabin, with ensuite bathrooms equipped with the latest gadgetry and facilities in place. The galley consists of a recessed 3-zone gas hob with flame-failure protection and cover, a combination microwave/conventional oven with grill and dedicated crockery and cutlery stowage. The owner's cabin is a plush space complete with a large double bed with drawers below, wardrobe and a dressing table. The 800 HP Twin Volvo Inboard conventional drive diesel engines with a fuel capacity of 1362 litres & 33 knots speed. With so much to look forward to, what more could one ask for?

Base price: 4,03,600 British pounds

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Ocean Blue's Azimut 55E

A company that claims to be India's largest boating group, Ocean Blue has diverse interests across dealerships, charters, marina development & management, yacht management services, water sports, sailing & training courses. Amongst one of their most fabulous yachts is the Azimut 55E, a boat manufactured by Italy's Azimut Benetti Group, the world's largest mega yacht production company. With a hull length of 16.8 metres (approximately 55 feet), the Azimut 55E is the perfect yacht for Indian waters. It comes with a Twin Caterpillar® CAT C12 (715 mHP) engine and cruises at a speed of 29 knots. The exterior and the concept have been designed by Stefano Righini and the matte cherrywood interiors, by Carlo Galeazzi.

The Azimut 55E comprises three cabins (plus crew) and two head compartments (plus crew). The salon has been designed in such a way that the yacht is flooded with plenty of daylight, whether you are lounging with an afternoon pre-lunch cocktail or lunching with friends and family. The boat has been designed such that every space is used optimally and yet, with a touch of luxury. The owner's cabin comes with a comfortable double bed with a generously large wardrobe and our favourite, a nook in the corner where you can sit in the evening and read a book. There is also a separate twin guest cabin. The dining area has been tastefully done up in wood and grey upholstery to lend an extra tinge of chic to the entire look. If you are looking to just spend an enchanting evening hosting a party, you can charter the yacht as well. We can talk and talk about how beautiful Azimut 55E is but really, you have to own it to know it.

Base price: Rs. 16 crores (varies based on customization)

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Picture Courtesy: West Coast Marine

An aerial photograph showing the stern of a white yacht with a teak deck, moving through deep blue water. Two black outboard motors are visible on the transom. The yacht is leaving a white wake.

West Coast Marine's Majesty 56

Touted as one of the most popular yacht sizes in the Majesty range, Majesty 56 may well be called a cocoon of luxury. Enter through the patio door and you will see tastefully designed decor in a blend of hand-crafted maple wood and wenge wood. The main deck, the largest in the Majesty range, can comfortably seat up to eight guests. Marvel at the panoramic view of the sea through the large side windows and entertain your guests in style, thanks to the large dining arrangement and a fully-equipped bar and galley. The large cockpit area has a bench seat with an optional teak dining table to enjoy casual outside dining on the aft of the yacht.

The owner can rest in a full beam mid-ship placed cabin that comprises a double bed surrounded by a vanity desk and an en suite bathroom. There is also a VIP cabin and another guest cabin with two single beds that can accommodate two people. The yacht, which has a 20KW Kohler diesel generator, stands at a length of 17.27 metres (approximately 56 feet) with a maximum speed of 30 knots. West Coast Marine deals in other services such as charter, management, refitting, etc. The company also boasts of a sailing school and has different programs to suit different individuals, such as leisure sailing and corporate packages.

Base price: Rs. 12 crores (varies with customization)

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