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Quote of the Month....

"Ships are the nearest thing to dreams that hands have ever made." - Robert N. Rose.

Maldives wins Seven Star Global Luxury Awards

Minivan News By Daniel Bosley

The Maldives has won two prizes at this year's Seven Star Global Luxury Awards, winning 'Best Destination' as well as a 'Special Achievement' honour for Tourism Minister Ahmed Adeb.



Maldives Tourism Minister Ahmed Adeb accepts award

Nominated alongside destinations including the Bahamas, Fiji, the Seychelles, Italy, and Mexico, the Maldives was named 'Best destination' for the second year running.

Meanwhile, the 'Outstanding Achievement in Tourism Award' again went to the Maldives' tourism minister for having overseen the arrival of one million tourists last year for the first time in the country's history. The seven star awards are regarded as the most exclusive international luxury award for the hospitality industry, recognising extraordinary achievements by bestowing upon winners the Signum Virtutis – a seal of excellence for all prospective guests.

Maldives Luxury Yacht rule change provides 180 to 270 day stay for vessels

Earlier this year Mohamed Hameed of Asia Pacific Superyachts Maldives made the following announcement now benefitting visiting yachts to the Maldives. "After two years of convincing work by our team we finally can share the rule change for tourist vessels." The changing of the past rule - which before provided for a 90 day stay of a tourist vessel allowed in the Maldives - now officially changed to the new rule providing for a 180 day; or if the boat is registered in IMO, the stay can be extended up to 270 days in total for the vessel.



Superyacht M/Y Sunrays with bunker barge while in the Maldives

This is good news for owners and captains, says fifth-generation Maldivian, Mohamed: "All of us at APS are happy to see the Maldives, one of the best and most fascinating travel destinations in the world, fast emerging as a world favorite for superyacht cruising."

Spotted in Tahiti

Etienne Boutin, heading up Asia Pacific Superyachts Tahiti, reports on the following Superyachts visiting French Polynesia's clear blue waters in July:

82m Motor Yacht SECRET...

currently ranked 70th largest yacht in the world, was commissioned in 2013 by Abeking and Rasmussen German shipyard and an eminent example of new trends in large motor yacht design.

57m Sailing Yacht MONDANGO 3...

was also recently delivered by New Zealand yard, Alloy Yachts, to a repeat client. Built for extensive blue water cruising she will allow both her owners and charter guests to enjoy kiwi excellence at sea around the world's finest destinations.



Superyacht Arrivals in the Andamans

Those interested in cruising the clear waters of the Andaman Seas will find enchanting islands with miles of seclusion offering drift diving over coral gardens, good sailing winds and pure blue waters with a temperature of 28°. Skippers can fly or sail down from either Phuket, cruising the 400 NM to Port Blair in the Bay of Bengal; or from Langkawi, Malaysia to the entry port at 11°40.3'North x 92°44.2' East.



Arrival at Port Blair

Port Blair is the capital of this union territory and well connected to mainland India with Kolkata in the East of India and Chennai in the south of India serving as primary gateways. This old port city is steeped in British tradition and holds many delights and historical interests for visitors.

The 'Cellular Jail' is the first sight that greets a visitor on arrival when entering Port Blair. It was known to house many notable Indian activists in the struggle for India's independence during the colonial rule in India. Finally completed in 1906, the history of using the Andaman island as a prison dates back to the Indian rebellion of 1857 when Indian freedom fighters were sent to the prison in the remote archipelago, used by the British especially to exile political prisoners.



Circular Jail at Port Blair

While exploring Port Blair R. Rathnam, heading up Asia Pacific Superyachts Andamans, can assist and guide the captain through all the paperwork while arranging for an itinerary specifically designed to the interests and requests from the vessel's owner and captain.

Visitors to the Andamans are allowed a 30 day Visa, though Mr. Rathnam notes he can advise on longer stays. Clearance procedures at Port Blair can be a lengthy experience requiring lots of paperwork. Customs, Immigration, Coast Guard, Harbour Master and the Forestry Department all require written requests before providing formal written approvals. Arrival and departure procedures for these needs and for visas, health and security can be professionally and efficiently handled with you by your agent.

It may take up to a couple of days to clear in, including arranging with the Harbour Master to take on water at the commercial dock and to ensure all paperwork is done properly and provisioning is completed. "Most of the provisions ordered will be brought from mainland India by flight to the new APS provisioning facility at Port Blair to then be delivered right to the yacht. With full provisioning available, journeying through the stunning islands is a terrific new development for Superyachts in the Andamans", reports Rathnam.



Barren Island's live volcano estimated at 1.8 million years old

While guide books provide some indication for an itinerary, they invariably omit some of the best spots. An amazing itinerary can be tailored by your agent, drawing on extensive knowledge which includes advice of navigational hazards along with options for quality accommodation, vehicle hire, air travel and helicopter.

- Andaman Islands
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Myanmar
- Borneo
- Phuket, Thailand
- Hong Kong
- Seychelles
- Indonesia
- Singapore
- Koh Samui, Thailand
- Sri Lanka



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