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The World

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The World - the world's only floating condominium ship There is only one condo passenger ship on this earth. Luxury Residences at Sea.

Having your own space, tailored to your specifications on-board our passenger ship – the pinnacle of luxury.

Did you know that there's a ship made up of condo residences? A ship which limits ownership to those who not only have assets, but who come with recommendations.

This is "The World", a passenger ship whose residences are not even publicly advertised. Here our discerning high-end readers can discover what it is like to experience it from inside.

The World, Residences at Sea

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There are over 400 passenger ships sailing the oceans but there is one charismatic ship that reigns among them - The World. It is the first, and still the only luxury condo ship on earth, a ship for those in the know. Only owners and the owners' friends are permitted aboard. It is an executive society where people from all over the globe gather. This luxury ship, extending over 12 decks, reaching a total length of 196m, has 165 residences with a pool and spa in the public areas for residents to relax in, and pro golfers permanently stationed on-board. Not to mention state-of-the-art golfing simulators and full-size tennis courts. Onboard doctors are also here to assist should you require medical assistance. The six restaurants aboard the ship provide residents with not only 'Michelin class' French haute cuisine, but Japanese, Chinese and Italian culinary sensations and together stock around 16,000 bottles of wine carefully selected from across the globe by our experienced sommelier. Alternatively, you have the option of buying produce from all over the world from the delicatessen, to prepare in your residence. One unique aspect of this ship is that, just like regular condominiums, there is a resident committee. The routes and rules to follow on-board are voted on each year by all of the owners. You can embark or disembark from any of the one hundred plus locations the ship calls into for however many days you wish and, of course, you can bring your friends and family on-board, too. So, why not live the dream of going around the world from the comfort of your home and take a voyage on this exceptional ship.

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Under photograph: Most of our residences have a private balcony. Many owners spend millions on refurbishing the interior to their specifications, to enjoy a life on the sea that oozes individuality. A lot of owners stay on-board all year around and so pay particular attention to the kitchen when refurbishing.

Residences starting from 1.6 million dollars. For adults seeking new adventures.

It was Victor Hugo, author of Les Misérables, who said "Life is a voyage." Only the truly successful, who have learned to overcome the waves life throws at them can come aboard *The World*. Finally, we have a ship that truly lives up to the words "to travel as one would live".

To become an owner of one of the residences on this ship, clients must be in possession of at least 10,000,000 dollars' worth of assets and pass a rigorous personal background check. Our smallest residence is $27m^2$ and our biggest is $325m^2$ with average residences being in the 100 to $130m^2$ range and a price ranging between 3.5 and 4.5 million dollars. There is also a yearly operations and maintenance fee of around 10% on top of the purchase price to consider. Included in this is a 30,000 dollars' food and drinks credit which residents are free to use in any of our on-board restaurants. The

ship has around 207 staff members on-board to take care of the 150 to 200 passengers we usually have sailing with us at any given time, with our aim being to offer a thorough one-to-one service for all.

The World has visited 114 countries since service commenced. From the gulf of the arctic circle to the active volcanic site of Vanuatu and not forgetting some unexpected adventures and excursions to other mysterious parts of the globe. At our ports of call explorers and writers, experts on local culture and historians will come aboard to give lectures on the area, which we are sure will satisfy your intellectual curiosity. With the maintenance fees being high, you can expect to find owners of famous companies and specialists from various fields on-board. Many of them are both experts in shipping and owners of the ship's residences, and so they share their expertise in their respective fields to keep the ship evolving. It is in this spirit of community that many of our owners make their purchase.

This is truly a dream passenger ship, where owners form lasting bonds and deep, trusting connections with one another. *The World* – the luxury passenger ship for those in the know – currently has only four groups of owners from Asia. So, come discover the wonders of the earth aboard the world's number one ship.

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