



Cruisy Sunset

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The *Expat Living* team heads offshore in style, for an afternoon and evening aboard the awesome *EagleWings*.

As a thank you to my wonderful team, I took them out on the beautiful new yacht, *EagleWings*, which made its debut at this year's Singapore Yacht Show. This luxury sailing catamaran, berthed at One Degree 15 Marina, is the first of its kind: measuring 68 feet, it has four cabins and a massive living space of 300 square metres, including a 10-seater dining table and lounge, jacuzzi, piano, bar, kitchen and even a chair lift for the less mobile. It's no surprise that it ended up being the special night I had hoped for!

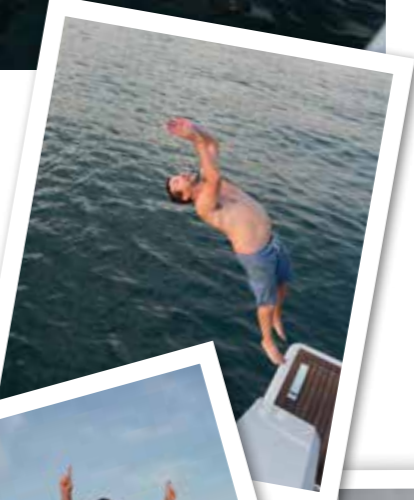
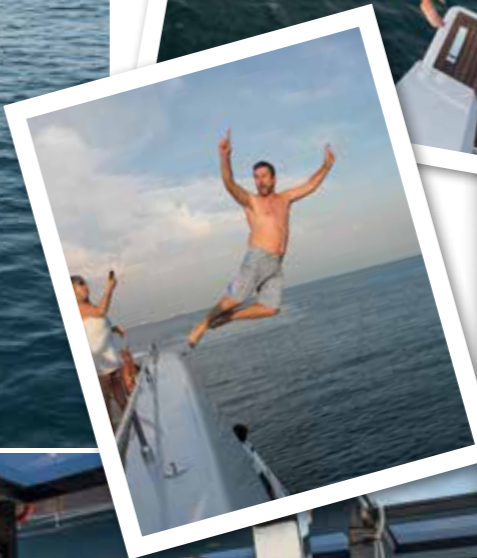
It would be ideal for a 40th or 50th birthday, or a special client event. You have the option to make it as active as you like with everything from water sports to karaoke (as we did), or you can just cruise and chill.

But instead of me bragging more about it, I've asked some of the team for their feedback from our trip, to help you make the decision.



When we were told we were going on a boat cruise, I hadn't quite expected the big, gleaming, triple-decker luxury yacht that presented itself when we rocked up to One Degree 15 Marina. There's something about stepping on board a boat like this that immediately makes you feel special, and the four hours we were on board raced by. Not feeling 100 percent, I opted to stay on the boat and not try out the water activities on offer, but it was lovely sitting on the netting at the front and watching around the world go by – and by that I mean my colleagues being whizzed around the waters on a banana boat, kayaking across the waves or leaping from the top deck of our vessel. The food was delicious – I particularly liked the deep-fried tofu and Korean noodles, and sitting on the deck sailing past the Singapore skyline at night was a great way to end the evening.

– Amy Brook-Partridge



I thought the boat was spectacular. So well fitted-out, and fantastic for large groups and parties. Growing up around the water in Australia, it felt like a relaxing afternoon at home with friends (just on a much more impressive vessel!), diving off the deck and feeling the salty air on my face again. The staff were great and really knowledgeable, answering all our questions about locations and islands and weather patterns with ease. I thought they planned the route really well, taking in the sunset in a secluded bay and being in prime position for the burst of fireworks at Sentosa. (Who doesn't love a little night-time sparkle?) Winding that up with a cruise to Marina Bay, it was the first time I'd seen the city from that perspective, and a great chance to appreciate a different view of the Singapore skyline.

– Amanda Broad

I'm usually nervous about swimming at Singapore's beaches, on account of the questionable water quality, so I haven't really taken advantage of the miles of ocean that surrounds us. On the afternoon of the trip, we moored at the back of St John's Island in a sheltered, quiet cove, and I had no hesitation about jumping in, swimming, riding the inflatables and sea-kayaking for hours. It was great fun and I worked up a healthy appetite for the dinner that followed.

– Katie Roberts

“When the garage at the back of *EagleWings* opened up, I felt like I was looking into Q’s workshop in a James Bond film: it was full of high-tech vehicles, gadgets and other equipment, for hours of fun on the ocean. I would have used it all, too, if I didn’t spend the whole time doing 007-style leaps into the water from the boat’s highest balcony.”

- Shamus Sillar



“I really loved lying on the outdoor hammocks and beds while watching the sunset, having a glass of wine and chatting with friends. It was absolutely relaxing; the perfect way to unwind! Thrill-seekers are sure to love the banana boat ride as much as I did.”

- Anthia Chng



Whatever you choose to do during the cruise, it gives you a great view of the city and the surroundings. *EagleWings* can host up to 50 people, and the company also has a smaller boat, if you prefer. Various buffet menus and dining options are available, so ask them about these, too. There’s plenty of variety in the food and drinks on offer, or you can BYO, like we did. If you have 50 of you, it only works out to \$100 a person – which is a pretty good deal! *æ*

For more information about chartering *EagleWings* for your own celebration or company event, call 9228 2222 or visit eaglewingsyachtcharters.com.sg.