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Cape Verde

Yacht Charter Guide

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Private Yacht Charter Cape Verde

Region: Atlantic

Gateways: SID - VXE

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CAPE VERDE

Overview

Cape Verde remains one of the world's most requested yacht charter ecosystems - short legs between São Vicente & Santo Antão channel, dense shore life around Marina Mindelo, and berths that reward early planning. The challenge is not finding beauty; it is sequencing marinas, Baía das Gatas and tables like Restaurante La Bodeguita so the week feels effortless. This is the broker's operational view of Cape Verde for the current season.

Superyacht charter Cape Verde - embarkation, itinerary and APA bands before contract. Blue Ocean Club brokers Atlantic weeks.

AIRPORTS SID, VXE

REGION Atlantic

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Cape Verde week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Marina Mindelo, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Marina Mindelo.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Baía das Gatas, held lunch, short reposition through São Vicente & Santo Antão channel, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Restaurante La Bodeguita and Santa Maria beach clubs confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Cape Verde, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Marina Mindelo, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Baía das Gatas - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

São Vicente & Santo Antão channel

Mindelo culture and Santo Antão day-crossings.

Sal & Boa Vista

Beach islands and trade-wind sailing.

Santiago

Capital culture and south-island hooks.

Fogo & Brava

Volcanic south for expedition weeks.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Marina Mindelo

São Vicente's yacht hub - primary Cape Verde embark. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway VXE - Transfer 15-25 min from VXE - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Marina da Palmeira / Sal berths

Sal island harbour for east-island weeks. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway SID - Transfer 10-20 min from SID - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Porto da Praia yacht access

Santiago capital port - more commercial. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway RAI - Transfer 20-35 min from RAI - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Baía das Gatas

São Vicente east-bay day-stop.

Tarrafal, Santiago

North Santiago beach hook.

Sal Rei, Boa Vista

Protected roads by the town.

Fajã d'Água, Brava

Remote Brava cove.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Restaurante La Bodeguita

Mindelo

Mindelo waterfront.

Café Lisboa

Mindelo

Mindelo plaza plates.

Odjo d'Água

Sal

Santa Maria, Sal beach dining.

Morabeza hotel dining

Sal

Santa Maria classic.

Quintal da Música

Praia

Praia cultural dinner.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Santa Maria beach clubs

Sal

Sal sand and windsurf scene.

Baía das Gatas gatherings

São Vicente

São Vicente beach festival bay.

Boa Vista beach clubs

Boa Vista

Long dune beaches.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph SID / VXE arrivals into Marina Mindelo transfers.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops from SID / VXE when Cape Verde supports coastal helipads or GA strips. SID corridor VXE corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Marina Mindelo gates - timed to embarkation. To Marina Mindelo (15-25 min from VXE) To Marina da Palmeira / Sal berths (10-20 min from SID)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - CAPE VERDE

VAT & APA - Cape Verde short version.

On a Cape Verde charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

Cape Verde is outside the EU; yacht temporary admission and local taxes apply - popular Atlantic staging stop between Canaries and Caribbean.

APA

For Cape Verde in high season, budget APA at roughly 30-40% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Mindelo

Mindelo is a core Cape Verde charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Mindelo - Day-anchor: Baía das Gatas - Table: Restaurante La Bodeguita

Sal

Sal is a core Cape Verde charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina da Palmeira / Sal berths - Day-anchor: Tarrafal, Santiago - Table: Café Lisboa

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Mindelo - Crewed yacht charter in Mindelo - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Cape Verde.
- Sal - Crewed yacht charter in Sal - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Cape Verde.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Cape Verde?

Yacht charter cost in Cape Verde depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

Which marina should we embark from in Cape Verde?

Marina Mindelo is the most common embarkation for Cape Verde, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

Can you charter a superyacht in Cape Verde?

Yes - superyacht charter in Cape Verde is available when berths and LOA fit. We shortlist hulls against Marina Mindelo capacity and your itinerary, then hold peak slips before you fly.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Cape Verde?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from SID / VXE, timed to the embarkation slot at Marina Mindelo.

How does a Cape Verde week use São Vicente & Santo Antão channel?

São Vicente & Santo Antão channel is a core Cape Verde cruising pocket - we sequence marina nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Cape Verde is planned as a full cruising ecosystem with embarkation, berths and day-anchors sequenced together.

When is the best time for yacht charter in Cape Verde?

Shoulder months in Atlantic usually balance weather, water temperature and berth availability for Cape Verde. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Marina Mindelo

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Marina da Palmeira / Sal berths

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Porto da Praia yacht access

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Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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