

## Where, what, how, when?

The incomparable pleasures of cruising are never ending, the yachts themselves amazing, and the destinations compelling. A charter with Camper & Nicholsons will have you ensconced in luxury, day and night, in some of the world's most glamorous hotspots.

Whether you are chartering for the first time or are a charter connoisseur, the questions remain the same. What time of year should we go? Where should we charter? What activities would we like to do while on charter? What type of yacht are we looking for?

Fortunately, Camper & Nicholsons charter brokers are on hand to deliver the charter of your dreams. Whether you are looking to push the boundaries of a jet-set lifestyle and party in the hippest haunts; or longing to sample, first hand, the wealth of cultures that exist in the most remote corners of the world; or simply relax and be pampered; a charter is the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with family, or a peerless excuse to indulge. With a Camper & Nicholsons charter you can mix all of the above elements and create a truly diverse and unforgettable holiday. Turn the following pages and choose the charter of your dreams for this winter season.

*For regular updates on the newest yachts available this winter go to [camperandnicholsons.com](http://camperandnicholsons.com), or speak to your Camper & Nicholsons charter broker*

## Winter cruising guide

From the sun baked shores of the Caribbean, to the far flung islands of the Indian Ocean and beyond, the following cruising pages span the globe to provide a collection of the world's ultimate winter cruising grounds.

If this is your first charter you may wish to take things easy and aim for a mainstream winter destination that has every facility and convenience to hand, such as the Caribbean. You may find a large motor yacht more comfortable if you are a novice charterer.

The same conditions apply for family charters and the ideal winter destinations for children are the Bahamas and the

Caribbean. If your sense of adventure extends beyond the traditional winter cruising grounds, turn your attention to our recommended charter destinations further afield. Despite the far flung and remote settings of many of these areas, charters nevertheless remain the height of luxury.

*For a full guide on the types of yachts available to charter, go to p108*



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## The Caribbean & the Bahamas

Stretching for over 1,000 miles between North and South America, the islands of the Caribbean are a mélange of the colourful cultures that have washed over their shores for centuries.

Awakening even the dullest of senses with their colour, warmth, and easy charm, each island has its own unique cultural diversity, whether linguistic, culinary or architectural. A haven for the waterborne, coral reefs teem with fish and the waters of the ever changing hues of blue lap the white sands. From the volcanic islands of **St Lucia** and **Grenada**, to the barefoot chic of **St Martin** and the **Leeward Islands**, the Caribbean offers an infinite variety of beautiful cultures and cruising grounds.

Alternatively, **the Bahamas** are scattered over 100,000 square miles of iridescent blue shoal waters. More than 700 islands and cays lie in a gentle east-to-west curve just 50 miles south of Florida. Most are deserted cays with unspoiled reefs, shallow fishing waters, and a plethora of dive sites, whilst a handful are habited. From the cosmopolitan capital Nassau to the quaint, laid back Harbour Island and the tropical pristine cays of the Exumas, the Bahamas offer high style with bohemian living.

### At a glance

Swim ashore to the *Soggy Dollar Bar* on Jost Van Dyke for a famous Painkiller cocktail

Rendezvous with fellow seafarers at the *Yacht Club Costa Smeralda*, Virgin Gorda

Tender to the luxurious spa on private Peter Island for a Cast Away Custom Facial

Snorkel around *The Indians* off Norman Island, BVI

Sea kayak around the dramatic boulders and grottoes of The Baths on Virgin Gorda

Visit the historic Nelson's Dockyard in Antigua

Savour sophisticated cuisine with a Caribbean flair at the recently refurbished *Malliouhana Resort*, Anguilla

Step ashore for a *Guerlain* spa treatment at the *Cheval Blanc St Barth Isle de France*

Linger over cocktails on the rustic decks built over the waves at *Basil's Bar* on Mustique

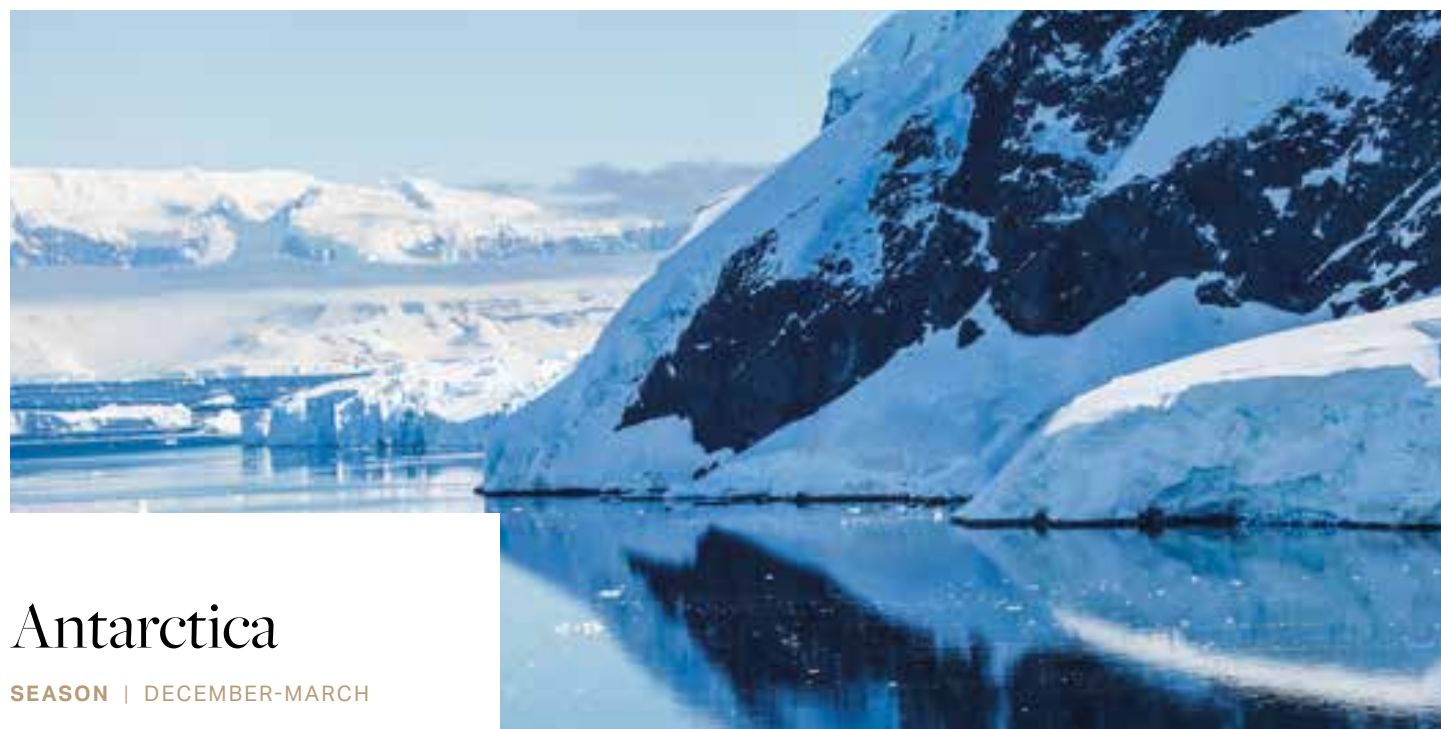
Visit the dramatic twin peaks of The Pitons on St Lucia

Snorkel the ecologically protected Tobago Cays for world class underwater vistas

Discover the very best Bahamian lobster at *The Landing*, Harbour Island

Cast a line for blue marlin in the hot fishing spot east of Abaco, Bahamas

Get up close and personal with friendly stingrays and grape eating iguanas at Allen's Cay



## Antarctica

SEASON | DECEMBER-MARCH

**Antarctica** and **South Georgia** offer some of the world's most adventurous cruising grounds. Cruise through a maze of protected channels found along the Antarctic Peninsula's west coast with minke and humpback whales; discover the vast icecap along the east coast, and follow in Shackleton's wake along the Scotia Arc to discover a wildlife oasis like no other.

### At a glance

Visit historic huts, whaling stations, scientific bases and set foot on the Antarctic continent

Take the tender among sculpted icebergs for encounters with leopard seals and whales

Kayak among ice floes and curious wildlife

Spot petrels and albatross while cruising Drake Passage

Encounter penguin colonies in their thousands



## South America

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Leave the herds behind and cast your net further afield to **Patagonia**. Located in the southern reaches of Chile and Argentina, Patagonia offers so much for those willing to explore. Immerse yourself in local culture while moving along a coastline of wind swept plains, glaciated mountain ranges and stunning flora and fauna.

### At a glance

Cruise past Balmaceda Glacier

Watch soaring condors and eagles

Discover native orchids on the edge of glacial lakes

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## Indian Ocean

The Indian Ocean is an alternative winter charter destination to the Caribbean. The main cruising grounds are split into two swathes – the Seychelles to the West and the Maldives to the east.

An ancient cluster of 115 islands, the **Seychelles** lay happily hidden in the Indian Ocean until their discovery by a French ship in the 18th century. Comprising ancient granite and coral atolls with aquamarine lagoons and powdery sands, the islands are home to their own unique ecology and provide a world of pure escapism where time stands still.

Lying off the southern tip of India, the slender island chain of the **Maldives** is strewn across the shimmering azure waters of the Indian Ocean. The thousands of islands are surrounded by infinite shades of blue water, home to dazzling underwater coral gardens.

### At a glance

Visit the Botanical Gardens on the capital island, Mahé

Discover the famous pelvic shaped coco-de-mer palm in the Valée de Mai, Praslin

Step ashore to the luxury island retreat, *North Island*

Enjoy a treatment at Frégate Island's *Rock Spa*

Explore the underwater world of Kihaduffaru Thula where you will find stingrays and nurse sharks

Discover the heritage site on the island of Redhinge Usgandu in the Raa Atoll

Dive at Angu Faru, breeding ground for grey reef sharks and a common habitat for turtles and schools of barracudas





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## Southeast Asia

Wonderfully diverse, with fascinating, colourful cultures, customs and fantastic cuisine, Southeast Asia has some of the world's most exotic and multi faceted countries.

Paradisical beaches, stunning temples, and genuine hospitality – the coastlines of Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia are flourishing in ancient traditions and cultures, with a fusion of 21st century vitality.

With a host of attractions, the cruising grounds of **Thailand** encompass a range of natural, spiritual and artistic grandeurs. Emerging as exhilarating destinations, **Vietnam** and **Cambodia** have an atmosphere of majesty and mystery, while **Malaysia** has a fascinating fusion of Chinese, Indian and native cultures with a rich diversity of attractions.

**Indonesia** is the latest cruising ground to attract a new breed of charterer who can set sail on a journey through unspoiled waters. From kayaking through secluded coves of the Raja Ampat archipelago to dragon chasing in the Komodo archipelago, the waters are blessed with year round temperatures and ideal sailing conditions. Make the most of uninhabited islands, pristine beaches, amazing underwater life, and well protected anchorages on offer in Southeast Asia.

### At a glance

Discover the impressive site of Koh Phing Khan (James Bond Island), Thailand

Dive with whale sharks, leopard sharks, white tip and black tip sharks in the waters surrounding the Similan Islands

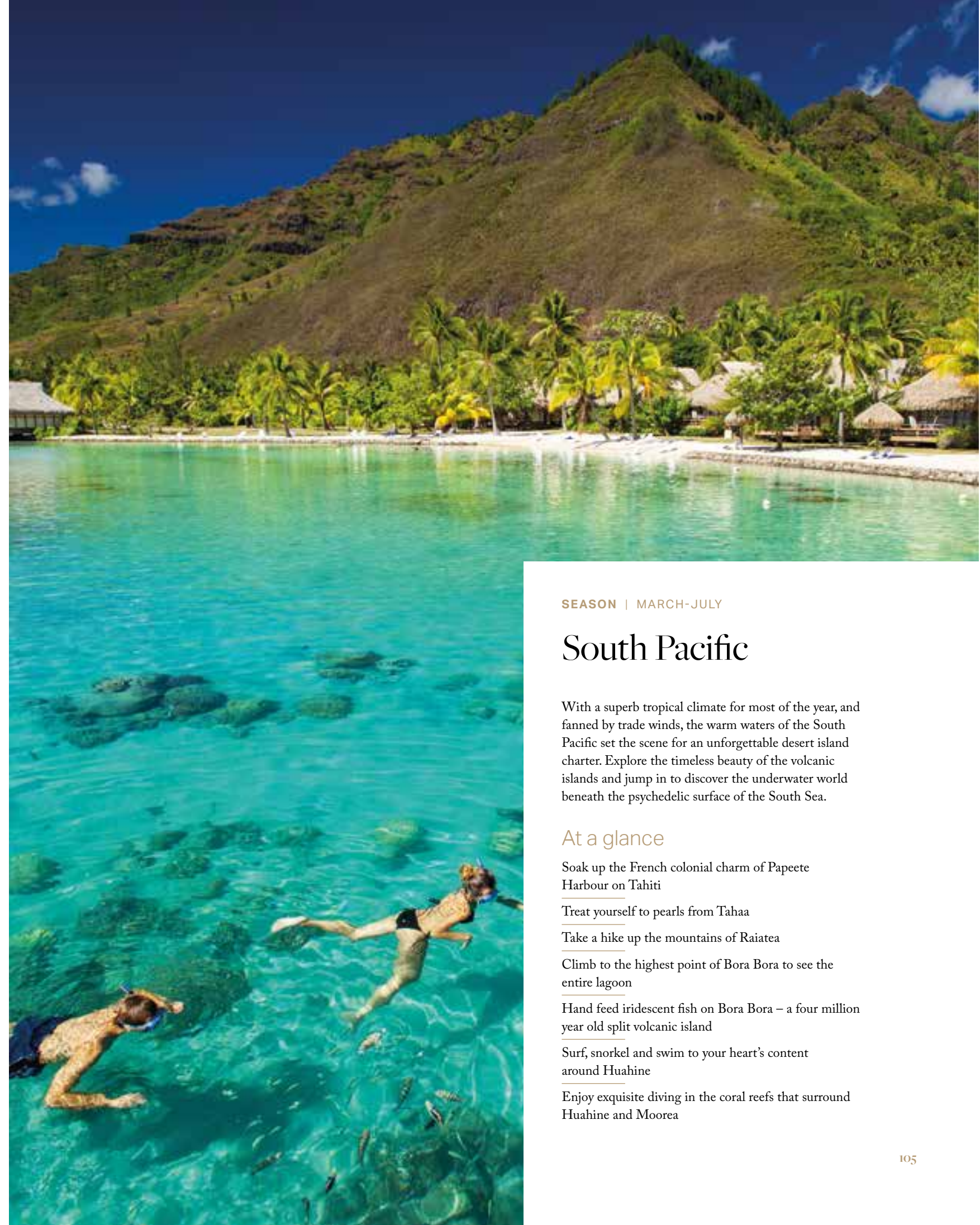
Snorkel the Surin Islands shallow waters

Climb the Wayag Peak for breathtaking views

Snorkel or dive the varied coral gardens of the Wayag archipelago

Find the pygmy seahorse swimming among the vibrant coloured coral around Misool

Cruise to the ancestral caves of Tomolol, Misool



SEASON | MARCH-JULY

## South Pacific

With a superb tropical climate for most of the year, and fanned by trade winds, the warm waters of the South Pacific set the scene for an unforgettable desert island charter. Explore the timeless beauty of the volcanic islands and jump in to discover the underwater world beneath the psychedelic surface of the South Sea.

### At a glance

Soak up the French colonial charm of Papeete Harbour on Tahiti

Treat yourself to pearls from Tahaa

Take a hike up the mountains of Raiatea

Climb to the highest point of Bora Bora to see the entire lagoon

Hand feed iridescent fish on Bora Bora – a four million year old split volcanic island

Surf, snorkel and swim to your heart's content around Huahine

Enjoy exquisite diving in the coral reefs that surround Huahine and Moorea