

NEED A HOTEL ROOM WITH A YACHT? GREAT. HERE ARE FIVE.

Your summer travels now have Bond villain appeal

BY TREVOR MORROW



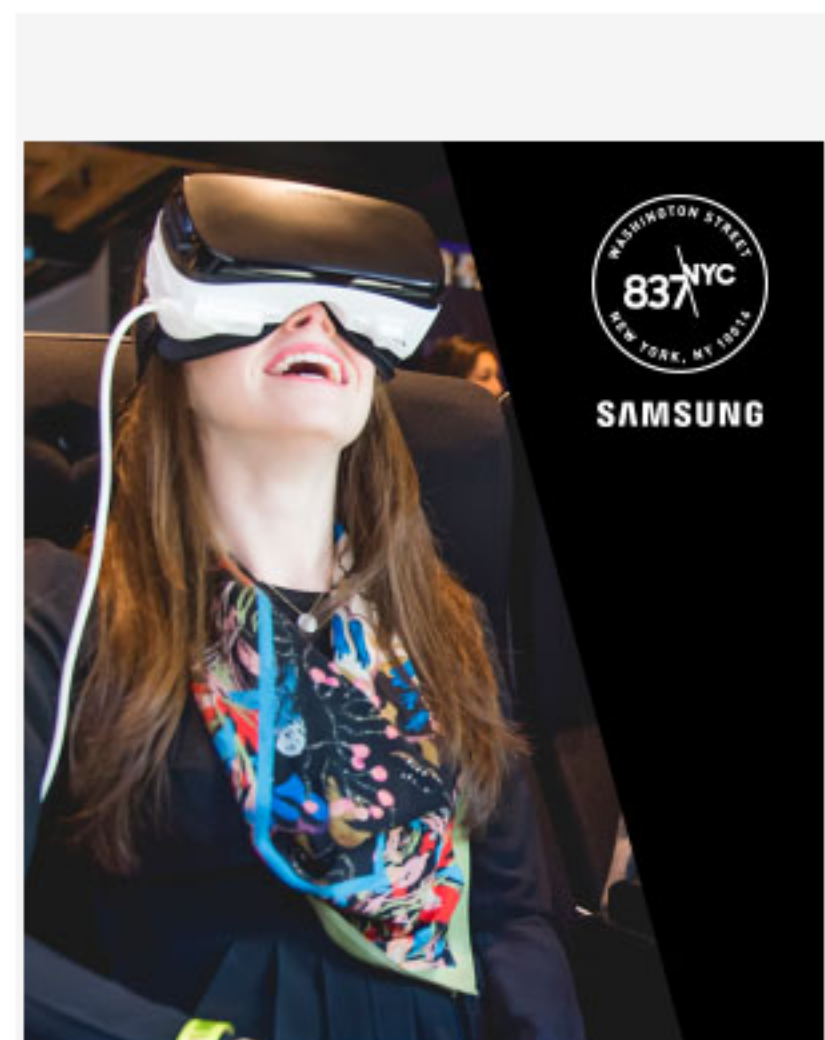
08 JUNE 2016



There's something about summer that drastically amplifies your desire — no, *need* — to drink beer on a boat.



A multi-day charter would be nice, but those tend to obliterate the bottom line. Instead, stay at one of these five yacht-having hotels. You'll rest your head on land in the lap of luxury while having the opportunity to get your summer boating fix in during the day.



Experience the all-new Samsung 837.

LEARN MORE



Pikaia Lodge

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

The best example of evolution in the Galapagos is no longer Darwin's finches, it's Pikaia Lodge. Opened in 2014, Pikaia replaced less-than-luxurious hotels and stark research vessels with 14 luxury suites (perched atop an extinct volcano) and a plush yacht for island hopping and ocean exploration. While aboard the 105-foot M/Y Pikaia I, you can sunbathe, relax in a hot tub or just hang out with your naturalist guide. Feel like taking a nap or a shower? The private cabin comes in handy for that.



Las Ventanas al Paraiso, A Rosewood Resort

Los Cabos, Mexico

There are a lot of hotels in Los Cabo, but only one has a brand new Bond-villain-worthy 60-foot luxury yacht. No surprise, it belongs to Las Ventanas al Paraiso, one of Baja's sexiest boarding houses. Available for full- and half-day charters, the 2015 Rio GT56 — which made its maiden voyage last summer — is available for private whale watching tours, trips to Cabo's famous Land's End Arch and sea lion colony, and forays into secluded bays (so you can launch your paddleboard in peace). Just don't forget the tequila and a bucket of ice.



Conrad Maldives Rangali Island

THE LATEST

EDITOR'S PICKS

1 DO YOU KNOW THE PROTOCOL FOR A WILD ANIMAL ENCOUNTER?

Nine wild beasts, nine tips for safeguarding your fleshy parts

2 MUHAMMAD ALI'S ARTWORK IS HITTING THE AUCTION BLOCK

Did you know The Greatest was also a great artist?

3 NASA FUEL TANK RIDES THROUGH THE STREETS OF L.A.

via TheDrive

Powered By PubExchange

4 BEHIND THE BEHINDS OF FIVE ICONIC NUDE SCENES

Happy anniversary to Halle Berry's \$500,000 assets

5 WHAT DRIVES THE MEN WHO COMPETE IN THE MOST DANGEROUS RACE ON EARTH?

"If it was dead safe, I wouldn't do it."

Conrad Maldives Rangali Island

Rangali Island, Maldives

When you're not snorkeling with whale sharks or dining in the world's only [all-glass undersea restaurant](#), charter one of Conrad Maldives Rangali Island's three yachts for a memorable above-water excursion. To track down and hook tuna, sailfish or wahoo, go with Haka, the 37-foot fishing boat; for more leisurely pursuits, opt for the Rangali Raani, a traditional Turkish sailing yacht, or the Rehendi, a luxury motor cruiser. Both are ideally suited for sunset champagne cruises and trips to a deserted island for a picnic lunch.



Montage Palmetto Bluff

Bluffton, South Carolina

When you think of day-tripping on a yacht, you probably think of turquoise oceans. But the May River at Montage Palmetto Bluff is equally suited for your summer boating excursions. For a slow Southern river cruise, charter the "Grace," a historic, 103-year old vessel that's been masterfully restored after a yearlong renovation. Two ideas for your day on the water: gather a small group for a wine cruise with one of the property's sommeliers, or head out early and watch the river come to life over a quiet, private breakfast.



Il San Pietro di Positano

Positano, Italy

Set against the cliffs of the Amalfi Coast, Il San Pietro di Positano will make the pulse of even the most jaded traveler race upon arrival. To keep it

racing, ride the elevator (drilled into the solid rock cliff walls) down to sea level. You'll emerge in a cave that gives way to a private beach and the vintage Morgan 44 known as "Joey" moored offshore. While trips to boat-in-only beaches and picnics prepared by the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant can be arranged, a simple coastline cruise with a glass of cold Prosecco is enough to make you come back at the same time next year.

#betterhalf

#getaways

#group

#hotels

#yachts

SHARE THIS

