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Hanse Explorer

47.76m | Fassmer Werft | 2006 (2021)



A true expedition yacht in every sense, Hanse Explorer has been designed to navigate the world's most challenging oceans, both tropical and polar, without forgoing creature comforts in any way.

Built in 2006 by Fassmer, this remarkable 47.76m (157ft) craft is the ultimate carrier for a 'wilderness tourism' trip to one of the globe's last remaining and previously unreachable destinations. Without a doubt, she is the toughest ship of her size and kind.

Owned by Lindblad Expeditions founder and adventurer Sven-Olof Lindblad and his explorer wife Kristin Hettermann, the innovative Hanse Explorer is in the highest available commercial ice class and is extremely well placed to service the ever-increasing interest in expedition yachting, which is growing year by year.

Possessing a range of 8,000 nautical miles, a cruising speed of 10 knots and a maximum speed of 12 knots, her two Mark-IV Zodiacs are equally capable of landing on remote Pacific beaches or pushing through ice-strewn Antarctic waters, while newly installed retractable stabilizers ensure she remains steady at sea.



Recently renovated by AROS Marine to an exceptionally high standard throughout her guest areas, and with new open deck spaces and dive facilities, Hanse Explorer sleeps 12 across seven spacious, nautically themed cabins which are both stylish and practical.

Once on board, you will be struck by her casual but chic levels of comfort – hugely important when traversing challenging waters. Additionally, a generous salon and adjacent dining area decorated in hues of cream, beige and blue offer spectacular views through large feature windows while the aft deck makes the perfect spot for al fresco dining.

A light wood sauna is the ideal end of the day kickback after experiencing a host of adventures, as is the top deck jacuzzi with adjacent loungers and sofa seating. This is the place where you might catch whales frolicking, experience the Aurora Borealis or simply enjoy a cocktail or two while taking in a majestic sunset.



As befits a leader in her field, the cuisine on board is also highly deserving of recognition. From the freshest fish tartare to seared sea bass on a pea puree with a light foam bisque and crisped potatoes, fresh ravioli with mushrooms and a light wine-infused cream sauce through to delectable fruit-based desserts and ice creams, every tastebud is well catered for on Hanse Explorer.

Indeed, her highly experienced, friendly and professional crew of 14 is well versed in not just meeting the dreams and desires of expedition clients but delivering on every level of service, having created the tailor-made voyage of a lifetime just for you.

You might find yourself discovering hidden lagoons in the Society Islands of the South Pacific, marvelling at the magnificent stone statues of Easter Island, scaling the summit of Bouvet Island – the most remote isle in the world – or experiencing a host of under the radar destinations from Antarctica to the Arctic and everywhere in between.



Whatever your itinerary, you can rest content in the knowledge that Hanse Explorer has hosted a diverse collection of VIP guests, from film and TV crews to scientific researchers, renowned wildlife photographers and marine conservation experts.

Whether you're on a romantic trip à deux, diving off the pristine reefs of Melanesia or amongst an adventurous group of family and friends soaking up the sights of the Norwegian fjords, the clean, classic lines of this versatile 'go anywhere' yacht will ensure you unlimited access to untouched terrain where nature sets the stage.

Eye to eye encounters with wildlife and uninhibited exploration will see you fully immersed in the unimaginable delights of our planet's most remote destinations.

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