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Exploration is a wonderful way to open our eyes to the world, and to truly see that impossible is just a word.
-Richard Branson

Completely redesigned for a life of adventure and exploration, the 77.4-meter expedition yacht LEGEND has everything to take you off the beaten track to the farthest reaches of the earth. Refit in 2015 with every imaginable luxury, she was re-engineered to cruise the harshest climates in comfort and style. With a 7,640 nautical mile range, there is no place the ocean touches that this powerful yacht cannot take you.

Legendary Beginnings

You need to look hard to see past her sleek and sturdy beauty to make out Legend's roots as an icebreaker built for the Russian navy. There is no tougher vessel for exploring polar extremes and far-off places than a steel hull made for crushing through an icepack. But the visionaries at Diana Yacht Design saw beauty in the strong form of the converted working vessel and completely transformed it into a graceful and comfortable pleasure yacht that is tough enough to go anywhere in the world. Interior design by John Misiag and Shelley McNaughton gives every creature comfort in an atmosphere of opulence and splendor.

The owner's design brief demanded a safe, comfortable, and luxurious vessel capable of operating in Antarctic and polar waters. To go into some of the most extreme environments in the world and extend the traditional cruising range of the superyacht past where most dare go. Beyond simply seeing the sights, Legend was to provide entertainment, comfort, freedom, and lots of expedition gear and tenders. Diversions and amusements at the far corners of the earth, to explore and adventure and when the weather is too extreme to go outside. And finally, Legend needed to be beautiful.

The result is a distinctive and powerful superyacht with the attitude of an icebreaker and the comfort of a plush, private resort.

Form and Function

With her athletic bow, Legend shows her pedigree as an icebreaker. Her storied history as a Russian tug from the cold war adds a different feel to her, but Legend's workboat origins are only faintly visible in the sturdy shoulders and the massive bow with the strength to shred pack ice. As the sheer heads aft, that strength turns to beauty with modern styling and comfortable lines, opening up to a modern superyacht stern providing ready water access for guests. This is a vessel that is not meant to be stopped, not by bad weather and not by ice.

With an incredible interior volume, Legend has spacious boutique accommodations for twenty-six in thirteen cabins in a variety of arrangements and decors. Each guest cabin and VIP suite is distinctive with its own unique style and feel. The interior designers eschewed the single-themed look for all the cabins so common on large yachts, opting for distinctive styling and character in each suite.

The unifying themes are comfort, space, light, and luxury. What makes them differ is the mood tone of each suite. The styling in the London suite evokes classic ocean liners and the hunt, while the spacious Moscow suite brings you to the heart of the Kremlin with its deep brown wood and strong furniture. Each suite is a five-star hotel in a major city to delight you and your guests.





Comforts

After a long day outside on a glacier, heli-skiing or exploring the depths, Legend offers every chance to relax and recover in the lap of luxury. Designed for expeditions in remote places, Legend's focus on stunning interior space and amenities which bring guests into the boat is intentional. There are no nightclubs in the Antarctic, no restaurants hundreds of miles from civilization in the arctic circle, and conditions outside often aren't suitable for leisure. Legend makes the superyacht the experience, with myriad entertainments and diversions for those evenings away from the center of things. You won't miss it with her amenities and the beauty and comfort of Legend's interior.

Nestled in the main deck, you'll find the fully equipped gym and a Balinese spa. Relax in the waterfall jacuzzi surrounded by hand-carved Balinese art. Adjacent to the jacuzzi is a full sauna and a massage treatment room.

One deck up, relax in the sixteen-person waterfall pool in the open air of the main deck at the stern. Orcas hunt in front of you against a backdrop of mountains and glaciers as you recline with a chilled drink, faint from the 35C pool rising around you.

The main deck is covered and heated, created a warm and comfortable place to enjoy the natural beauty outside, but out of the wind and weather. All of Legend's heated outdoor spaces are designed for comfort, blocking the wind from seated guests as they sit with a drink from the bar or dine alfresco while the crew prepares a casual barbecue.

Forward, find the main salon, and the opulent dining room and lounge, a spacious and airy room with comfort seating for world-class dining. After dinner, enjoy a digestif around the fire as you sink into the soft, white leather lounges with your guests.

Past the main salon is the whiskey bar and cigar room. Sip a fifty-year-old single malt around the compass rose laid in tile on the floor, with the ambience of warm wood panels in a quiet library setting.

The upper deck features another open, heated deck with an outdoor bar and grill. Step inside to the spectacular piano bar. A self-playing Mason & Hamlin keeps the ivories tinkling as guests enjoy the panoramic views. The rich, wood decks warm the room and white, and brown décor evokes the glaciers and mountains, bringing elements of the landscape to the comfort of the lounge.

Open sky awaits on the Master Deck, where the helipad converts to sunbathing and lounge space when the helicopters are not in use. Midships the five-ton cranes handle the ship's boats and submersible before doors open into a small lounge and the adjoining guest suites and the master suite.

The owner's stateroom forward, also known as the Paris Suite, is a testament to elegance and beauty. The king plus bed is the centerpiece, surrounded by lush wood and warm cream tones, giving it an understated brightness and warmth. The suite runs the width of the superstructure, with sitting rooms and living space on both sides with sweeping views. Add to this a head with a full bath, and it is a deluxe penthouse in a faraway place.

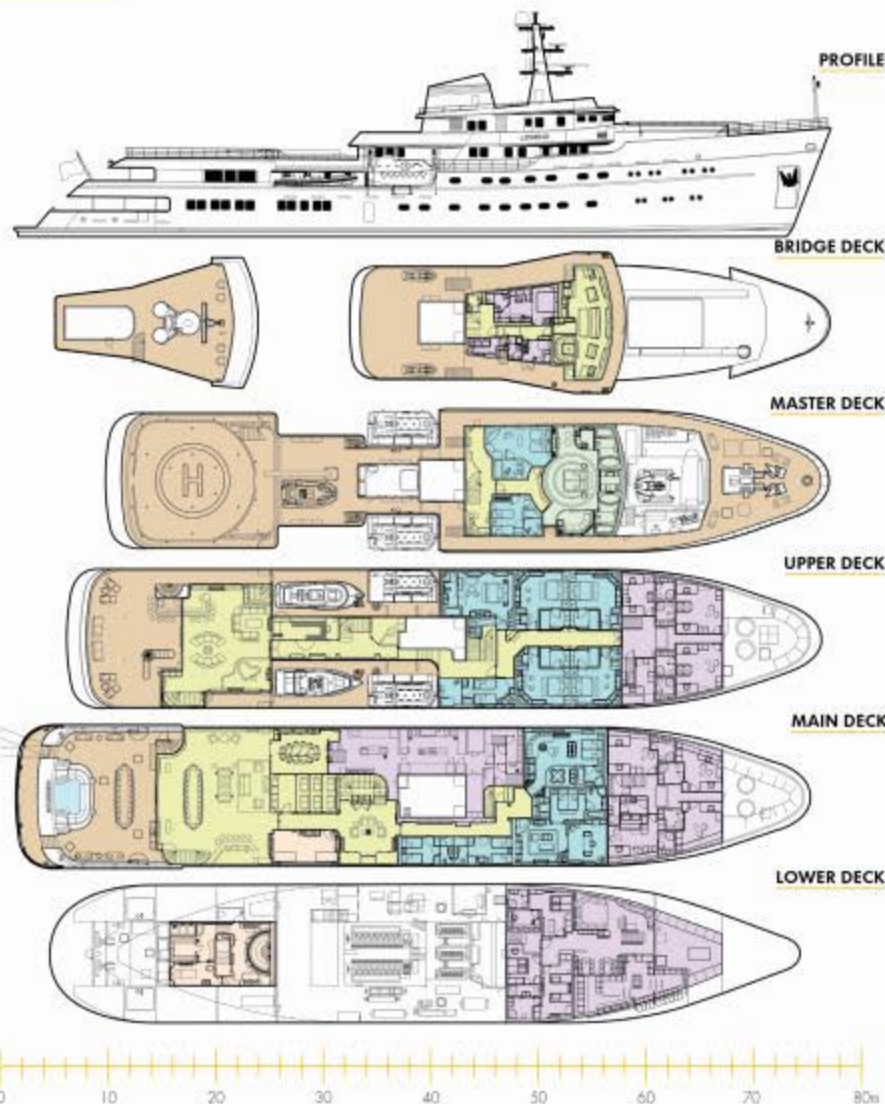












The World is Your Playground - All the Best Toys

Legend is one of the few private vessels in the world to carry and fully support two helicopters as required for safe Antarctic operations. The CAP 437 certified helideck is strong enough for a six-person Eurocopter EC135 and has safety systems and a refueling bunker. This is a full operation platform that is not just for touch and go passenger loading.

Replete with water and land toys, Legend has an immense capacity including two fully equipped luxury tenders, two large zodiac tenders, a tender for the crew, two snowmobiles, kayaks, wave runners, windsurfers, water skis, scuba gear, and a submersible.

The U-Boat Wox C-Explorer 5 submarine takes five people to depths of 200 meters for forty-five-minute excursions, bringing polar exploration to a whole new level with seven trips possible per day. The breathless serenity of under the ice is yours to see.

A Safe Ship in a Dangerous World

The design brief for Legend demands comfort and safety. Though she has the looks and luxury to be a party ship on the Côte D'Azur and beautiful climes, that's not her world.

Legend is more than just Ice Class. She is a fully certified Lloyd's Class 1 icebreaker and holds Polar, Full SOLAS and MCA 13-36 Passenger Yacht Code classifications and fully complies with the 2017 IMO Polar Code. To achieve these safety ratings during refit, a ship of her lineage required extensive modification, strengthening, and a complete redesign of the interior. Fittings had to meet the beauty standards of the designers, but they also had to match the stringent fire, safety, and quality standards of Lloyd's inspectors. Designers added 3.6 meters to the stern and 100 tons of steel and aluminum augmented the original construction, stiffening and strengthening the boat to modern design and safety standards.

With a deep 6.5 meter draft and computer controlled stabilizers, Legend is a sturdy platform in the worst conditions. Windows allow massive amounts of light inside the yacht, but near the water, they are sized for safety and built extra thick to withstand the waves. Comfort is more than plush furniture and a well-stocked bar. It is sea kindly motion on a stable ship and knowing your yacht is capable of the demands you make of her.

Legend breaks the mold of the superyacht as a warm weather plaything. The game has changed, an expedition yacht opens the world beyond the tropics to remote and largely untouched places. Little escapes the reach of man these days, but Legend will take you there and fill your need to explore the far ends of the planet. ☼

Specifications

•Length:	77.40m (253' 11")
•Beam:	13.50m (44' 3")
•Draft:	6.50m (21' 4")
•Speed:	11 knots cruising, 14 knots maximum
•Range:	7640 nautical miles

