

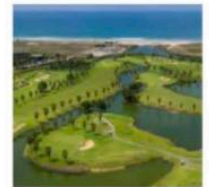
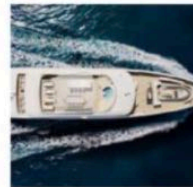
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AQUA LARES

A Legacy of Once-In-A-Lifetime Adventures

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Marking the brand's expansion into East Africa, Aqua Lares — an ultra-luxe expedition yacht — will offer once-in-a-lifetime voyages to such wonders of biodiversity as the Seychelles, the Aldabra Atoll, Zanzibar, and Tanzania.

Award-winning global leader in small-ship expeditions, Aqua Expeditions — part of the PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP — proudly announces Aqua Lares, the sixth vessel in the brand's award-winning fleet, continuing a legacy of delivering once-in-a-lifetime adventures to the world's most remote and bio-diverse destinations.

Launching February 2026, the 15-suite Aqua Lares will offer 5- to 11-night voyages across the Seychelles, with select itineraries venturing to the Aldabra Atoll or onward to Zanzibar, Tanzania—each crafted for travelers seeking remote and extraordinary wilderness. It will also be the first luxury expedition yacht available to book by the cabin in the Seychelles.

"The launch of Aqua Lares marks an exciting new chapter for Aqua Expeditions—uniting our commitment to luxury exploration with the thrill of discovering uncharted frontiers. East Africa has held a special place in my heart since my first safari at age seven, and it's surreal to now return with our own expedition yacht. From the wild beauty of the Seychelles to Aldabra Atoll's 150,000 giant tortoises, this region offers a rare kind of adventure—one that perfectly complements our voyages in the Galapagos and Indonesia," shares Founder and CEO Francesco Galli Zugaro.

Guests can expect a superyacht experience in line with Aqua's signature standards: personalized service, a 1:1 crew-to-guest ratio, cuisine by world-renowned chefs, and expert-led excursions in small groups that reveal the best of each destination.

Spanning six decks, the 253-foot Aqua Lares hosts a maximum of just 30 guests across its 12 beautifully appointed design suites and three twin cabins, offering an intimate and elevated way to explore East Africa's most remote waters. The sizable accommodations range from 140-710 square-feet and include three generous Owner's Suites. Interiors showcase a winning collaboration between Aqua Design Director Birgit Galli Zugaro and Milan-based HOTLAB. Elegant and with a strong sense of place, Aqua Lares feels like a luxurious sanctuary at sea.

A dedicated crew of 33—including three naturalist guides—ensures

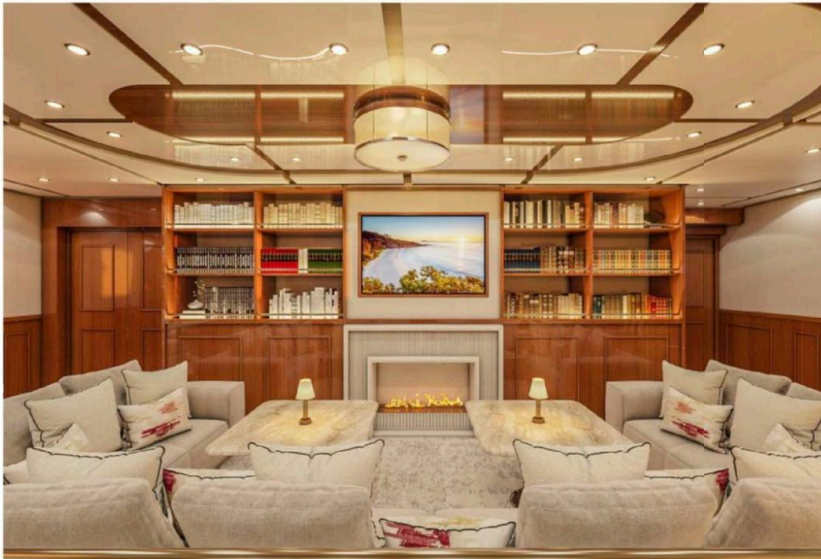


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world-class service and delivers experience-rich adventures on land and underwater. Onboard social spaces include a panoramic sun deck with bar and lounge, a cinema, boutique, gym, saloon, indoor dining room, and a shaded outdoor dining area. Wellness offerings feature two Jacuzzis, a sauna, massage room, and spa—designed for relaxation after a day of discovery.

To support flexible off-ship discovery and exploration, Aqua Lares carries five private tenders—three Zodiacs and two Rafnar tenders, renowned for their shock-absorbing, stable hulls that deliver comfort and safety at sea. She's also outfitted with paddle boards, kayaks, snorkeling and diving gear, as well as mountain bikes, ideal for reaching remote beaches, lagoons, and forest trails. ❖

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