



BILGIN YACHTS

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BILGIN CELEBRATES NEW YEAR WITH A LAUNCH

Following the appealing debut of the 80-meter Tatiana, Istanbul-based Bilgin Yachts did the technical launch of their brand-new superyacht Bilgin 243 on January 8th, 2022. The 74-meter superyacht will be in the main quarters of the shipyard for the finishing touches.

Built on-spec in Yalova, where Bilgin has its steel and aluminium construction facility, the superyacht is now in the Bilgin Yachts facility in West Istanbul Marina for outfitting processes. The yacht will now be outfitted and ready for delivery in 2024. Bilgin's CEO İsmail Şengün expressed his feelings by saying, "The technical launch and design of Bilgin 243 proved a complete success for the whole Bilgin team. We are very happy and proud of starting the year with a big splash."

The 74-meter yacht is meticulously designed by Unique Yacht Design. She has a similar layout as the 80-meter Bilgin 263. With her five-deck layout on a super-efficient hull form, the yacht will offer alternative living areas on deck. Besides a flybridge and extensive sunbathing areas, there is also a lounge on the upper deck, a living room with a bar section on the bridge deck and another living room with a 16-person dining table on the main deck. The owner has the opportunity for full privacy thanks to the large area devoted to them in the front part of the main deck.

Emrecaan Özgün, CEO and the Founder of Unique Yacht Design, describes the superyacht as a very special project to them. He says, "We designed Bilgin 74m focusing on the large, spacious structures that characterise a boat of this size, trying to develop them to perfection, rather than trying to fit 'a little bit of everything'. The result was a great balance between interior and exterior living spaces, pleasing, large and sporty, but not tiring."

The 1,607 GT semi-custom yacht offers five to nine cabins according to the yacht owner's wishes. Currently there are seven cabins, four of which are on the lower deck, two VIPs on the main deck and an owner's suite. While all the cabins have large windows for a rich spectrum of daylight, the upper deck dedicated to the yacht owner will have a special terrace with a private jacuzzi. The deck consists of the owner's suite, his and her bathrooms, dressing room, and a separate office area. Since the layout is flexible, the owner can choose to have additional two cabins or to lessen the number of cabins in order to have larger socializing areas.

"This 74-meter yacht is the exact equivalent of a super yacht for us. She has a sexy, sharp masculine, modern yet clean and timeless, striking exterior appearance. Large windows and portholes allowed us to show the spaciousness of the yacht." says Özgün. A 50 square-meter beach club, bar and lounge

areas, gym, sauna and tender garage are among the prominent features of the yacht. She will be powered by twin 1,920 kW main engines which will allow the yacht to reach more than 17 knots. Her 169,000-liter fuel capacity will let her cruise more than 5,000 miles at a cruising speed of 12 knots.

BRIEF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Hull configuration: Displacement
Hull material: Steel
S/Structure material: Aluminium
LOA: 73.60m
LWL at full load: 64.08m
Beam overall: 13.15m
Draught at full load: 3.55m
Displacement at full load: 1,328t
Gross tonnage: 1,607gt
Fuel capacity: 169,000lt
Water capacity: 28,000lt
Main engines: MTU 12V 4000 M65R
Engines power: 2x1,920 kW @ 1,800 RPM
Maximum speed: 17.5
Cruising speed: 12
Range at cruising speed at half load: 5,000+ miles
Exterior Design: Unique Yacht Design
Naval Architect: Unique Yacht Design
Interior Design: to be determined
Builder: Bilgin Yachts

ABOUT BILGIN YACHTS

Bilgin Yachts is a boutique shipyard in Istanbul area, building bespoke 40 to 120-meter luxury superyachts. It has been a family-run business for five generations since the early 1900s. With its 400+ highly-skilled craftsmen, who contribute to the 90% of the work in-house, the shipyard operates in facilities covering 60,000 m² that include a state-of-the-art marine furniture factory, a comprehensive machine shop and a stainless-steel workshop. Since the spring of 2017, the company has expanded further with additional 10,000m² areas outfitting sheds and headquarters located in West Istanbul Marina, just 40 minutes away from Istanbul Airport.

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