

Superyacht of the week: The Cosmo 50 Explorer I-Nova



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The owner of the Alizul Finance Corporation Ltd. had been looking into the possibility to build an exploration yacht for a long period of time. From 2008 to 2010 several efforts were made to contract the construction of the owner's vision of an ideal explorer yacht. However, those attempts did not lead to an actual signed contract, mainly due to techno-economic reasons. Then, in 2010, the owner of the Alizul Finance Corporation, met up with naval architect Mr. Dimitris Bales and designer Cristiano Gatto of Cristiano Gatto Design Team Srl. It was there and then, that the idea for the Cosmo 50 Explorer was born.



As the first vessel of newly established brand Cosmo Explorer, the bold, fun and confident superyacht *I-Nova* was recently launched in Greece. As a particularly charming 50 metre explorer vessel, *I-Nova* is an Ice Class motoryacht that boasts an elegant style and a fresh, bubbly and friendly personality. With strength in her looks and character, *I-Nova's* interiors and exteriors were eloquently designed by the Italy-based Cristiano Gatto Design Team, presenting us with a concept of elegant simplicity and exquisite yet subtle luxury.



Starting with her exterior look, *I-Nova* showcases an undeniable sense of self-confidence, with strong lines, a grey steel hull and a white aluminium superstructure. With some impressively spacious decks, her beam is 9.5 metres wide, making her look bold and feel open.



I-Nova is a strong and reliable partner to take a cruise to any place imaginable, from the seven seas to the edge of the world, in perfect comfort and impeccable style. With regards to accommodation, 12 lucky guests can enjoy an oasis of lush luxury with robust materials, natural colours and an ambiance that is light, masculine and rich. *I-Nova* emphasises reliability and comfort, with smooth movement and an impressive stability as some of her many

strengths.



Upon stepping onboard, one is instantly welcomed with an overall sense of sophistication and hospitality, with top quality designs combining elegant furnishing, most of which was custom designed by the Cristiano Gatto Design team, with warm and natural palettes of colours and materials. There is a distinct sense of spaciousness and comfort all over, starting with the main saloon. This chic room boasts a refined design, with a high-contrast colour scheme of chocolate, cream and honey, that gives the room a sophisticated and refined look. Invitingly large sofas and poufs in light upholstery, are combined with contemporary settees in a luxurious dark brown leather, warmly textured bamboo wicker ceiling panels, curvy modern coffee tables and plush off-white carpeting.



Large panoramic windows bring the outside in, turning this lush and refined saloon into a space where guests can comfortably linger on even the most adventurous of cruises.



Formal dining fore and a chic bar area aft make this an elegant, spacious and elegantly designed area that combines delightful style and comfortable living, all framed by photographic artworks that reflect imagery of adventurous destinations. Outside, the large aft deck boasts a big, curvy sofa as an inviting centerpiece, paired with round armchairs and an oval table that, together with the modern lighting scheme, present a spacious, airy and modern aft deck that feels pleasantly sheltered. From here, the big beach club and big swimming platform can be easily reached.



Moving fore from the main saloon, through the central guest lobby which continues the salon's brand of warm, modern elegance and sophistication, one finds the sumptuous master suite. Here, a warm sense of privacy and coziness, combining ample daylight with a design of rich textures, luxury materials, natural colours and soft lighting into an invitingly lush suite that is simply sensual and serene.



The master quarters consist of a lobby and full beam stateroom, lavish his and hers en suites, steam room and ample wardrobe space. In the owner's lobby, a private staircase lead upstairs to the impressive panoramic owner's lounge fore.



Rich and vibrant, the master suite is a warmly welcoming, distinctly elegant area that is subtle and undeniably luxurious. The panoramic saloon upstairs is impressive and equally stylish, with 180 degrees of dramatic vista views and including office, lounge and games areas. This room, like all other guest areas onboard, offers that distinct palette of materials that, despite showing ample contrast, present a perfectly cohesive and vibrant interior style.



Moving aft on the upper deck, through the owner's and guest lobbies, one finds the equally luxurious, stylish and inviting sky lounge. Here, too, a richly textured mix of luxury materials, which include Kauri wood, teak, wengé and bamboo, has been skilfully applied to form a balanced ambiance of contemporary glamour and distinguished elegance. Chocolate,

honey and cream set the tone, and the large L-shaped sofas, and big poufs, all in crisp off-white upholstery, make for a wonderfully inviting setting in an environment of undeniable class. Large surrounding windows, a big flatscreen television and big glass sliding doors aft turn this sky lounge into a versatile, airy and comforting space that looks effortlessly chic, warm and contemporary.



Outside, the aft deck can be used for storage of tenders, jet skis and additional equipment, easily transforming into an impressively big exterior space for sunbathing and large parties. With regards to exterior areas, *I-Nova's* deck spaces are all impressively open and spacious. From the main, upper and bridge aft decks, which are all big and airy, to the wide side decks, everywhere on board there is a great sense of openness to be felt. The bridge deck offers a wonderful sunbathing and lounging area aft. A perfectly secluded L-shaped lounge, coffee tables that can be transformed into an al fresco dining area, inviting sun loungers and additional furnishing throughout, there really is something for everyone here. And with big bimini shades available, ample shade is guaranteed when necessary. Leading upstairs, one discovers a great panoramic sun deck that combines a big Jacuzzi and inviting sun pads fore with a covered area that can be conveniently utilised as an outside gym. Keeping in shape and relaxing are perfectly combined, all framed with those panoramic views most people can only dream of.





With regards to guest accommodations, *I-Nova* offers a great selection of possibilities, all in her distinct style of luxury, warmth, privacy and comfort. Aside from the delightful master suite, there is a spacious VIP stateroom, with big en suite and big wardrobe, located on the upper deck. The remaining four guest suites, two doubles and two twins, are centrally located on the lower deck. All of the guest suites offer a soothing, luxurious stateroom, a chic en suite with big shower area and that pleasantly soft modern style. Each suite is equally well appointed, showing off *I-Nova's* sense of modern lightness and warm finesse. Thick bulkheads perfectly shelter these guest quarters from exterior sound, making these suites look, feel and sound soothing and serene.



I-Nova truly is a charming superyacht, combining confidence and strength with a delightful sense of warmth and a gracious modern style. She is all about balanced contrast, sheltering her guests in a cocoon of elegant luxury while taking them on a cruise to any faraway destinations imaginable.

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