

CREW PROFILE

SHERAKHAN



A dedicated team of superyacht crew are on hand to provide a charter experience to remember.

FIRST CLASS CREW

Seamlessly working together to provide levels of service that go beyond the realms of even the best hotels, they make sure that every last detail is covered whether it is the welcome drink, setting up water toys for a day of adventure, or organising the best on-shore excursions not to mention operating the yacht. And with an exceptional culinary experience that is designed just for you on top of it all, the crew are the architects of your perfect getaway.

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KEVIN VAN LUIJN

CAPTAIN

NATIONALITY: DUTCH
LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH

Kevin completed his education as a Maritime Officer at the Maritime University in Terschelling in 2009. It was during his traineeship aboard Volendam, a cruise ship owned by Holland America Line, that he discovered his passion for the passenger ship industry. However, he found himself yearning for the personal connections with guests he enjoyed during his summer holidays working as a deckhand.

Upon graduating, Kevin pursued a role as a 2nd officer aboard Sherakhan. Within a year, his dedication and skill led to a promotion to Chief Officer. Throughout his career, he has served as a 4th, 3rd, and 2nd engineer on various vessels, both yachts and commercial ships, but his heart remains on the bridge. Following his tenure as staff captain aboard the Legend, Kevin returned to Sherakhan. His experiences have underscored the importance of a content and motivated crew in delivering exceptional service and ensuring the success of charters for guests.

Outside of work, Kevin indulges his passion for water sports, particularly enjoying moments on a wakeboard during any free time.

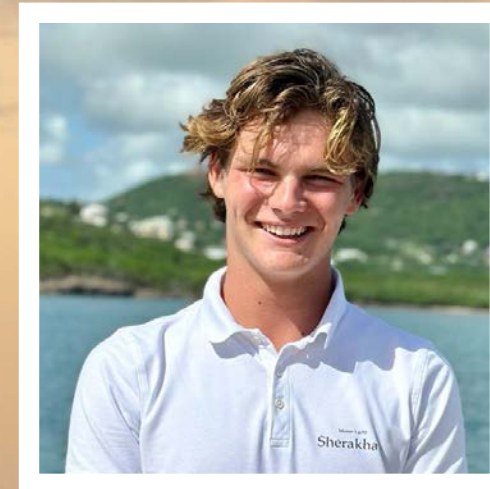
FINN VAN LEEST

CHIEF OFFICER

NATIONALITY: DUTCH

LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH, FRENCH

Having been surrounded by boats all his life, Finn is an enthusiastic, energetic young Maritime Officer All Ships student whose main goal is to become a Yacht Captain. Working during school holidays at his father's shipyard, he has gained a lot of knowledge of the ins and outs of the boating industry. Finn is into all water sports and enjoys teaching people the tricks of the trade. He's made sure his two younger brothers master the kneeboard, wake-surf, and water-skiing as he does. He completed his first traineeship with us and liked it so much that he is back for his final traineeship onboard. In between, he has been doing day charters in the South of France, and we are happy to have him back, more experienced and eager than ever. He knows the yachting world is for him and cannot wait to finalize his papers to kick off his career. He's happy to join Sherakhan and carve his path toward becoming a Yacht Captain.



NICEAS GARTE

BOSUN

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO

LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH

After completing his Bachelor of Science in Marine Technology at the DAVAO Merchant Marine Academy, Niceas commenced his career in the Indian Ocean, honing his sailing skills. From 1999 to 2006, he served as a sailor in Dutch waters. Subsequently, he transitioned to the yachting industry, joining the crew of Sherakhan. With over a decade of experience aboard Sherakhan, Niceas has demonstrated himself as a friendly, hardworking, and highly motivated individual, always adorned with a smile. He excels as a tender driver and expertly caters to his guests' needs.





ERWIN LEDESMA

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH

Erwin completed Maritime School in the Philippines in 1998. He then took a job on a passenger/cargo ship as a cook and deckhand, where he worked for six years before joining us aboard the Sherakhan. In 2006, Erwin began in the galley but swiftly transitioned to the deck department due to his passion and skills for outdoor tasks and exterior maintenance. He dedicates himself entirely to delivering flawless work. Whether working solo or with a team, he plays a crucial role in upholding the ship's quality standards. Erwin is softly spoken with an enormous smile and an encouraging attitude. After ten years, we are delighted to have him with us for another year!



EYYUP YILMAZ

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: TURKISH / GERMAN
LANGUAGES: TURKISH, GERMAN, ENGLISH

Eyyup essentially grew up around water. His father bestowed upon him his first boat at the tender age of 9. While still attending school, Eyyup consistently found himself assisting with daily or weekly charter boat trips during school breaks. Upon turning 18, Eyyup acquired his seaman certificates and has since been employed on sailing and motor yachts. Throughout these years, he has journeyed to numerous countries, accumulating extensive experience in catering to the needs of high-profile guests. For Eyyup, working and residing on a boat is a collaborative endeavor, with individuals from diverse backgrounds uniting toward a shared objective: ensuring guests' happiness and providing an unforgettable experience onboard.

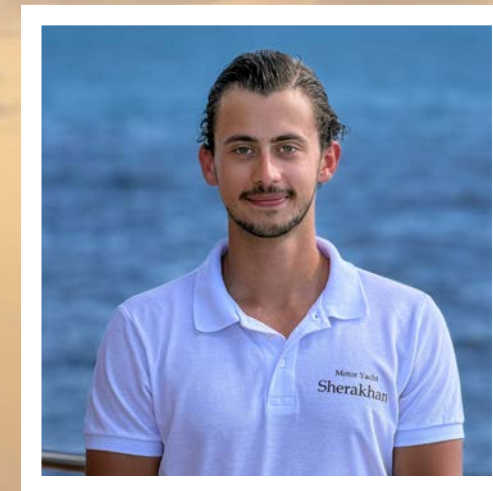
MIGUEL ZOER

DECKHAND TRAINEE

NATIONALITY: DUTCH
LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH

Miguel was born in Veenendaal, the Netherlands, and has been on the water from a very young age. He began windsurfing early in life and later went on to compete at a high level, developing strong seamanship, discipline, and a natural confidence around the ocean. With a deep passion for surfing, foiling, and travel, Miguel brings youthful energy and enthusiasm to the deck team.

He enjoys working hands-on with guests during water sports activities and takes great pride in helping create safe, fun, and memorable experiences onboard. Eager to learn and highly motivated, Miguel is building his career in yachting with a strong focus on guest interaction, teamwork, and professional growth, making him a valued addition to the Sherakhan crew.



DAX VAN LEEST

DECKHAND TRAINEE

NATIONALITY: DUTCH
LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH

Dax was born in Leiden, the Netherlands, and grew up around boats, spending his time driving and fixing them for fun—an interest that naturally developed into a passion for a career on the water.

From a young age, he gained hands-on experience and a strong practical understanding of vessels and marine equipment. With a particular love for water sports and deep-sea fishing, Dax enjoys sharing his knowledge with guests, especially when teaching e-foiling or talking about his fishing adventures.

His approachable attitude, technical curiosity, and enthusiasm make him a valuable member of the deck team. Motivated and eager to learn, Dax is focused on developing his skills within the yachting industry while ensuring guests enjoy safe, engaging, and memorable experiences onboard Sherakhan.





MANON DE WIT

CHIEF STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: DUTCH

LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH, GERMAN

Before completing her Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Communication, Manon seized an opportunity to join Sherakhan in 2008. She worked her way up as a hotel manager while traveling extensively with Sherakhan. Following a hiatus, during which she completed her degree and pursued an MBA in Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship, she returned, more experienced and passionate than ever. Manon leverages her background in animation, music instruction, private tour guiding, and football coaching to ensure impeccable charters. She excels in making guests feel at home. Active across various departments onboard, Manon maintains her smile and keen eye for detail. In her leisure time, she indulges in creativity, writing spoken word and poetry, cooking, traveling, wing foiling, diving, and skateboarding worldwide.



ELAINE RAMOS

CHIEF HOUSEKEEPING

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO

LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH

Elaine completed a Bachelor of Science. After her studies, she joined the yachting industry in 2010 because she wanted to travel the world. In 2014, she joined Sherakhan and has not left since. She loves providing good hospitality to guests. She worked her way up to Chief Housekeeping, and during her leave, she ensures she keeps her massage skills up to date. Elaine loves giving massages and training the crew onboard to improve their treatments. She also enjoys cooking and creating things. She is adept with a sewing machine and enjoys repurposing items for a second use. When at home, she plans her time mostly around her family, traveling, and discovering new adventures! Being with her sailing siblings, a traveling heart is deeply shared among them. In her free time, she enjoys watching movies, shopping, and playing badminton.

RUBY VAN DER WIEL

STEWARDESS (SERVICE)

NATIONALITY: DUCTH
LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH

Ruby brings a fresh, positive energy to her role as Service Stewardess onboard Sherakhan. With a naturally friendly manner and a strong willingness to learn, she focuses on delivering attentive and professional guest service throughout every charter. She takes pride in maintaining high service standards in all interior operations, including table service, guest interaction, and daily interior routines. Ruby approaches her duties with enthusiasm, attention to detail, and a proactive mindset, ensuring guests feel comfortable, welcomed, and well cared for at all times. Adaptable and reliable, she works well within a team and responds positively to guidance from senior crew. Her calm presence and positive attitude contribute to a smooth and enjoyable onboard atmosphere. Ruby's dedication, professionalism, and service-oriented approach make her a valued member of the interior team, supporting the overall guest experience aboard Sherakhan.



LORETTA FINDLAY

STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: DUTCH / ZAMBIAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Loretta was born in Zambia and raised along the banks of the beautiful Kafue River, but her roots also trace back to the Netherlands. Growing up surrounded by nature, she developed a love for the outdoors and an active lifestyle early on. After completing her A-level studies in Biology, Psychology, Physical Education, and Geography, Loretta set her sights on the sea—trading textbooks for travel and embarking on a career in yachting. Now entering her third season, Loretta has quickly proven herself to be a valuable team member aboard Sherakhan, where she currently serves as a service stewardess. Her previous freelancing experience on vessels ranging from 20 to 60 meters helped shape her preference for larger charter yachts, where she thrives in a dynamic, guest-focused environment. Whether she's curating five-star service, sharing a sunset moment with guests, or exploring a new city during downtime, Loretta does it with enthusiasm, elegance, and a warm smile.





GRACE HEMINGWAY

STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: NEW ZEALANDER

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Grace was born in Auckland, New Zealand, and brings a warm, caring, and energetic personality to the interior team. Before joining the yachting industry, she spent three years working in Early Childhood Education, where she developed strong attention to detail, organisation, and exceptional interpersonal skills. Naturally service-oriented, Grace enjoys creating welcoming environments and building genuine connections with guests. Her background has made her highly empathetic, approachable, and confident in working with people from all walks of life, qualities that translate seamlessly into high-level guest service onboard. Creative and enthusiastic, Grace has a passion for performance and the arts, having been involved in community theatre, dance, and musical productions, as well as working as a showgirl in Auckland. Outside of work, she enjoys trying new experiences, exploring new destinations, and bringing positivity and structure—often in the form of well-organised lists—to everything she does. Dedicated, loyal, and eager to grow within the yachting industry, Grace takes great pride in contributing to a memorable and comfortable charter experience aboard Sherakhan.



RUBEE ELLEN RYAN-FROST

STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

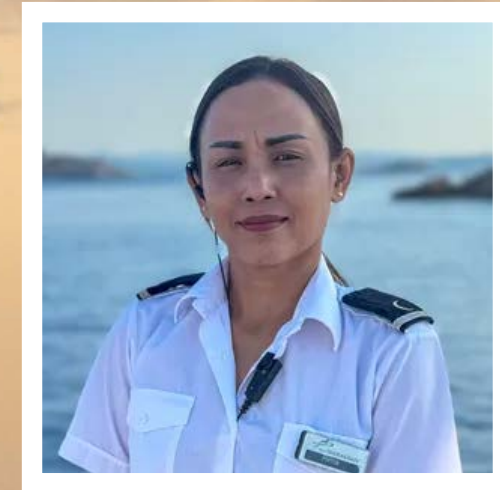
Hailing from Australia, Rubee brings an infectious energy and professionalism shaped by over two years of yachting experience and six years in luxury hospitality. With a dynamic background in service roles ranging from sole stewardess to second stew on charter and expedition yachts, Rubee has built a reputation for poise, precision, and a wholehearted commitment to guest satisfaction. Rubee's past roles have also given her valuable deck experience, assisting with anchoring, docking, and watchkeeping—skills she mastered aboard M/Y Aura and M/Y Sweet Caroline. Her warm personality, attention to detail, and initiative make her a trusted and adaptable team player. Rubee joins Sherakhan ready for new adventures, excited to deliver five-star service with heart, soul, and a smile.

NINIK RIMAWATI

HOUSEKEEPING STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: INDONESIAN
LANGUAGES: INDONESIAN, ENGLISH

Ninik is from Sorong, Indonesia, and works as part of the housekeeping team on board SHERAKHAN. She focuses on maintaining the cleanliness and presentation of guest cabins and shared spaces, and has become a steady presence after several seasons on board. Outside of her regular duties, Ninik loves to cook. Whether it's traditional Indonesian dishes or something new she's picked up along the way, she's happiest in the galley when there's time to spare. She occasionally lends a hand to the chefs when things are busy and in her down time she enjoys nothing more than cooking up a storm and sharing good food. Yachting has allowed her to see new places and meet people from all over the world, which she values. When she has time off, she often heads to Jakarta or Bali to spend time with her family and enjoy a change of scenery.



MARIDYN CARODAN

HOUSEKEEPING / MASSAGE THERAPIST

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH

Maridyn was born in a small town in the Philippines. After completing her education, she began her career as a massage therapist, working in various luxurious spas with international clients. Later, Maridyn decided to transition into the yachting industry. She joined the crew aboard Sherakhan's sister-ship, the sailing yacht Thandeka, in February 2020, where she could explore the world from a different perspective while still offering guests her hospitable skills. She eagerly embraces challenges and has adapted well to life on board. In her leisure time, Maridyn enjoys reading books and singing. Since May 2021, she has been serving with pride aboard Sherakhan, providing excellent service to the guests.





RENELEN “RENEE” SIMON

HOUSEKEEPING / SPA STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH

Renee is a calm and steady presence on board Sherakhan, bringing years of yachting experience and a genuine passion for guest comfort. With a background in both luxury housekeeping and massage therapy, she moves effortlessly between her roles—whether she’s creating perfectly polished cabins or delivering blissfully relaxing treatments in the spa. Trained in Swedish, Shiatsu, and combination massage techniques, Renee takes great care in every detail, always working with a quiet confidence and kind smile. Her work is thoughtful, graceful, and precise—she notices the little things and makes sure everything feels just right. Guests often leave her care feeling completely refreshed and at ease. Outside of work, Renee enjoys nature, calm moments, and staying connected with her family. She brings a wonderful sense of calm and consistency to the Sherakhan experience, helping to make each trip effortlessly relaxing from start to finish.



DINDI TIMON

HOUSEKEEPING

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH, HILIGAYNON

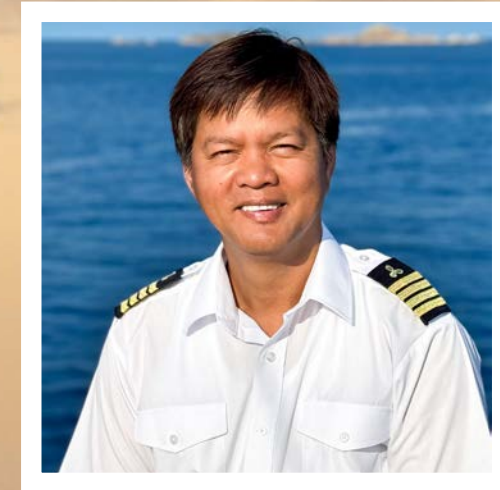
Dindi has a strong background in luxury hospitality, gained from her experiences working at hotels and high-end cruise lines. She joined Sherakhan in 2023, initially in housekeeping and spa therapy. Dindi also enjoys assisting in the galley, leveraging her extensive knowledge of Japanese cuisine. Her favorite place is the Philippines, her home country. In her free time, Dindi enjoys dancing, volleyball, and animal watching. She is a team player, always wearing a smile.

DARIUS ABELLO

CHIEF ENGINEER

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, TAGALOG

Darius brings decades of expertise and rock-solid reliability to Sherakhan as Chief Engineer. With a career spanning over 30 years at sea and service on a wide variety of offshore and DP vessels, he's the quiet force ensuring everything below deck runs smoothly, efficiently, and safely. Originally from the Philippines, Darius has held senior engineering roles on advanced propulsion vessels operating across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. His technical depth covers everything from diesel-electric systems and azimuth thrusters to emergency response and engine resource management. Whether powering through the open ocean or docked for guest embarkation, Darius keeps the heartbeat of Sherakhan steady.



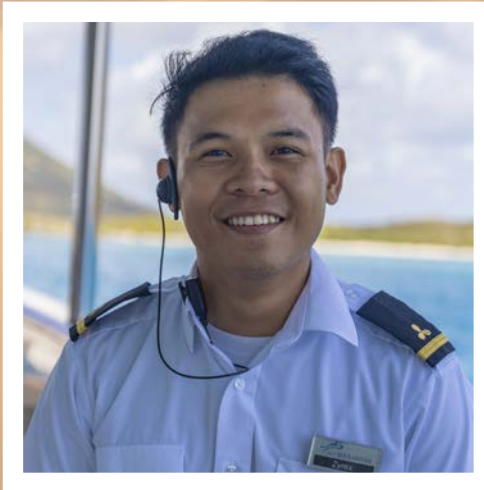
JOHN BOSSAERTS

CHIEF ENGINEER

NATIONALITY: BELGIAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, TAGALOG

John brings extensive technical expertise and a steady, solutions-driven mindset to his role as Chief Engineer onboard Sherakhan. With a calm and methodical approach, he is responsible for the safe, efficient, and reliable operation of all mechanical, electrical, and technical systems onboard. Highly experienced in managing complex engineering environments, John places strong emphasis on preventative maintenance, system reliability, and operational safety. His attention to detail ensures that machinery, propulsion, power generation, and auxiliary systems perform optimally at all times, both during charter operations and long-range cruising. John works closely with the bridge team and crew to ensure seamless operations, responding efficiently to technical challenges while minimizing disruption to guests. Known for his professionalism, dependability, and practical problem-solving skills, he plays a critical role in maintaining the yacht's performance and comfort standards. His commitment and technical leadership contribute significantly to the smooth running of Sherakhan and to delivering a safe, enjoyable experience for guests and crew alike.





ZANDREX LAUD

MOTORMAN

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, TAGALOG

Zandrex is one of the key hands behind Sherakhan’s quiet, seamless operation—keeping things running smoothly with his technical know-how, steady work ethic, and calm reliability. With a background on vessels like MV Evrima of the Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection and extensive experience with both mechanical systems and hotel maintenance, he brings a rare versatility to the engineering team. Always one step ahead with routine checks and mechanical upkeep, Zandrex is the type of crew member who never waits to be asked—he’s already on it. When he’s off the tools, you’ll find him lifting weights, playing sports, or out on a hike—always moving, always pushing himself. Zandrex is a strong and steady part of the Sherakhan family, keeping the gears turning (quietly) behind the magic.



JESTER MONTANO

MOTORMAN

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH

Jester is positive, motivated, and enjoys helping out wherever he can. He is the right-hand man to our Chief Engineer and continues to learn in this role. In 2000, Jester graduated from Maritime School in Manila. Since then, he has worked mainly offshore. In 2011, he worked on board the sister vessel to Sherakhan, Legend, before joining the Sherakhan team. His passion for his job is shown in his perfectionism. Jester is completing school and certificates to eventually become Chief Engineer. In his free time, he enjoys sailing. His hobbies include music, traveling, and exploring new cultures.

BRAM PAAUW

HEAD CHEF

NATIONALITY: DUTCH
LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH

Bram embarked on his culinary journey at the age of 14, aspiring to become a chef. Despite initially shunning the idea of joining the hospitality industry due to his family's involvement, his exceptional performance in cooking class during high school sealed his fate. Along the way, his passion for pastry and bakery blossomed. At 18, he was offered a prestigious position as a chef for the Dutch Royal Household, yet he yearned for broader horizons and deeper knowledge. Garnering accolades in pastry competitions and reaching the finals of the Netherlands' Chef Competition, Bram's wanderlust led him to the Dutch Caribbean islands, where he was introduced to the world of yachting. After several seasons on both sailing and motor yachts, he seized an opportunity to work for Holland America Line

Having honed his skills under renowned Michelin-starred chefs like Ron Blaauw, La Tour, and The Jane, Bram felt compelled to push his boundaries further, leading him to join the Sherakhan Family. Rooted in a lineage deeply ingrained in hospitality, Bram continually strives to enhance guest experiences. In his leisure time, he indulges his passion for travel, exploring the world, and playing football.





BERHARD WILMS

CHEF

NATIONALITY: DUTCH
LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH

Bernard was born in Genk and brings a wealth of life experience together with a calm, professional presence to the galley. With a practical and guest-focused approach to cooking, he takes pride in preparing fresh, well-balanced meals that cater to a wide range of tastes and dietary preferences.

He has further refined his culinary skills through experience working in Michelin-starred restaurants in Luxembourg, France, and Switzerland, allowing him to combine classical fine-dining techniques with the adaptability required for yachting.

Bernard's style emphasizes quality ingredients, consistency, and comfort, ensuring guests feel well looked after throughout their time onboard. He enjoys creating dishes that complement the yacht's itineraries—ranging from relaxed lunches and family-style dinners to refined evening meals.

Dedicated, reliable, and quietly confident, Bernard plays an important role in delivering a seamless onboard experience, contributing greatly to the comfort and enjoyment of guests during their charter aboard Sherakhan.

NOEL FUNDAL

COOK

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO

LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH

Noel has proven to be a great sous chef and an excellent addition to the team. Before joining Sherakhan, Noel worked in local high-end restaurants. Then, he decided to test his skills at sea. His interest and wanderlust led him aboard passenger vessels, where he's been a second chef for over five years before joining Sherakhan. He is dedicated to his job and possesses a lovely personality, always smiling and singing. Polite and gentle, he consistently wows guests with stunning results, as good food brings happiness!





TOINE SMULDERS

MASTER CHEF

NATIONALITY: DUTCH
LANGUAGES: DUTCH, ENGLISH

Beginning at the renowned Amstel Hotel in Amsterdam at just 15 years old, Chef Toine Smulders embarked on his culinary career. He honed his skills at the 2-Michelin-starred Restaurant Parkheuvel in Rotterdam and the 3-Michelin-starred Pre Catelan under the tutelage of the esteemed Chef Gérard Vié in France. Toine then served as a sous-chef at Chateau Neercanne before venturing into entrepreneurship, establishing several successful restaurants that rivaled top establishments globally, earning multiple Michelin stars. He showcased his talents on cooking television shows and clinched prestigious titles, including:

SVH Meesterkok (Master Chef), Gouden Koksmuts (Golden Chef's Hat), and Zilveren Champignon (Silver Mushroom). Notably, he was a finalist in renowned competitions such as the Bocuse d'Or in Lyon and the Prix Taittinger in Paris. Toine also secured first place as European Champion in Budapest and was crowned "Chef of the World" in Dubai. Furthermore, he received the Dutch Royal Decoration, appointed as Royal Chef for the Dutch House of Royals, and was honored with the title of Knight in the Order of Oranje Nassau, a distinguished Dutch Royal decoration.



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It was just like a daydream, as the ship was so exceptional and the crew so kind and professional: always saying yes, smiling and more importantly just doing whatever was required to make us feel happier on our very nice “floating paradise”! Without any reserve,

I strongly recommend the Sherakhan and its team. They offer a unique, high end, and very exclusive solution to whomever wants to hideaway with a rather large group of guests for either celebrations, sporty vacation or just a few relaxing days.



CLIENT

It was almost uncanny how the crew anticipated the activities for my family. Every day was a surprise that we eagerly looked forward to. The catering was superb. The quality of the food, presentation and table settings far surpassed many top resorts I’ve frequented. Outdoor activities with the many ‘toys’ of the Sherakhan was also greatly

enjoyed by everyone. There was something for the four generations of my family. I would strongly recommend the Sherakhan to anyone wanting to have an experience of a lifetime. The memories of this trip, the fun, laughter and happiness of my family will stay with me always. Thank you Captain and Crew of the Sherakhan.

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