

F1 Abu Dhabi Yacht Charter — Quick Facts

Location	Yas Marina, Abu Dhabi
Event programme	3–6 December 2026
Race day	Sunday, 6 December 2026
Race start	17:00 GST
Charter format	Exclusive yacht or shared yacht hospitality
Race viewing	Depends on confirmed berth & sightline
Key booking factor	Berth position before yacht size
Guest capacity	Depends on yacht, berth & race-week access allocation
Hospitality	Private hosting, dining & downtime
Guest access	Race-week credentials/passes may be required
Overnight stays	Depends on vessel & booking conditions
F1 admission	Not automatically included with yacht or marina access
Pricing	Package-based; berth, yacht, access & inclusions affect cost
Before booking	Confirm berth, sightline, passes, inclusions & payment terms in writing

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F1 Abu Dhabi 2026 Yacht hospitality

F1 Abu Dhabi Yacht Charter: *What Watching from Yas Marina Is Really Like*

A race-week yacht is best understood as a private hospitality base inside the **Yas Marina**. Depending on the confirmed berth, your yacht may offer views of part of the circuit, but yacht hospitality should not be treated as a replacement for a grandstand ticket or dedicated circuit hospitality.

Understand the experience [See yacht package details](#)

Event programme: 3, December 2026–6, December 2026

Race: Sunday, 06 December at 17:00 GST

Berth sightline must be confirmed

Yas Marina · Race week [Planning view](#)

Race Weekend 3, December 2026–6, December 2026 [Four-day programme](#)

Circuit **5.281 KM** 58 race laps

Key variable **BERTH** [Position before length](#)

Private base [Dining, hosting and downtime in one private space throughout race weekend.](#)

Partial race view [A track-view can provide a sightline to a nearby section of the circuit. Confirm the exact berth view and onboard race coverage before booking.](#)

Controlled access [Race-week marina access may require specific guest credentials or passes. Confirm guest access and arrival arrangements before the event.](#)

Berth-led pricing [Berth position, track view, yacht size, access and hospitality inclusions can all affect the final package.](#)

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The direct answer

What is an F1 Abu Dhabi Yacht Charter?

An F1 Abu Dhabi yacht charter is the exclusive or shared use of a yacht positioned in Yas Marina for race-week hospitality. Depending on the package, guests use the vessel as either a private base or shared hospitality space for hosting, dining, meetings and enjoying the marina atmosphere during the Grand Prix weekend.

The wider 2026 event programme runs from Thursday, 3 December 2026 to Sunday, 6 December 2026. Formula 1 track sessions run from Friday, 4 December through Sunday, 6 December, with the Grand Prix scheduled for 17:00 local time on Sunday. Thursday [forms part of the wider event programme even though Formula 1 track action begins on Friday.](#)

The word *charter* can describe two different products. One is a place on a shared yacht, where [guests from different bookings use the same vessel](#). The other is exclusive use of the whole yacht [by one](#)

group. They should not be compared as though they are the same offer: privacy, guest control, branding, service **arrangements** and access **can differ**.

The rule that prevents most bad bookings

Confirm the berth position before choosing the yacht.

A beautiful yacht without the right race-week berth may still be an excellent hospitality venue, but it should not be sold as guaranteed track viewing. Confirm the berth position, sightline and hospitality requirements before comparing yacht size and features.

An ordinary cruise outside Yas Marina is a separate experience. It can work for a sunset gathering or private dinner, but it should not be presented as a way to watch the Grand Prix from the water. For a race-week yacht experience at the circuit, the booking needs a confirmed berth within Yas Marina.

Sightlines without brochure language

What can you actually see from the water?

A yacht does not give you a view of the whole circuit. What you can see depends heavily on the berth position and actual line of sight. Use the simulator below to understand three very different race-week yacht experiences.

Berth-view simulator

This is a planning illustration, not a berth map. It shows why the written sightline matters more than a generic promise of “marina view”.

Track-view berth Non-track-view berth Open-water cruise

Circuit section Hospitality base

Best for close-range atmosphere

Track-view berth

A confirmed track-view berth can provide a direct sightline to a nearby section of the circuit. You experience the cars, sound and marina setting at close range, while the rest of the race must be followed through whatever live coverage is available with your package or at the venue.

Direct view One nearby section, depending on the exact berth and sightline Best For Proximity to the racing combined with private hospitality Still separate Grandstand, paddock and other circuit access

✓ What a suitable berth may give you

- A nearby marina-sector view with cars passing at speed
- The sound and physical atmosphere of the event at close range
- A private space for conversations, dining and guest downtime
- The day-to-night transition and floodlit marina setting
- Race coverage beyond the direct sightline, where provided by the package or venue

×What it should not promise

- An unobstructed view of the entire circuit
- The start grid, pit stops or podium unless separately accessible
- Grandstand admission from a marina credential alone
- An unobstructed view without the exact berth being confirmed
- Track viewing from an ordinary coastal cruise outside the venue

Ask for the berth category, location and expected sightline in writing. A phrase such as “Inside Yas Marina” does not automatically mean a direct race view. Even when a track-view berth is offered, confirm the expected sightline for the specific yacht and berth before booking.

Why the booking is really built

Why Berth Position Matters as much as the Yacht

A larger yacht can provide more deck space, cabins and entertaining areas, but it does not automatically provide a better race view. Berth position determines where the yacht sits within the marina, while vessel dimensions determine which berths can accommodate it. For race week, both need to be considered alongside the expected sightline and guest requirements.

Berth Track visibility, marina location, access arrangements and vessel compatibility

Vessel Usable deck space, interior layout, guest capacity and overnight accommodation

Service Crew, catering, beverages, hosting, transfers and guest coordination

Race-week pricing should therefore be compared on the complete package, not yacht length alone. The yacht, berth position, booking period, guest access and hospitality inclusions can all affect what is being offered. Before comparing quotes, check exactly what the stated price covers and which services or upgrades are additional.

Daytime guest capacity and overnight accommodation are also different considerations. A yacht may be able to host more guests during the day than it can accommodate overnight in its cabins, subject to the vessel, berth and event access conditions. Decide early whether you need a daytime hospitality venue, overnight accommodation or both.

Build around people, not feet

What size yacht fits your guest list?

Start with the number of people you plan to host at the same time, how you want to use the yacht and whether anyone needs overnight accommodation. The planning tool provides a hospitality profile, not a confirmed yacht recommendation, guest capacity or race-week access allocation.

Guest-size planner

Move the control to explore different hosting profiles. Final guest numbers depend on the specific yacht, confirmed race-week access allocation and applicable booking conditions.

12 Day guests

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Planning profile **Private hosting**

For a smaller guest list, the priority may be privacy, comfortable seating and relaxed dining rather than large-scale event hosting.

Confirm first

Race-week guest access allocation

Permitted daytime guest capacity

Usable indoor and outdoor space

Dining and service requirements

A yacht's advertised capacity alone is not enough for race-week planning. The number of guests you can actually host will depend on the specific vessel and the access allocation and conditions attached to the booking. Confirm the permitted daytime guest number before building the hospitality

plan around a particular yacht.

01

Captain and crew

Confirm the operating crew provided with the yacht and whether additional hospitality or service staff are included or required.

02

Catering plan

Confirm the menu, food and beverage inclusions, service arrangements and any additional catering charges before booking.

03

Guest access

Confirm how race-week guest access is issued, how many guest credentials are included and whether additional access can be purchased if required.

04

Host-ready layout

Look beyond yacht length and exterior appearance. Check the usable deck and interior space, seating, shade, washrooms and dining setup against how your group will actually use the yacht.

05

Daytime vs Overnight

Do not use cabin capacity to estimate how many people you can host during race week. Daytime guest capacity, overnight accommodation and race-week access allocation are separate figures. Confirm all three where they are relevant to your booking.

Use the four days differently

How a Race-week Yacht Base Works from Thursday to Sunday

The wider race-week programme begins on Thursday, 3 December, before Formula 1 track action starts on Friday. How you use the yacht can therefore change across the four days—from guest arrival and hosting to practice, qualifying and race-day hospitality.

Thu 3

Arrival and access day

No F1 session Briefing Guest checks

There is no Formula 1 track session on Thursday. For guests whose yacht package or wider event arrangement begin on 3 December 2026, it can serve as an arrival and orientation day before F1 track action begins on Friday.

Fri 4

Practice and familiarisation

Practice 1 — 13:30 Practice 2 — 17:00 Flexible hosting

Formula 1 track action begins on Friday, with Practice 1 at 13:30 and Practice 2 at 17:00 local time. If your yacht booking includes Friday access, plan guest arrivals and hospitality around the two track sessions and the access conditions of your package.

Sat 5

Qualifying and private dinner

Practice 3 — 14:30 Qualifying — 18:00 Evening energy

Saturday brings Practice 3 at 14:30 followed by Qualifying at 18:00 local time. For yacht guests, the hospitality schedule can be planned around the day's track action, subject to the access, catering and service arrangements included in the booking.

Sun 6

Race-day hosting

Race — 17:00 58 laps Return [Plan](#)

The 2026 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix starts at 17:00 local time and is scheduled over 58 laps. Race day is the key point for confirming guest access, arrival arrangements, hospitality timing and the group's post-race transport plan in advance.

Credentials, movement and marine compliance

How do guests get into the marina during race week?

Race-week marina access is controlled through event credentials and security arrangements. Guest access, arrival instructions and transport should therefore be confirmed as part of the booking before race week.

01

Confirm berth and access allocation

Confirm the race-week berth together with the guest and crew access allocation attached to the booking.

02

Confirm the guest list

Record the guests who require marina and yacht access, and check the applicable process for names, additions or substitutions.

03

Share arrival instructions

Give guests the confirmed meeting point, access requirements, contact details and any booking-specific arrival instructions.

04

Coordinate transport

Plan hotel-to-marina and return transport separately where required, using the latest race-week traffic and pick-up information.

05

Allow time for access checks

Guests should arrive with the required credentials and allow sufficient time for race-week access and security procedures.

Marina or yacht access is not the same as Formula 1 grandstand admission. A guest may have access to a yacht without holding a grandstand ticket, while a circuit ticket does not automatically provide access to a particular yacht. The booking summary should clearly identify the access products included for each guest.

Abu Dhabi Mobility publishes dedicated transport and traffic arrangements for the Grand Prix, including information on buses, taxis, traffic management and designated pick-up and drop-off areas. The final 2026 arrangements should be checked when the race-week mobility plan is released rather than relying on previous-year routes or access points.

Official Maritime Context

Race-week hospitality does not replace the normal regulatory requirements governing yacht operations. Abu Dhabi Maritime requirements cover matters including safe operation, licensed operating areas and the permitted number of persons onboard. Before booking, confirm that the vessel and operator are appropriately authorised for the intended commercial activity and guest capacity.

Operational and safety requirements remain the responsibility of the appropriately authorised operator and crew. Guest numbers, vessel certification, permitted operating area and any applicable race-week marina requirements should all be confirmed before the booking is finalised.

The written-booking test

What should you confirm before paying?

A useful proposal answers the questions below without relying on phrases such as “VIP view”, “full access” or “all inclusive”. Those labels have no fixed meaning unless the components are written beside them.

Exact berth category and expected sightline

Ask whether it is track-view or non-track-view and whether any obstruction or distance qualification applies.

Guest-pass and crew-pass count

Confirm how many guests and crew can be accommodated under the race-week access arrangements, rather than relying only on the yacht's advertised capacity.

Dates, operating hours and overnight use

Confirm the dates and hours covered by the booking, whether overnight accommodation is included or permitted, and any restrictions on vessel movement during the booked period.

Food, beverages and service staff

Confirm the menu or catering level, service periods, beverage inclusions, dietary requirements, staffing and any chargeable upgrades.

Grandstand and event access exclusions

Do not assume yacht or marina access includes grandstand seating, pit-lane or paddock access, concert admission or other Formula 1 experiences. Any additional event access should be explicitly stated in the booking.

Transfers, VAT and optional extras

Confirm whether transfers, taxes, branding, entertainment, production requirements and other optional services are included in the quoted price or charged separately.

Payment, cancellation and substitution terms

Confirm the deposit and payment schedule, cancellation terms, amendment conditions and any rules affecting guest-name changes or substitutions before payment.

Choose the format honestly

Who should book a yacht, and who should choose a grandstand?

A yacht is a strong fit

When hosting matters as much as racing

- You need a private base for clients, family or a mixed-interest group.
- You value dining, privacy and conversation during the weekend.
- You value the marina atmosphere and, where the berth provides it, a close-range view of a nearby circuit section.

- You want a hospitality base where your group can spend time together between periods of track action.
- You are comfortable following parts of the race on screens when they are not visible from the berth.

Choose another format

When the clearest race view is the priority

- You want a grandstand selected specifically for the race action you most want to see, such as the grid, pit lane, braking zones or finish.
- Your group is attending mainly for motorsport rather than hospitality.
- You prefer an individually ticketed race-view product rather than a private hospitality base.
- You do not need the additional berth, guest-access and yacht-service arrangements involved in race-week marina hospitality.
- Your priority is a defined view of specific racing action rather than the broader marina-hospitality experience.

The two formats can also complement each other. A yacht can serve as the group's hospitality base while guests separately obtain circuit tickets for the grandstand experience they want. The important point is to treat and budget for yacht hospitality and Formula 1 admission as separate products unless a specific package explicitly states otherwise.

Build a Realistic Race-week Plan

Send the guest count, preferred days and hosting style before choosing the yacht.

Infinia can shape the recommendation around **your guest count, preferred days, berth requirements, service level and access expectations**, so the yacht is considered as part of the complete race-week plan.

[Request yacht options](#)

[Guest count · days · hosting style](#)

Frequently asked questions

F1 Abu Dhabi Yacht Charter FAQ

Can you watch the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix from a yacht?

Yes, when the yacht has a confirmed berth with an appropriate sightline inside Yas Marina. You normally see one nearby section rather than the complete lap, so screens are used for the parts of the race outside the berth's view.

When is the 2026 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix?

The wider event programme runs from Thursday 3 December through Sunday 6 December 2026. Formula 1 track sessions run from Friday 4 December to Sunday 6 December, and the race is scheduled for 17:00 local time on Sunday.

Does a yacht charter include Formula 1 race tickets?

Not automatically. Marina credentials, yacht guest passes and grandstand tickets are separate access products. The proposal should clearly state which passes are included, how many are provided and what each one permits.

How far in advance should I book?

Book once your dates, guest count and hosting requirements are reasonably clear. Race-week berths require advance booking, and the available berth, yacht and access arrangements can affect which options are suitable for your group.

Is a larger yacht always better for race viewing?

No. Yacht length affects space and capacity, but race viewing depends heavily on the confirmed berth and its sightline to the circuit. Compare the berth position, expected view, guest capacity and hospitality specification rather than choosing by yacht length alone.

Can guests sleep on the yacht?

It depends on the vessel and booking. Daytime guest capacity and overnight accommodation are not the same thing, so confirm whether overnight stays are permitted, how many guests can be accommodated in cabins and what the booking covers before assuming guests can sleep onboard.

What information is needed for a useful quote?

Provide your preferred dates, number of guests, hosting style, race-view expectations, catering requirements and whether you need daytime hosting, overnight accommodation or both. Any transport, branding, entertainment or other service requirements should also be identified early.

Is an open-water cruise outside Yas Marina a race-viewing charter?

No. A normal cruise outside the event marina is a different experience and should not be presented as a Yas Marina race-viewing charter. If watching Formula 1 from the yacht is important, confirm the race-week berth and expected circuit sightline before booking.

Official information checked

Race-week details can change as the event approaches. The factual information on this page has been checked against official sources, while berth availability, yacht specifications, guest-pass allocations and individual charter inclusions must still be confirmed for the specific booking.

Formula 1

Used to verify the official 2026 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix dates, Formula 1 session schedule, race start time and Yas Marina Circuit information.

Yas Marina

Used for official marina information and the distinction between standard marina arrangements and Formula 1 Race Week berthing and access procedures.

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Abu Dhabi Maritime / Department of Municipalities and Transport

Used for the regulatory context around commercial marine activity, vessel operation, maritime safety and licensing in Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi Mobility

Used as the official reference point for race-week traffic, transport and access arrangements when event-specific mobility information is published.

Last verified: 24 August 2026

Important: Race-week berth inventory, exact sightlines, marina credentials, guest-pass allocations, yacht availability, catering, transfers and other charter inclusions are booking-specific. These should be confirmed in writing before payment.

Information note: Event dates and Formula 1 session information have been checked against official Formula 1 sources. Race-week marina access, berth availability, credentials, transport arrangements and booking conditions are subject to the specific 2026 arrangements and should be reconfirmed before booking. Infinia Yachts is an independent charter organiser and is not affiliated with Formula 1 or the circuit operator.

2026 race facts One weekend, two schedules

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Circuit **5.281 km**

Laps **58**

Race starts **17:00**

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