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Hanse 540

When I first laid eyes on the Hanse 540e on the dock at Strictly Sail Miami, I thought, "Man, that's a big boat." With 16 feet of beam amidships, wide, uncluttered teak decks, a sleek, wedge-shaped cabin top, a transom garage that can hold a RIB and lots of extra gear, an enormous cockpit, and room enough behind twin wheels for a full America's Cup afterguard, this new offering from Germany seemed, well, big for its size.

I was thinking the same a couple days later as we motored seaward through the chop at Government Cut. Trawlers, flybridge sedans, tugs, freighters, cigarette boats: Bring it on, because this baby, with a little better than 41,000 pounds of displacement and nearly 13,000 pounds of ballast in her keel, cut right through the chop kicked up along this busy piece of water. Pushed along by a 110-horsepower Volvo and conventional shaft, the 540e cruised steadily along, making 7.5 knots at 2,600 rpm and jumping to about 9 knots Cruising World - June 2007 with the throttle open (3,800 rpm). The boat turned nimbly for her size and backed obediently after a little initial prop walk, thanks to a balanced spade rudder that could get a little ahead of you, if you weren't paying attention. Once out in open waters, running the main up the 540e's 86-foot-tall mast was a cinch, thanks to an electric Lewmar 54 winch mounted just forward of the starboard wheel. All sail control lines were led aft from the mast and through the banks of six-line clutches mounted on either cockpit coaming. Once braked, the main halyard was removed from the drum, which does double duty as the trimming station for the self-tacking 95-percent jib. At the portside wheel, there's a manual Lewmar 54 for sheeting the main, and there's a pair of Lewmar 46s port and starboard for secondaries. Hanse is a with certain opinions about how a boat should perform, and for that reason doesn't offer a furling main, says Don Walsh, head of Hanse Yachts US.



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Pricing: August: **7-9000 euros a week**, including skipper, hostess and half board.

Destinations 2010: Croatia, Provence, Sardinia, Tuscany, Greece . Crew may vary

The crew

Oscar: born and raised in a Navy environment, he accompanied his father in the Naval Academy and learned to sail with a guy named Agostino Straulino (Star Class Olympic Gold Medal). Then sailed in many seas, warm and cold, as a bosun on the Italian Navy sailboat, Stella Polaris. Not easily chained by strict discipline, he soon cast off for himself, seeding a wide network of relationships in most Mediterranean countries. He knows nearly every harbour, wine, tavern and bay between Trieste and Trieste via Istanbul and Gibraltar

Mauro: Born and raised in Trieste, on that Adriatic coast he knows so well and loves so much, Mauro '*Capitan Findus*' graduated at the Nautical College. he soon started a life at sea on minesweepers first and on ships of the line afterwards.

He then bought his own vessel and started cruising extensively along the Dalmatian coast.

He sails to enjoy the pure beauty of the sea:

Brilliant attitude and chef 'extraordinaire', he keeps searching the hidden corners of the coast, looking for new places, new people, new wines and new taste



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The menu

Breakfasts

Cereals, yoghurts, pastries & conserves
Selection of continental meats & cheeses
Fresh fruit
Eggs any style
Juice, coffee & tea

Lunch

Seared fillet of sea bass with sizzled ginger, chillies & spring onions, soy & sesame noodles
Roasted tomato, saffron & kalamata olive tart, with wild rocket
Squid ink spaghetti with mussels, langoustine, chilli, tomato & basil, Mixed leaf & rocket salad

Light lunch desserts

Fresh pineapple with mint
Caramelised oranges with Greek yoghurt
Raspberry chardonnay jellies

Canapes & Cocktails

Selection of crostini/bruschetta
Crudités with assorted dips
Wild mushroom filo packages
Roasted tomatoes, mozzarella and basil stacks
Rice paper vegetable rolls with sweet chilli dipping sauce
Baby pitta with roasted aubergine, yoghurt and coriander or hummus

Dinner

Starters

Mussel, leek & saffron soup
Spaghetti alle Vongole
Butterflied tiger prawns with chilli and garlic

Main courses

Pepper crusted fillet of beef with garlic rosemary potatoes, wild rocket
Monkfish & mango Thai curry with fragrant rice
Gingered Salmon fillet en papillote, Asian vegetables

Desserts

Slow roasted honeyed peaches with crushed amaretti, lavender & honey ice cream
Dark chocolate tart with fresh raspberries
Saffron poached pears with cinnamon ice-cream



Specifications

Hanse 531e Specs
LOA: 52' 10" (16.10 m.)
LWL: 47' 11" (14.61 m.)
Beam: 16' 1" (4.90 m.)
Draft (standard): 9' 2" (2.79 m.)
Sail Area (100%): 1,445 sq. ft. (134 sq. m.)
Ballast: 12,804 lb. (5.808 kg.)
Displacement: 41,226 lb. (18,700 kg.)
Ballast/D: .31
D/L: 167
SA/D: 19.4
Water: 182 gal. (690 l.)
Fuel: 99 gal. (375 l.)
Mast Height: 86' 1" (26.25 m.)
Engine: 110-horsepower Volvo
Designer Judel / Vrolijk & Co.

