**News Release**

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 **‘Try before you buy’ at Sant Carles de la Rapita, Spain**

**MDL Marinas is offering boat owners the chance to ‘try before you buy’, with a heavily subsidised weekend trip to explore Sant Carles de la Rapita Marina, Spain, from €140 per person. This Mediterranean marina offers superb cruising and exceptional facilities.**

Enjoying the best in Catalonia delights, guests will spend two nights in the Miami Mar Hotel, and take a guided tour of the lagoon on the marina’s motorboat, Flamingo One, to spot local wildlife and witness the beautiful scenery (including 17 miles of stunning sandy beaches). There’ll also be the opportunity to explore the local towns of Tortosa, the capital of the comarca of Baix Ebre, and Peñiscola, a bustling seaport, which is steeped in history.

“The weekend is the perfect way to start exploring our marina and the area,” says Nicolas Gonzalez, marina manager. “We have 28 different nationalities who regularly visit us. They come because of the balmy weather ten months of the year, the friendly culture and our excellent customer service. And of course, to see the wild flamingos. We have wonderful food. For example, Musclarium is one of the amazing local seafood restaurants – it’s located on a mussel bed and is only accessible by boat.”

The excellent weekend offer allows boat owners who are considering an overseas berth the perfect opportunity to explore Sant Carles marina and village. Visitors will enjoy informed discussions with those who have made the move and will have the chance to get to grips with the process and all that it entails as well as experiencing the area.

The weekend includes:

* Two nights at Miami Mar Hotel with breakfast
* Dinner from a delicious ‘tasting menu’ at Miami Mar
* A one hour guided tour of the lagoon and aperitif at Sant Carles Marina
* Traditional Mariner’s lunch

As well as the wonderful range of activities, visitors will find out about berthing packages which help to make visiting as straightforward as possible with boat transportation, flights, transfers and local transportation. The marina also offers lease sales, annual and visitor berthing options and 4-year berthing packages.

Visitors to TheYachtMarket.com Southampton Boat Show can find out more on Thursday 20 September, at 3.30pm, with Nicholas Gonzalez, or go to <http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-sant-carles-marina>.

Contact enquiries@santcarlesmarina.com or call (0034) 9777 45153 to find out more.

\*Price per person based on double occupancy. IVA included at the rate of 21% (Spanish equivalent of VAT). Valid from 1st October 2018 to 26th March 2019. Flights not included (booking assistance available). Transport from/to the airport is not included (assistance in arranging transport available)

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**Editors’ notes**

**Sant Carles de la Rapita Marina facilities and services:**

Like all of MDL’s properties, Sant Carles offers outstanding facilities. Onsite customers will find an infinity pool, restaurants, bars and a customer lounge. Highlights near to the marina include exploring the ruins on the Balearic Islands and cruising along the coastline – perhaps stopping for an unforgettable lunch in Valencia or heading to Barcelona.

* Up to 1,150 berths
* Max LOA: 33m
* 75 ton travelift
* 5 ton crane
* 10,000 sq. m of boat storage area
* Infinity swimming pool
* Showers and toilets
* Customer lounge
* Bar and restaurant
* Pressure washing
* Electric Vehicle Charging - Tesla & Universal Type 2
* Storage sheds
* Recycling facilities
* MDL WiFi
* Laundry facilities
* Fuel (petrol, diesel)
* Car parking

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