



DESTINATION - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

Mindelo

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Mindelo Private Yacht Charter

Region: Atlantic

Gateways: SID - VXE

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MINDELO

Overview

Mindelo is a focused Cape Verde charter stop - Marina Mindelo nights, day-anchors like Mindelo bay, and shore tables held before you fly. The operational win is sequencing a short, high-quality loop rather than forcing the whole Cape Verde circuit.

Mindelo yacht charter 2026 - Marina Mindelo. Luxury crewed yachts, berth strategy and honest APA from Blue Ocean Club.

AIRPORTS

SID, VXE

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Atlantic

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Mindelo week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Marina Mindelo.
- Local cadence: Morning toys, held lunch, short reposition around Mindelo, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Restaurants and clubs confirmed weeks out - not left to chance.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Mindelo, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy around Marina Mindelo, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

São Vicente & Santo Antão channel

Mindelo culture and Santo Antão day-crossings.

Sal & Boa Vista

Beach islands and trade-wind sailing.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Marina Mindelo

São Vicente's yacht hub - primary Cape Verde embark. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway VXE - Transfer 15-25 min from VXE - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Mindelo bay

Primary roadstead / marina overnight.

Baía das Gatas

East day swim.

Santo Antão channel staging

Ferry channel - weather aware.

Tarrafal, Santiago

North Santiago beach hook.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

La Bodeguita de Mindelo

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Harbour energy near Marina Mindelo.

Café Lisboa

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Town classic for quay nights.

Restaurant Sodade

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Cape Verdean plates inland from the marina.

Restaurante La Bodeguita

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Mindelo waterfront.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Laginha Beach

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City beach day beside town.

Baía das Gatas gatherings

São Vicente

São Vicente beach festival bay.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph SID / VXE arrivals into Marina Mindelo.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops when Mindelo supports coastal helipads or GA strips into the Atlantic gateway. SID corridor VXE corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Marina Mindelo gates - timed to embarkation. To Marina Mindelo 15-25 min from VXE

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - MINDELO

VAT & APA - Mindelo short version.

On a Mindelo charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

Cape Verde is outside the EU; yacht temporary admission and local taxes apply - popular Atlantic staging stop between Canaries and Caribbean.

APA

For Cape Verde in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

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Mindelo is a core Cape Verde charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Mindelo - Day-anchor: Baía das Gatas - Table: Restaurante La Bodeguita

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

When is the best time for yacht charter in Mindelo?

Shoulder months usually balance weather, water and berth availability for Mindelo. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing at Marina Mindelo.

Which marina should we embark from in Mindelo?

Marina Mindelo is the primary embarkation for Mindelo, with anchorage fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

How far ahead should we book berths in Mindelo?

For peak season around Mindelo, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a Mindelo charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. For Mindelo we set an honest APA band before contract - not a vague percentage.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Mindelo?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from SID / VXE, timed to the embarkation slot at Marina Mindelo.

How does a Mindelo week use São Vicente & Santo Antão channel?

São Vicente & Santo Antão channel is a core Mindelo pocket - we sequence Marina Mindelo nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Mindelo sits inside Cape Verde as a focused stop, not a duplicate of the country hub.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Mindelo - Marina Mindelo

High in peak season around Mindelo - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Mindelo can multiply rates and eliminate availability. We hold Marina Mindelo alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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