

Force of nature

From the high-octane crowds of the Monaco Grand Prix, to the unspoilt beauty of the remote Lakshadweep Islands, **Indian Empress**, is superbly equipped for a world of extremes.

When Indian magnate Vijay Mallya teamed up with Dutch investor Michiel Mol to buy the Spyker F1 racing team, they could be sure of the perfect track-side platform from which to view the 2008 Monaco Grand Prix: Mallya's sumptuous superyacht, Indian Empress.

Force India Driver Adrian Sutil came preciously close to putting Force India on the points table in its first season. He was lying fourth in the Monaco Grand Prix before being knocked out of the race when Kimi Raikkonen's Ferrari rammed the Force India VJM01 car.



The Lakshadweep Islands

Indian Empress has played host to many of the world's most high profile guests, including Formula 1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone, Gideon Marshall, Tadashi Yamashina, Jay-Z, Rob Muntz and Renault boss Flavio Briatore.

Despite his global connections and international businesses, Vijay Mallya's heart remains in India. Of Force India, he says: "I am proud to have put the Indian flag on the F1 circuit. I love my country and it is a matter of pride for all of us. This is the emotional bridge between a team that races all over the world and the country from which I come."

Just like her owner, Indian Empress has a quieter side when she turns for home, heading for a winter yachting season in the Indian Ocean.

Far away from the limelight and the high life, Indian Empress transforms into a private palace, perfect for relaxed holidays in the most stunning tropical destinations. If she turns heads in Europe's hottest harbours, among dozens of other superyachts, imagine how utterly breathtaking she is in the Maldives or Seychelles: the only yacht at anchor off a palm-shaded white beach, in a turquoise bay, under the bluest of skies.

Far from dispiriting Mallya and the team, this narrow disappointment seems to have galvanised them. The development budget has doubled and their target is to see the Indian flag raised over the podium at the first Indian Grand Prix, scheduled for 2011.

The lavish parties held aboard Indian Empress are testament to Mallya's love of entertaining. Perfectly designed and set up for lavish hospitality, the yacht offers acres of space and luxurious facilities for special occasions.

Away from the limelight, Indian Empress transforms into a private floating palace furnished with every comfort „

The exotic Lakshadweep Islands are one of India's best kept secrets, and one of Vijay Mallya's favourite escapes aboard Indian Empress. About as far off-the-beaten track as you can go, these islands are beautiful, empty and tranquil. Get closer to nature with water toys and dive equipment, or explore hidden creeks and coves by kayak and sea scooter. With every comfort imaginable on board, including gymnasium, elevators, helipad and medical suite, a long cruising range and a high level of self-sufficiency, Indian Empress is perfect for this extreme getaway.

Of course, you don't have to go to the ends of the earth to experience paradise. Whether you are anchored off a deserted coral island in the Indian Ocean, or berthed in Monaco at the height of the summer, paradise is aboard Indian Empress.



Monaco Grand Prix 2008



From left to right: Adrian Sutil, Vitantonio Liuzzi & Giancarlo Fisichella



Indian Empress makes the kind of impact in the harbour that the Force India F1 team is aiming to make on the track „

INDIAN EMPRESS

LOA	95m (311.7ft)
Builder	Oceanco, South Africa/ The Netherlands
Year	2000
Naval architecture	The A Group
Interior designer	The A Group
Cruising speed	18 knots
Guests	12 guests in 16 cabins
Crew	30
Winter 2008/2009	Indian Ocean
Summer 2009	Mediterranean
Charter rates	Please enquire

See pages 116-117 for further information on Indian Empress.

Indian Empress is under Charter Management with Burgess. Please contact any Burgess office to request further information on the yacht's 2009 charter programme.