

# HOLIDAY RIDES

*Spoil yourself this holiday season with the best in luxury rides, whichever way you prefer to travel – by land, sea or air.*

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**M**ercedes Benz SLS AMG pays homage to a classic model and spawns a modern version with an identity that isn't merely a throwback of yesteryears. Curiously labelled as the "spiritual successor to the Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing," this brash model incorporates varying features from its iconic 1954 predecessor to come up with a unique hybrid packed with luxury, comfort, speed and power. On the outside, the new SLS AMG boasts of four identifiable features – exclusive Gullwing doors, extended bonnet, sturdy casing to highlight its imposing physique and a short pert rear – making it an instant head turner right from the get go.

Its true character, however, lies beneath the surface. Powered by a 6208cc V8 engine, the SLS AMG generates outstanding speed, which translates to 62 mph in just 3.8 seconds! Its engine capability runs in harmony with wheel arches paired with rear aero foil and diffuser to strike balance and stability at all times regardless of speed level.

The inside resembles a plane cockpit, with its wide winged dashboard, centre console seemingly patterned after a flight deck, bold circular dials and round air vents. Typical of the brand's fondness for anything classy, the seats are made from the finest leather, and its comfortable interior is remarkably spacious, providing enough breathing room for both driver and passenger to maneuver – an incredible feature considering that the SLS AMG is a two-door sports vehicle.

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Although inspired largely by a classic Benz model, the technology employed in making the SLS AMG is simply off the charts even by Mercedes' standards, making it a total upgrade to suit modern times and existing trends. This is evident with the inclusion of bi-Xenon headlamps, carbon ceramic composite brakes, Race Start launch control, lightweight carbon fiber drive shaft, a customised 11-speaker sound system, among many others.

Safety-wise, this Benz is designed to support three times of its total weight, thanks to a strong chassis matched with durable A-pillars for maximum toughness. The SLS AMG is also beefed up with eight airbags, ASR Acceleration Skid Control, three-stage ESP, modern tyre pressure monitoring system and a reliable brake system for on-road peace of mind. **Tag price USD 442,210**



One look at **Bentley's 2013 Mulsanne Mulliner** and you instantly get the message – the British brand is taking luxury vehicles to new ambitious heights. Elegant, luxurious and unabashedly gorgeous, the Mulsanne Mulliner stuns with its beautifully crafted rack flaunted through bold haunches and sharp regal lines. Its unique combination of muscular interior yet graceful aesthetic fittingly conveys its extraordinary power paired with beauty.

Retaining its trademark twin-turbo set up, this new model adds 21-inch, light aluminum alloy wheels into the mix. The inside is meticulously designed and that amount of attention radiates through its special diamond-quilted leather seats. One can choose to avail of a painted or polish-finished model to suit preference.

State-of-the-art features include alloy wheels made of light aluminum designed with titanium fasteners, finely crafted rims and 265/40 ZR21 tyres to assert its road power.

**Tag price USD 730,830**

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This stunning mega yacht screams grandiosity and emerges as the lone winner when it comes to providing the best view and visual come-on to passengers and guests alike. Surrounded by glass walls and doors extending up to its overhead, the **Sunseeker 28 Metre Yacht** incorporates the architectural concept of maximising space through wise use of floor area embraced with broad glazing to accommodate natural lighting coming from the outside.

The glass stretches from each side for total viewing, while a sliding door divides the outdoor lounge area from the elegantly comfy saloon. VIP and Owner Staterooms are furnished with fine wood and carpet details, meshing perfectly with the installed beddings – all placed strategically to accentuate breathing space, made more evident by the large windows to further tap natural brightness. Sunseeker encourages owner input to suit the general décor according to one's taste.

The 28 Metre Yacht can accommodate a total of 12 people and being a luxury sea vehicle, it is designed for socialising and fun get-together activities. Guests can hang around comfortably at the saloon or much better, lounge in the balcony area or party with the panoramic surrounding view serving as the backdrop. Options to include a spa pool, a seated bar or a group seating area can be thrown into the mix to make the most of the offered bespoke innovation, which also includes “cabin plans based around four suites and two stairway configuration, with sound-buffered amidships master suite.”

Performance wise, the Sunseeker 28 Metre features advanced hydrodynamics and a high-flared bow along with 12 cylinder engines to achieve 29-knot top end and 23-knot cruising speed. **Tag price USD 5,970,000 up**



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**F**itting its name perfectly to a T, the **Antagonist by Art of Kinetik** intimidates and charms with its unmatched features that boast of flawless finish, fine lines and bespoke details to suit its elegant image. Smaller as compared to Art of Kinetik’s flagship yacht Hedonist, the Antagonist stands tall with its meticulous craftsmanship boldly reinforced through its wide and muscular exterior, accentuated more by its deep V-wooden hull design. Bannered by a large open cockpit, this superb fleet can generously accommodate up to eight people without compromising space and comfort. Guests can hang out at the immense cockpit seating area, where they can rest their drinks, munchies and belongings on a multifunctional table. A sunbathing area is also present, complete with built-in swimming pool for passengers turned revellers to enjoy. True to form, the Antagonist is built with an air-conditioned homey interior serving as a bridge to the cockpit for convenience. Even more impressive is the way the 37 ft open weekend cruiser combines strong aesthetics with refined grace – masculine mahogany wood, smooth leather and gentle interior styling detail to captivate one’s attention. Luxurious and sexy, the Antagonist appeals to adventurous senses without compromising comfort and functionality. **Price on request**

**T**he adage “home away from home” perfectly suits the **Cessna Citation M2**. It is essentially based on the Model 525 CitationJet (1989) and the M2 (2011). Taking apart the features of the two mentioned models, the Cessna Citation M2 emerged as a much improved and definitely a better hybrid of its predecessors.

This light business jet is driven by Williams FJ44 turbofan engines, which allows it to deliver a whooping takeoff thrust of 1,965 lbs. Its power engine subsequently pushes the aircraft to a cruise speed reaching 400 kts and allowing it to climb direct to 41,000 ft. It is specially built with high-resolution multifunction display features set in split screen capability plus a Garmin SVT synthetic vision technology provided on primary flight displays. The purpose of the mentioned technology gives a total view of runways programmed as virtual reality, as well as clear sight of runways, terrains, traffics and obstacles.

Some of its interior strong points are the improved seating position headroom and large cabin window openings for undisturbed outside viewing. For further convenience, the Cessna Citation M2 features a redesigned sidewall complemented by large passenger space and legroom, with stowable armrests for improved passenger space. The seats are also newly designed and made with controls for easy adjusting. Passengers can bring more stuff as these can be easily accommodated by nose and tail-cone baggage compartments that are spacious and roomy enough to take in a total external baggage storage volume of 45 cu ft.

Stress-tested durable airframes were thoroughly tested to ensure safety despite hours and hours of flying. The aircraft has reportedly logged over 20 million flight hours and has taken off and landed more than 18 million times – this stresses the Cessna Citation M2’s durability and ability to withstand constant travel without compromising safety.

**Price starts at USD 3,195,000** **T**

