

## What is APA in yacht charter?

APA stands for Advanced Provisioning Allowance. How exactly it works and why it exists may seem confusing. With this in mind, the Marilla team thought it would be a good idea to break things down and start from the beginning, so here goes!

### What is APA for?

When chartering a yacht, the charter fee generally only covers the [rental cost of the yacht](#), and any crew that come with it. So how do you pay for fuel or provisions for your trip? This is where APA comes in. It is an additional fee which will cover all these extras, such as food, drink, fuel, berthing costs, customs, communications... APA (Advance Provisioning Allowance) is the standard system to pay your expenses on a luxury [yacht charter](#). The APA essentially creates a bank account for the Captain (and chef) on the yacht to provision on your behalf.

### How does APA work?

APA is generally calculated as a percentage of the charter fee, which you then pay in addition, before the charter commences. The broker or the captain will use this allowance to stock the boat, and fuel up. Any left over money will be returned to the client, at the end of the charter. Whilst on board, the captain will be in charge of the APA and has to keep any receipts necessary, as record for you, the client. He/she should also keep you updated as the charter progresses, of how much is being spent, and anything else you need to be aware of.

### When does APA apply?

APA will apply, as standard on pretty much most professional yacht charters, and is close to obligatory for all luxury yacht charters. There are a few sailing yachts and motor yachts, more commonly in regions such as South East Asia which offer all inclusive packages. The difference with a luxury [yacht charter](#) and an all inclusive trip, is that on a luxury yacht charter you personally choose, in advance, whatever you would like to have on the yacht. Therefore if you want the best Champagne and the rarest selection of cigars, wine and the finest of meats, caviar etc.. you must pay for it, from the APA. The broker and the yacht crew will happily source and select all provisions on your behalf, they need the funds in order to do so, hence the APA.

### How much is APA?

The amount varies from yacht to yacht, but is generally between 30% and 40% of the yacht charter fee. For example, it will be higher if the yacht has a higher fuel consumption, if you plan on doing lots of travelling, if you order the finest and most expensive brands of champagne, wines etc...

### How do I pay the APA?

APA is payable in advance of your yacht charter, and normally at the same time as paying your initial charter fee. This is usually by bank transfer.

### What happens if my APA does not cover the expenses on the yacht charter?

In the event that you 'overspend' your APA, you will need to pay up, before disembarking. You may be obliged to top up the APA during the yacht charter.