

The world's most advanced tourist submarine system is now for sale at a remarkable price.

The Comex *Deepstar* is the world's only tourist submarine with a transparent acrylic pressure hull. The submarine seats 45-passengers and is ABS classed to dive to depths of up to 80 meters (250 feet). The *Deepstar* provides a remarkable experience for its passengers, offering panoramic viewing that is immensely superior to peering through a viewport on a conventional steel-hulled tourist submarine.

The *Deepstar* comes as a part of an entire submarine system which includes a self-propelled pontoon support barge with integrated hydraulic lift and on-board generator, air compressors, battery chargers and an oxygen transfer pump. There is also a workshop and storage areas for spare parts.

In addition, the system includes a 90-passenger high-speed catamaran transfer vessel capable of sustained speeds of 18 knots. This state-of-the-art vessel was built new in 1995 and is used to transport passengers from the loading dock to the submarine's base off shore.

All of these vessels will be in excellent "as-new" condition after undergoing a thorough refit supervised by U.S. Submarines, Inc. The refit is estimated to cost \$1.3 million.



This remarkable equipment is available for only \$1.5 million. Replacement value is approximately \$9 million, making this the most cost-effective contemporary submarine system ever offered. The annual gross earning capability of this submarine system is well over \$10 million with net profit potential of over \$4 million.

The tourist submarine industry has grown from a single 28-passenger vessel in 1985 to over 45 purpose-built units. Last year the industry carried two million passengers and generated revenues of \$150 million. And the industry enjoys a perfect

safety record, without a single serious injury to any passenger. Around the world, this industry has successfully introduced millions of passengers to the wonders of the subsea world.



The unique Deepstar submarine with its transparent hull.



The support ship for the Deepstar submarine is included.

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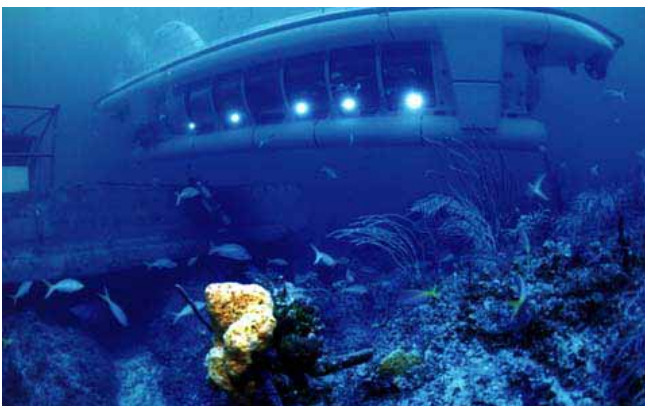
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Today, tourist submarines operate in the Caribbean, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean, the South Pacific, the Atlantic, the South China Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean. And across the globe there are scores of suitable operating locations for the *Deepstar*. Any waterfront tourist destination that receives 350,000 or more annual arrivals is a possible candidate.

The experience is remarkable. Passengers relax in a comfortable air conditioned cabin and can see the fabulous sites of the undersea world through the all-acrylic passenger compartment. The *Deepstar* is an environmentally friendly all-electric vehicle and is also very maneuverable, with six external thruster motors. The *Deepstar* pilot enjoys the latest in high technology control and navigation equipment.



The Deepstar submarine on the surface. The submarine has made 3200 problem-free dives and is 20 meters in length and weighs 92 tons.



An underwater view of the Deepstar with its lights on. Passengers are delighted by the competitively superior nature of the Deepstar viewing experience.

The *Deepstar* was built by Comex S.A., an experienced subsea technology company that has designed and constructed 23 submersibles. The submarine was constructed to the demanding "A1 Manned Submersibles standards of the American Bureau of Shipping, the world's leading classification society. The *Deepstar* will conform to regulatory requirements for operations anywhere in the world.

Business development assistance, site feasibility analysis, crew training and operational support is available as needed through U.S. Submarines, Inc. Technical support can be provided and a skilled operating staff is also available. For more information on this unique opportunity, please contact L. Bruce Jones at U.S. Submarines, Inc., at 208-687-5597.



The complete equipment group shows the Deepstar submarine docked in the support barge with the catamaran alongside.



The support barge has built-in maneuvering capability with Shottel drives and a hydraulic lift for the submarine. The barge also contains all of the submarine's support equipment.

DEEPSTAR SYSTEM: VESSEL INFORMATION

Deepstar Tourist Submarine

Overall Length:	19.27 m
Overall Height:	6.16 m
Overall Beam:	4.14 m
Weight in Air:	91 T

Description:

The Deepstar is a 45-passenger tourist submarine with a unique pressure hull composed of polymethyl methacrylate (acrylic plastic) which provides passengers with panoramic viewing. The submarine was built in 1992 and is classed +A1 Manned Submersible by the American Bureau of Shipping. The certified diving depth is 80 meters. The submarine is electric powered with batteries stored in external one-atmosphere pods and motive force derived from 10kW brushless DC electric thruster motors. The submarine has made approximately 3200 dives through its operating history and has 15-20 years of remaining useful life

Freebex Pontoon Support Barge

Overall Length:	26.00 m
Overall Height:	5.80 m
Overall Beam:	10.00 m
Weight in Air:	95 tons

Description:

The Freebex is a pontoon barge with a hydraulic lift between the pontoons capable of fully lifting the Deepstar submarine from the water. Internal space in the pontoons houses equipment and machinery space and spare parts storage plus a workshop and crew area. A diesel generator provides electrical power and a second diesel provides power for the hydraulic Schottel drives that are used for slow speed maneuvering in close quarters. The Freebex also contains the high pressure air compressor, battery chargers and oxygen transfer pump necessary for the operation of the submarine. The Freebex was built in 1992 and rebuilt in 1995 when the bridge deck and maneuvering systems were added.

Albatross Catamaran Tender

Overall Length:	14.00 m
Overall Beam:	6.70 m
Weight in Air:	16 T

The Albatross is a catamaran tender vessel capable of transporting 90-passengers at speeds up to 18 knots. Powered by twin Caterpillar diesels the Albatross also is equipped to tow the Freebex with the submarine aboard. The vessel was built in 1995.