



Cruise Details

Name:	Crossing the Equator: Portugal to Brazil
Reference:	SCENIC101R240925-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse
Regions:	Transatlantic
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Departs On:	24 Sep 25
Departs From:	Lisbon
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Arrives On:	11 Oct 25
Arrives At:	Rio de Janeiro
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Cruise Nights:	17
Total Vacation Days:	18

Itinerary

Day 1: Lisbon (Portugal)

Welcome to Portugal and its capital city, Lisbon. One of the oldest cities in the world and the second oldest capital in Europe, this is a vibrant, multicultural hub with fascinating history, glorious architecture and incredible food. Lisbon was at the centre of global seafaring and exploration for more than 600 years, so it's a fitting departure point for this epic voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.

Your journey of wonder begins as soon as you step on board Scenic Eclipse. You'll be warmly greeted with a glass of champagne and shown to your luxurious verandah suite by your butler. Take some time to settle in, test out the Scenic Slumber bed and pick the perfect pillow from the plush pillow menu. The ship will be docked right in the heart of Lisbon in the Tagus River, so make your way up to the Sky Bar on Deck 10 for a sail away cocktail looking out over the red rooftops of the city.

Please book your flight to arrive into Lisbon prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 24 Sep 25

Day 3: Funchal, Madeira (Portugal)

You'll arrive in the port of Funchal early this morning. Though it's closer to Africa than Europe, the island of Madeira is a little piece of Portugal in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. The island is the top of a vast underwater volcano that rises more than 6km from the ocean floor, making for dramatic landscapes. The capital, Funchal, is nestled in a vast natural amphitheatre on the coast with a backdrop of lush mountains.

Settled by the Portuguese in the 1400s, Madeira first became rich through sugar cane and then from its eponymous wine. Funchal became a popular holiday destination for the European aristocracy in the 19th century and the city still retains this air of busy prosperity. The grand boulevards and charming squares of West Funchal are home to boutique shops, excellent restaurants and interesting museums. Gritty East Funchal was formerly a rundown industrial area, but has been transformed into a hip neighbourhood packed with buzzing bars and trendy galleries. On its edge is the vibrant Mercado dos Lavradores market, bursting with local produce. The city is famous for its gardens, which flourish in the warm sub-tropical climate, so plan a visit to the Madeira Botanical Garden, Monte Tropical Gardens and Santa Catarina Park.

Arrives On: 26 Sep 25

Day 4: Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Spain)

The Canaries are a group of volcanic islands just off the northwestern coast of Africa. Scenic Eclipse will sail into port around midday, so you can stand on your private verandah and watch as these rugged green outcrops come into view.

Santa Cruz de Tenerife is the capital of this autonomous Spanish region, a handsome city filled with grand architecture, colourful buildings, sophisticated shops, interesting museums and a grand central park that echoes with tropical birdsong. The centre is walkable, the locals are welcoming and English is widely spoken (along with the native Spanish), making it an easy and enjoyable city to explore for the day. History buffs can go underground beneath Plaza de Espana to see the ruins of the 16th century Castle of San Cristobal or walk around the well-preserved Castle of St John the Baptist that sits on the water's edge. If you'd prefer to get some sun, Las Teresitas is the city's most popular beach, a kilometre-long strip of golden sand lined with waving palm trees.

Arrives On: 27 Sep 25

Day 7: Sao Vicente Island (Cape Verde)

Around 500km off the coast of Senegal, Cape Verde is made up of 15 volcanic islands (nine of which are inhabited) spread across 4,000 square kilometres of ocean. Sao Vicente is the second most populous of the Cape Verde islands and Mindelo is its busy capital. Following in the tradition of centuries of sailors, today this will be your last stop before setting out across the empty expanse of the Atlantic.

Its strategic position means Cape Verde has been

an important trade port since the islands were discovered by the Portuguese in the mid 1400s. They have been a slave market, an Islamic trading port, a place of exile for Portuguese political prisoners or persecuted Jews, and subject to regular raids from British, Dutch and Spanish pirates. This complex and often troubling history has left the islands with a unique cultural mix, broadly called Cape Verde Creole. Sao Vicente island is home to some of the country's greatest musicians, writers and thinkers, making Mindelo a vibrant town where you can immerse yourself in rich cultural traditions.

Arrives On: 30 Sep 25

Day 13: Recife (Brazil)

After five days at sea, you'll be excited to see land again this morning. Scenic Eclipse will dock at Recife, a large city on the northeastern coast of Brazil. One of the country's largest cities, it's a gleaming sprawl where skyscrapers run right to the edge of the ocean and traffic thunders 24 hours a day. Yet at the same time, there are sleepy historic pockets just nearby that will transport you to another era.

Recife Antigo (Old Recife) sits on its own island near the harbour and is full of beautifully-restored Portuguese and Dutch colonial buildings. It's easy to explore on foot, wandering the handsome streets past pretty sobrado houses, grand government buildings, magnificent Baroque churches and imposing fortresses. The charming squares are lined with outdoor cafes and street vendors, so you can easily spend the day meandering as you wish.

Scenic Eclipse only departs Recife late tonight, so you'll also have a chance to sample some of the city's legendary nightlife.

Arrives On: 06 Oct 25

Day 15: Salvador de Bahia (Brazil)

Continuing south down the east coast of Brazil, this morning you will arrive in Salvador de Bahia. Founded by the Portuguese in 1549, Salvador is one of the oldest colonial cities in the Americas and was the first capital of Brazil. Today, it has an irrepressible spirit that's at once laid-back and overwhelming. The streets are lined with colourful buildings, music plays at all hours and people dance through the streets to the sound of beating drums. But behind the brightly coloured facades lie some dark secrets; the first slave market in the New World opened here in 1558 and over the next three centuries more than 3.5 million enslaved people passed through the city.

Walk the narrow winding streets, sip coffee in busy squares, and admire grand churches and colonial architecture. Around 80% of Salvador's population is of African descent and you'll feel this unique blend of Afro-Brazilian culture all around you, from the music, food and dance to the brilliantly costumed women wearing the traditional Baiana de Acarajé dress of petticoats and hoop skirts with elaborate head wraps. The city is also the home of capoeira, a traditional martial art that has its roots in Africa, and you'll often see people practicing it in the streets.

Arrives On: 08 Oct 25

Day 16: Abrolhos Archipelago (Brazil)

Today would be a good opportunity to take advantage of Scenic Eclipse's open bridge policy. Sailing into the Abrolhos Archipelago, the Captain will have to navigate through dangerous reefs and low-lying islets, making for a thrilling approach. This is Brazil's first marine park, dedicated to protecting the most important and biodiverse coral reefs in the South Atlantic Ocean. It's also a refuge and nursery for humpback whales, and you may see some still swimming past at this time of year. There are five islands in the archipelago, though visitors are not permitted to step onto any of them. You will, though, delight in the water. The Abrolhos Archipelago is one of the best diving and snorkelling sites in Brazil, thanks to the incredible variety of coral, an abundance of fish, sea turtles and at least three shipwrecks. Weather permitting, you may also be able to explore beneath the surface on the Scenic Neptune submarine^

Arrives On: 09 Oct 25

Day 18: Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Your journey ends in vibrant Rio de Janeiro, the second largest city in Brazil. Wake up early to watch as Scenic Eclipse sails into the harbour, past the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue and right into the city's bustling heart. With its golden beaches, lush mountains, samba beats and passion for partying, you'll soon see why they call Rio the Cidade Maravilhosa (Marvelous City). After one final delicious breakfast, it's time to disembark Scenic Eclipse. You'll take with you a lifetime of memories of this truly unique journey. Please book your flight to depart out of Rio de Janeiro after 12:00 PM. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Scenic cannot guarantee the cruise will operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

Arrives On: 11 Oct 25

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