



Cruise Details

Name:	Natural Treasures of Indonesia, Borneo & Taiwan
Reference:	SCENIC101T020425-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
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Departs On:	02 Apr 25
Departs From:	Benoa, Bali
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Arrives On:	18 Apr 25
Arrives At:	Keelung (Chilung)
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Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Benoa, Bali (Indonesia)

Welcome to Bali, the Island of the Gods. It's just one of the more than 18,000 islands of Indonesia, but it's long been a favoured destination for travellers from all over the world. Spectacularly beautiful, culturally diverse and brimming with luxury, Bali is truly a little piece of paradise.

Board Scenic Eclipse II for an ultra-luxury Discovery Voyage at Benoa, a peninsula on the southern edge of the island. You'll be warmly greeted by the crew and shown to your spacious ultra-luxury suite to meet your butler. Join fellow guests on the Sky Deck for a glass of Champagne to toast the start of an incredible journey.

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

Arrives On: 02 Apr 25

Day 2: Badas Port (Indonesia)

Sailing overnight, you will arrive at the port of Badas on Sumbawa Island. Though it is close to Bali and Lombok, Sumbawa has yet to be discovered by tourists and retains its strong cultural identity. The few who do venture here come mostly for the epic surf, spectacular reefs and wild terrain.

Sumbawa Buffalo Racing Village Tour: Immerse yourself in an authentic village experience, where you'll explore the vibrant tapestry of Sumbawan life. Guided by a local, you'll enjoy traditional music and dancing, witness the art of rice preparation, and experience the unique practice of buffalo racing.

Arrives On: 03 Apr 25

Day 3: Komodo Island (Indonesia)

Today you will see the famed Komodo dragon, a unique species of lizard that has been roaming this island for millions of years. Stretching up to three metres in length, they can weigh over 150kg.

Komodo Dragon Walking Tour: Join an expert guide for an unforgettable walking adventure, encountering these majestic creatures in their natural habitat.

Board Scenic Eclipse II again at midday to cruise around the island to the famous Pink Beach, one of just seven found anywhere in the world. Swim and snorkel in the vibrant turquoise water to admire hundreds of species of coral and an abundance of fish.

Arrives On: 04 Apr 25

Day 4: Pulau Jinatu (Indonesia)

Stretching into the Flores Sea, south of Sulawesi, the Taka Bonerate National Park covers more than half a million hectares and includes an atoll of 28 islands, the third largest coral atoll in the world. In 2015 it was recognised as a World Heritage-listed Biosphere Reserve for its incredible variety of marine life including fish, turtles, dolphins, whales and birds. Be sure to grab your in-suite binoculars or head to the Observation Terrace to look through the Swarovski telescopes.

In this remote outpost, the Captain will find a calm spot to stop for swimming, snorkelling and other water sports including diving below the surface with a SEABOB.

Arrives On: 05 Apr 25

Day 5: Palopo (Indonesia)

Palopo is the third largest town on the island of Sulawesi and was founded around 1620 by the Muslim ruler Sultan Abdullah Muhiddin. The city's first mosque, Masjid Jami, was built during his reign and still stands along one of its main streets.

Tana Toraja Experience: Palopo is the gateway to the lush highlands of Tana Toraja, home to one of Indonesia's most exotic and mysterious ethnic groups. On a fascinating tour, you'll explore cultural landmarks,

caves and historic tombs, then visit a Nanggala Village to learn about their unique burial customs and distinctive houses.

Arrives On: 06 Apr 25

Day 7: Makassar (Indonesia)

After days of remote archipelagos and relaxed cruising, this morning you will arrive in Makassar. The largest city in eastern Indonesia, this is a bustling and gritty metropolis that clings to the south-western tip of Sulawesi. For centuries, it was the global gateway to Indonesia and remains a diverse, multicultural city, with a population of local Makassarese, indigenous Bugis people and a large Chinese contingent.

Nearby, the limestone karst mountain ranges of Rammang Rammang look as though they have been pulled from the time of the dinosaurs, covered in thick green foliage and interwoven by tranquil waterways.

Freechoice:

Makassar History & Highlights: Explore the stunning Laeng Laeng Caves, historic Fort Rotterdam and the vibrant streets of China Town on a full-day bus-based tour, showcasing the region's rich history.

Fort Rotterdam & China Town: Join a local guide for a tour of Fort Rotterdam, a former Dutch Colonial power base. Then visit Chinatown to uncover centuries of Chinese trade and culture.

Arrives On: 08 Apr 25

Day 9: Pulau Kakaban (Indonesia)

Sprinkled off the east coast of the island of Borneo, the World Heritage-listed Derawan Islands are simply stunning. The 31 islands are fringed with white-sand beaches and waving palm trees surrounded by turquoise seas. It's also one of the region's most biodiverse places, home to giant manta rays, whale sharks, dolphins, endangered sea turtles and hundreds of species of fish.

For a truly out-of-this-world experience, join the Discovery Team for a dip alongside rare stingless jellyfish in a natural lake on Kakaban Island. You can also try swimming and snorkelling off the pristine beach.

Arrives On: 10 Apr 25

Day 10: Sandakan, Sabah (Malaysia)

Your Discovery Yacht will cross from Indonesia into Malaysia this morning, arriving at the city of Sandakan. Once the capital of British North Borneo, the city is today the gateway to the island's incredible wildlife encounters and its most famous resident, the shaggy, orange orangutan.

Some of the world's most vulnerable and endangered animals live here in Borneo, and concerted conservation efforts have worked hard to turn the tide. The Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre is at the heart of the island's conservation efforts and first began rescuing orphaned orangutans for almost 60 years.

Freechoice:

Orangutan Experience: Visit the famed Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary to observe the large apes living in the reserve, watch a feeding session and see the babies from an outdoor nursery viewing area. **Sandakan War Heritage:** Explore Australia's wartime legacy on a half-day guided tour of the moving Sandakan War Memorial, including the commemorative pavilion, park and obelisk.

Arrives On: 11 Apr 25

Day 12: El Nido/Puerto Princesa (Philippines)

Awake this morning in a magical place. Set on the northern edge of Palawan Island, El Nido has to be seen to be believed, with its sun-kissed islands, towering marble cliffs, blindingly white beaches, rich green jungle and inviting tropical waters. The Discovery Yacht's GPS Dynamic Positioning system lets her hold position without dropping anchor on ecologically sensitive seabeds, helping preserve this pristine environment.

El Nido Island Beach Day: Enjoy a beach day with the Discovery Team. Your Discovery Voyage sails here in April, which is the best time of the year to ensure perfectly clear water for swimming, snorkelling, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding or try the diving below in a SEABOB. You'll be completely immersed in this secluded paradise.

Freechoice: **Bird Watching and Nature Walk:** Discover the full spectrum of Palawan's wildlife, from vibrant birds to unique plants and fascinating reptiles and amphibians. Embark on a leisurely beachside journey along a tranquil trail on this tour, which offers an immersive introduction to Palawan's rich biodiversity, renowned for its endemic species and rare treasures.

Island Hopping by Local Outrigger Boat: Experience the paradise of island-hopping in El Nido, where you can explore tranquil lagoon, snorkel in crystal-clear waters, and be surrounded by majestic limestone cliffs and untouched beaches. It's the perfect natural getaway.

Arrives On: 13 Apr 25

Day 13: Manila (Philippines)

Manila, the densely populated capital of the Philippines, is a bustling city with a rich history dating back to the 16th century. The city was founded as a Spanish colony and soon became one of the New World's main trading ports, earning it the name Pearl of the Orient. Today, it has become a hub for commerce, business, shopping, dining, culture and luxury hotels. The oldest district, Intramuros, is home to Spanish-era landmarks like Fort Santiago and Manila Cathedral. The city's rich history and vibrant culture make it an attractive destination for visitors.

Downtown Manila and Intramuros: Take an immersive tour of the captivating landmarks of Manila, including the Planetarium, the National Museum, San Sebastian Church and Manila City Hall. The tour continues at Old Intramuros. Built by the Spaniards and home of the elite during that long period of Spanish colonization in the Philippines, World War II left the area in ruins. A significant survivor was the San Agustin

Church. **Enrich** An Evening of Filipino Music at Malate Church
Enjoy this extraordinary event at the Malate Church, where the Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra fills the air with vibrant classical and contemporary music, set against the stunning backdrop of Plaza Rajah Sulayman and Manila Bay. Experience the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines as Banda Kawayan blends traditional bamboo instruments with modern arrangements for an unforgettable performance.

Arrives On: 14 Apr 25

Day 14: Manila (Philippines)

After a day spent exploring the past of this fascinating city, now it is time to explore modern Manila. Immerse yourself in the vibrant local cuisine or indulge in some shopping at the many markets and shops brimming with unique treasures. **Freechoice:**
Malacañang Heritage Tour: Join a palace expert for a tour of the Malacañang Museum, home to the Presidential Museum. Explore archives and architecture, and possibly meet a Palace Executive.
Tombs and Traditions of Manila: Explore the city's second oldest cemetery. Located in Binondo, the Manila Chinese Cemetery is full of unique tombs, each with a story to tell. Afterwards, head to La Loma, famed for its live charcoal cooking.
Yuchengco and Metropolitan Museum Art Tour: Discover contemporary and historic fine art in Yuchengco Museum and the local and international art of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila on this cultural tour.

Arrives On: 15 Apr 25

Day 16: Hualien (Taiwan)

Enjoy a relaxed morning on board as your Discovery Yacht arrives in port around midday. The city of Hualien sits on the east coast of the island of Taiwan, famed for its beautiful coastline. It's the gateway to Taroko Gorge National Park, one of Taiwan's most famous sites.
The landscape of Taroko Gorge has been formed by the great forces of nature, from typhoons and earthquakes to millions of years of erosion. Today, it is a patchwork of marble gorges, bright blue rivers and pockets of untouched forest dotted with ancient temples, tumbling waterfalls and hidden caves. **Freechoice:**
Taroko Gorge National Park: Explore the dramatic Taroko Gorge National Park, visiting Swallow Grotto, admiring the Tunnels of Nine Turns, and crossing the Buluowan Suspension Bridge.
Hualien City Tour: Discover the city's rich cultural history and stunning views of Hualien Port and the Pacific. Visit Pine Garden, a historic Shinto shrine, and the largest Taoist temple, Kang Ten Temple.

Arrives On: 17 Apr 25

Day 17: Keelung (Chilung) (Taiwan)

Today it is time to farewell Scenic Eclipse II after 17 magical days on board. Enjoy one last indulgent breakfast at the Yacht Club or ask your butler to bring coffee to your suite so you can take your time packing up. If you would like to explore more of Taiwan, Scenic can arrange post-cruise accommodation and suggest tours or activities.

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Please book your flight to depart out of Taipei after 12:00 PM.

^The helicopter and submersible are not operational in Indonesia. #Spa treatments at additional cost. +All drinks on board, including those stocked in your mini bar, are included, except for a very small number of rare, fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits. *The specialty restaurant requires a reservation.

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