



## Cruise Details

Name:	Ultimate Western Australia, The Abrolhos Islands and Kimberley Coastline
Reference:	SCENIC1020030925-2
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:	03 Sep 25
Departs From:	Perth, Western Australia
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Arrives On:	27 Sep 25
Arrives At:	Darwin, Northern Territory
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Cruise Nights:	24
Total Vacation Days:	25

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Perth, Western Australia (Australia)

Welcome on board Scenic Eclipse II, where your unforgettable voyage in 6-star ultra-luxury begins. Embark in Fremantle with time to settle into your spacious verandah suite before joining fellow guests in one of the nine bars and lounges for what the locals refer to as a 'sundowner'. Enjoy a beverage of choice, from Champagne to an aged whiskey, a cleansing ale or an aperitif as the sun sinks below the horizon. Your personal butler will walk you through your suite's facilities, like the pillow menu, to ensure every detail is in place for a sound night's sleep, ready for your onward journey of discovery. Please book your flight to arrive into Perth prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 03 Sep 25

### Day 2: Busselton, Western Australia (Australia)

Busselton is a vibrant city on the beach that's been a timeless holiday destination for generations of West Australian families. The gateway to the world-famous Margaret River wine region, Geographe Bay has some of the most beautiful calm bays of azure waters, perfect for stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking, and there's an underwater experience where you can be eye to eye with marine life without getting wet. At the end of the heritage-listed 1.8km-long wooden jetty, the longest in the southern hemisphere, is an underwater observatory that spirals beneath the ocean to the sea floor. Its large windows look out to colourful coral and barnacles attached to the jetty pylons with marine life weaving between. From May to December, spot the spouts of water out in the ocean as tens of thousands of whales pass by on their annual migration. Busselton's foreshore is abuzz with locals walking and jogging, families playing in the pirate park, tourists marvelling at the jetty and out Geographe Bay and beer lovers enjoying a locally brewed craft beer. Enjoy your final drink with fellow guests on your last evening together.

Arrives On: 04 Sep 25

### Day 3: Jurien Bay, Western Australia (Australia)

Wildflower meadows ablaze with colour, ancient and enchanting rock formations and sweeping stretches of powder-white sand are just a few of Jurien Bay's attractions. Jurien Bay is a laid-back coastal town known for its excellent fishing and playful sea lions. Australian sea lion colonies can only be found on islands off the coast of Western Australia and South Australia, which makes them one of Jurien Bay's main drawcards. Sea lions love fish, which is another other drawcard to the region. South of Jurien Bay discover the Pinnacles were formed over millions of years, thousands of soaring limestone spires, reach skywards from the yellow desert sands. The unique lunar-like landscape is at its best at sunrise or sunset when the many spire shadows are long, which feels like you're standing in a twilight universe on another planet. Photographers fill many memory cards here.. With the salty coastal air filling your lungs, fish and chips or a seafood feast may be on the menu in one of ten dining experiences on board ranging from casual to fine dining. Enjoy an aperitif before the Scenic Eclipse II world-class culinary team prepares another remarkable dining experience.

Arrives On: 05 Sep 25

### Day 4: Geraldton, Western Australia (Australia)

Home to the Yamatji and Wajarri people, Geraldton has a long history that dates back thousands of years. In 1629, a shipwreck, subsequent mutiny and rescue become a legendary part of Australian folklore. The Batavian coastline, that draws its name from the shipwreck, is widely regarded as one of the most scenic coastlines in Western Australia. Geraldton is a cosmopolitan and diverse seaside town and has a plethora of waterfront shops, cafes and museums to explore. As you relax on Deck 10, marvel at the rust-coloured rugged coastal cliffs that meet the deep blue ocean. Welcome the contrast of the remote and untouched

habitat and coastal town with the elegant furnishings and attentive service on board Scenic Eclipse II. There's a guest-to-staff ratio 1:1 and state-of-the-art technology fitted on the vessel. The only detail for you to consider is choosing from over 100 varieties of aged whiskey at the Scenic Lounge Bar in which to indulge in.

Arrives On: 06 Sep 25

#### Day 5: Abrolhos Islands, Western Australia (Australia)

The Wallabi Group is the northern-most group of islands in the Houtman Abrolhos, more commonly referred to as the Abrolhos Islands. The Islands are best known for one of the most famous 'Age of Discovery' wreck and rescue stories in global maritime history, the shipwreck of the Batavia in 1629. Often described as the Galapagos Islands of the Indian Ocean, there are few places in Australia with more biodiversity than these islands. It's one of the world's most important seabird breeding sites and it's the centre of Western Australia's largest single-species fishery, the western rock lobster fishery. This is a truly special destination that few can

visit. Soar above in one of two on board helicopters^ for an aerial perspective of the islands and the incredible waters that surround them. It's a mesmerising place that includes diverse wildlife and marine experiences. Keep your eyes open for the mischievous Australian sea lions, the star inhabitants of the area. At day's end, continue the typically West Australian 'sundowner' tradition with fellow guests ahead of a delectable meal in one of 10 dining experiences on board.

Arrives On: 07 Sep 25

#### Day 6: Dirk Hartog Island, Western Australia (Australia)

Inscription Point on Dirk Hartog Island is the site of the first evidenced European landing on Australian soil that took place in 1616. Dirk Hartog Island is Western Australia's largest island, and one of the world's most important islands for mammal conservation. It is Australia's most successful restoration projects. Since the early 2000's it has removed sheep, goats and feral cats from the island and is slowly reintroducing the native mammal species that once occupied the area. You may spot the western grey kangaroos, wallabies and bandicoots. It also has several endemic plant species found nowhere else in the world including the Dirk Hartog Island wattles.

Beneath the waterline, see vibrant corals and marine life while swimming and snorkelling. The island's seagrass meadows are some of the largest and most diverse in the world, essential to the survival of dugongs, affectionately known as 'sea cows'. Pristine white sandy beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters and rugged cliffs can be viewed from one of the many vantage points on Scenic Eclipse II. Indulge in 6-star ultra-luxury with up to 10 dining experiences and nine bars & lounges on board Scenic Eclipse II, all part of our truly all-inclusive philosophy.

Arrives On: 08 Sep 25

#### Day 7: Denham, Western Australia (Australia)

Once a romantic pearl fishing town, Denham has slowly transformed, attracting visitors with its unique aquatic and coastal experiences and stunning scenery. Shark Bay, a World Heritage-listed area, is renowned for its exotic flora and fauna, and is home to 10 per cent of the world's elusive dugong population. It is also a significant historical site, where the first Europeans landed on the Western Australian mainland. You may see emus strolling, kangaroos grazing, and dolphins jumping. Shell Beach is a natural marvel, an ethereal expanse of tiny white shells in place of sand on its beach. The Hamelin Pool Stromatolites, situated in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, are one of the oldest living organisms on earth, with a history dating back over 3,000 years. At nearby Monkey Mia, playful and inquisitive dolphins frequent the shallows close to shore.

Back on board, cocktail in hand, sit back and watch Mother Nature's free nightly show, another magnificent West Coast sunset. As the sky transitions to pastel hues before finally dark, enjoy stargazing under the sparkling stars. Take a closer look with the on board Swarovski Telescopes available in the Observation Lounge.

Arrives On: 09 Sep 25

#### Day 8: Batemans Bay, New South Wales (Australia)

Named Coral Bay in tribute to the beautiful coral gardens which lie mere metres from the pristine sandy beach, this is a picturesque hub for rich marine life experiences. The pristine snorkelling conditions offer colourful coral gardens and over 500 species of fish including the dazzling butterflyfish, angelfish, and clownfish. There may be a unique opportunity to encounter rare dugongs, also known as 'sea cows', which can be seen grazing on seagrass in the shallow waters. On land, follow walking trails that weave through national parks and pristine beaches, past tidal pools and turtle-nesting spots. For an accelerated adventure, you may be able to soar above the clifftops with an exhilarating flight in one of the two on board helicopters.

Arrives On: 10 Sep 25

#### Day 9: Exmouth, Western Australia (Australia)

Enjoy the luxury of time. This is the first of two days stationed in Exmouth, the northern gateway to wonderous Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area. Ningaloo Reef is Australia's longest fringing barrier reef and one of the world's most important biodiversity hotspots.

Between Exmouth and Coral Bay, two Ningaloo Marine Parks run in parallel along the coast, protecting this natural treasure. These marine parks are home to more than 250 species of coral, both soft and hard, that are native to the area. On a snorkelling trip see cabbage corals, brain corals and lavender corals as well as delicate colourful branching corals which form gardens in the shallow lagoons. Ningaloo Marine Park boasts an endless list of

molluscs, crustaceans, algae and over 500 species of the most decorated and revered tropical fish in the world, including giant potato cod, sweetlip, spangled emperor and lionfish.

Arrives On: 11 Sep 25

#### Day 10: Exmouth, Western Australia (Australia)

After an overnight stay in Exmouth, wake slowly and enjoy the morning views on the verandah of your spacious suite over a barista-made coffee brought by your butler. Exmouth is the perfect base to explore the grandiose landscapes of the Cape Range National Park. The spectacular contrasting scenery is a sight to behold. The rugged limestone gorges and arid coastal plain of Cape Range adjoin the pristine turquoise waters of Ningaloo Marine Park. Located within the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage-listed Area, Cape Range is rich and diverse in wildlife, including kangaroos, emus, echidnas, birds and black-flanked rock wallabies. The name 'Ningaloo' means 'land jutting out to sea' from the local Yinigudura people.

In the evening, join fellow travellers in one of nine bars and lounges for a sundowner over a glass of French champagne, a craft beer, or a perfectly balanced aperitif as you swap stories about the wildlife you've spotted and otherworldly landscapes encountered.

Arrives On: 12 Sep 25

#### Day 11: Montebello Islands, Western Australia (Australia)

The 265 low-lying islands and islets of the Montebello Islands form a conservation park and the waters surrounding the islands are a protected marine park. The only access to the islands is by small ship, making Scenic Eclipse II the perfect vessel for this a truly unrivalled experience. There are fringing reefs, sandy beaches, sheltered coves, isolated mangrove stands and abundance of marine life including turtles, dolphins, and dugongs, 450 species of fish and over 1000 species of invertebrates. Choose from the many interesting snorkelling locations that include coral reefs and underwater gardens teeming with marine life of all sizes, colours and patterns. Swim or snorkel to see what lies beneath or take a kayak or stand-up paddleboard for exploration above water.

With the Discovery Team, Scenic Eclipse II's team of experts, learn about the explosive history of the area. The islands rose to notoriety when the British military carried out atomic weapons tests in 1952 and 1956, something that may be difficult to comprehend given the serene surrounds. During the day, take the feelings of bliss to a new level after an indulgent pampering treatment\* in the expansive 550m2 Senses Spa and emerge feeling renewed

Arrives On: 13 Sep 25

#### Day 12: Burrup Peninsula, Dampier Archipelago, Western Australia (Australia)

The Dampier Archipelago, located in the Pilbara, is a breathtaking haven of coral reefs, sponge gardens and more than 650 species of fish. In the cluster of 42 islands set amid crystal-clear waters, find colourful coral reefs and unique marine wildlife including dugongs, whales, dolphins as well as three turtle species that nest on nearby beaches. With the Discovery Team, visit rock art sites and learn about the rich indigenous culture of the area's five Aboriginal language groups. The rugged landscapes and ancient rock formations make for great hiking and exploration.

Replenish after a day of swimming, snorkelling, paddling and hiking with a sumptuous meal in one of the up to 10 ultra-luxury dining experiences on board Scenic Eclipse II. The panoramic sunset views from the Vitality Pool on the Sky Deck may just be your perfect way to unwind as you take in the stunning surroundings.

Arrives On: 14 Sep 25

#### Day 14: Rowley Shoals, Western Australia (Australia)

Nestled in the crystalline waters of the Indian Ocean, the little-known Rowley Shoals is an unforgettable aquatic experience. Explore the Rowley Shoals and Mermaid Reef Marine Parks, a chain of three protected coral atolls with over 200 species of stunning coral formations in every imaginable colour. Regarded as the best example in Australian waters of atolls on the edge of a continental shelf, it covers 540 square kilometres, with depths from less than 15 metres to 500 metres.

Scenic Eclipse will stop here, using her advanced state-of-the-art GPS Dynamic Positioning that allows her to station without dropping anchor onto the sensitive coral seabeds. From the Scenic Eclipse II Marine Deck, explore with a kayak or stand-up paddleboard, or snorkel and swim in the shallow lagoons atop the softly swaying coral gardens. Tropical fish, sea turtles and dolphins are just some of the abundant marine life to adorn the area. With its remote location and protected status, Rowley Shoals provide a tranquil respite and a chance to be fully immersed in the serene majesty of the underwater world. You may also be able to soar above for a bird's eye view of the atolls in one of the two on board helicopters<sup>^</sup>. A journey to Rowley Shoals promises to be a transformative experience, one that will remain indelibly etched in your memory.

Arrives On: 16 Sep 25

#### Day 15: Broome, Western Australia (Australia)

Welcome to Broome, a charming outback town where red desert – Pindan collides with the turquoise Indian Ocean lapping onto pristine white sands.

Arrives On: 17 Sep 25

#### Day 16: Buccaneer Archipelago, Western Australia (Australia)

This morning, you'll sail along the Kimberley Coast, renowned for its dramatic landscapes, steep cliffs, hidden bays and pristine beaches, to the remote Buccaneer Archipelago. A cluster of more than 1,000 islands, the archipelago is shaped by some of the world's highest tidal ranges, creating natural phenomena such as whirlpools and the arresting Horizontal Falls. Discover the untouched beauty of the Lacepede Islands, just 120 km north of Broome. As an A-class reserve, these islands are a haven for nature lovers, famed for their abundant wildlife and vibrant seabird colonies. It's also Western Australia's top breeding ground for green turtles and a prime spot to witness majestic humpback whales during their seasonal migration. **Discovery:** Your Discovery Team will inform you of your exact location and planned activities, including Zodiac cruises or landings.

Arrives On: 18 Sep 25

#### Day 17: Talbot Bay, Western Australia (Australia)

Sir David Attenborough named the Horizontal Falls at Talbot Bay "one of the greatest natural wonders of the world." Created by a unique combination of geology and massive tidal surges squeezed through two narrow cliff passages, this is the only place in the world where horizontal falls exist. After a full day exploring this fascinating region, relax in the Vitality Pool located on the Sky Deck, and gaze out across the breathtaking panoramic views. **Discovery:** Explore by Zodiac some of the planet's most unique waterways. Conditions permitting, journey through the narrow Talbot Creek, locally known as Cyclone Creek, to reveal gorgeous sandstone folding where you may spot rock wallabies on outcrops and the 18 different species of birdlife including Australian Ibis, Brahminy Kite and Brown Honeyeater.

Arrives On: 19 Sep 25

#### Day 17: Horizontal Falls (Australia)

Arrives On: 19 Sep 25

#### Day 18: Port information not found

Wake to a completely new vista at Montgomery Reef, the world's largest inshore reef that boasts some of the Earth's biggest tidal changes, reaching up to 10 metres (33 feet). As the tides rise or fall, both soft and hard coral are exposed, falling below sea level to create a remarkable spectacle. **Enrich** Smoking ceremony, welcome and guided walk to rock art Go ashore at Freshwater Cove located on Worrora country and meet with traditional Dambimangari guides of the Arraluli clan and be immersed into the importance of their culture. Hear about the Traditional Owners and the story of how the

Wijingarra, or native spotted Quoll, came into being and how the area's freshwater was created. </span></p><p><strong>Discovery: </strong><span>Join the Discovery Team to explore Montgomery Reef by Zodiac and if the timing is perfect, discover thousands of small waterfalls cascading down the reef and see incredible marine life including sea turtles, octopus, sharks, rays, dolphins and more.</span></p>

Arrives On: 20 Sep 25

#### Day 18: Port information not found

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#### Day 19: Careening Bay, Western Australia (Australia)

<p><span>Discover Careening Bay's captivating history, where in 1820 Phillip Parker King was finally able to repair his vessel - HMC Mermaid. This event was marked by King having the ship's carpenter carving its name in an enormous Boab. </span></p><p><strong>Discovery: </strong><span>Join our Discovery Team as they take a Zodiac to a nearby isolated beach. Ease into the day with an early morning yoga class` on the sand or relax at the beach bar set up by the Scenic Eclipse II crew. </span></p><p><span>Later in the day, cruise by Zodiac around Glauert Island, where you'll discover mangroves, pristine beaches, and if you're lucky, one of the resident green turtles. </span></p><p><span>As you cruise around Port Nelson, prepare your cameras to capture the awe-inspiring beauty of the pristine waterways, meandering through sandstone and basalt cliffs. </span></p>

Arrives On: 21 Sep 25

#### Day 20: Prince Frederick Harbour, Western Australia (Australia)

<p><span>Today, Scenic Eclipse II glides through Prince Frederick Harbour to the mouth of the Hunter River. A true wilderness with jaw-dropping panoramas of wild escarpments, monsoon rainforests and the four-tiered Mitchell Falls, carved out over millennia. With cocktail in hand, watch nature's magnificent show as the sun sets. </span></p><p><strong>Discovery: </strong><span>Tides permitting, the Zodiacs can take you past towering sandstone cliffs, pristine mangrove forests and iconic landscapes such as Prince Frederick Harbour, Porosus Creek and Hunter River. Look out for ospreys and saltwater crocodiles within this prehistoric landscape. </span></p><p><span>For a fresh perspective, embark on a scenic helicopter flight^ for magnificent aerial views of the Hunter River or Mitchell Falls. Also known as Punamii-uunpuu, it's an iconic Kimberley landmark and a place of cultural and spiritual significance for the Wunambal people. </span></p>

Arrives On: 22 Sep 25



### Day 21: Swift Bay, Western Australia (Australia)

Today Swift Bay offers the opportunity to see both styles of Kimberley rock painting near each other. Gwion-gwion and Wandjina paintings are within a short Zodiac ride of the Discovery Yacht. **Discovery:** Join the Discovery Team on a scenic helicopter flight^ to observe Mitchell Falls or stay grounded and take in the ancient rock art galleries Gwion-gwion (formerly known as 'Bradshaw' paintings) that depict enigmatic human figures in dynamic stances. Wandjina are spiritual creators and rain-providers which continue to feature strongly in the Kimberley's Indigenous culture.

Arrives On: 23 Sep 25

### Day 22: Port information not found

Ashmore Reef, Australia's most remote marine park, consists of three tropical islands surrounded by a coral reef, covering 583 square kilometres. It's an Important Bird Area (IBA) and access is regulated, with most of the reef classified as a sanctuary zone. Scenic Eclipse II will be stopping at Ashmore Reef for technical clearance. There will be no opportunity for guests to go ashore.

The morning is yours to enjoy as you wish. Book a Back of House tour, a Senses Spa treatment#, a Yoga or Pilates session, plunge into the Vitality Pool, or simply relax and indulge in 6-star ultra-luxury on board Scenic Eclipse II.

While your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht sails around Ashmore Reef, be ready to capture its breathtaking beauty with your cameras. Alternatively, you can join our experienced Discovery Team experts on the open decks for an informative birdwatching expedition~. Learn about the diverse seabirds and marine mammals inhabiting the area while taking in the stunning surroundings.

In the evening, settle in at one of the eight bars and lounges to enjoy a beverage of choice. Indulge in over 130 varieties of aged whiskey at the Scenic Lounge Bar or book a wine tasting session to pair your day with the right drop.

Arrives On: 24 Sep 25

### Day 23: Vansittart Bay, Western Australia (Australia)

After enjoying the morning on board your luxurious Discovery Yacht, you'll stop at the sheltered and secluded Vansittart Bay, a place of significant indigenous cultural history. The remarkably preserved skeleton of a WWII Douglas C-53 awaits discovery. Fitted with state-of-the-art GPS Dynamic Positioning system, Scenic Eclipse II will be held in position close to Jar Island in the bay's southwest pocket, negating the need to drop anchor on ecologically sensitive seabeds.

**Discovery:** Board a Zodiac for a transfer to a small sandy beach to explore the area with the expert Discovery Team. Join a hike to see what's regarded as some of the oldest rock paintings in Australia, dating back approx. 17,300 years. The ancient and mysterious Gwion-gwion is one of two primary art forms found in the Kimberley.

Arrives On: 25 Sep 25

#### Day 24: Port information not found

The King George River flows through the pristine Kimberley region of Western Australia, showcasing the breathtaking King George Falls, which plunge over 80 metres in a mesmerizing display. The highest twin waterfalls in Western Australia, it is accessible only by water or air. With her sleek, yacht-shaped design, Scenic Eclipse II was custom-built to access remote locations. Make your way along the river's tranquil waters, through towering gorges – home to Brahminy kites, egrets and kingfishers.

**Discovery:** Take a roundtrip on a Zodiac for a breathtaking close-up of the falls, weaving past spectacular 80-metre-high sandstone cliffs and mangroves where you might spot a sunning crocodile or birdlife such as ospreys, falcons, egrets and kingfishers. April and May are when the Falls are at their most thunderous. Weather and tides permitting, our Discovery Team may take you close enough for a natural shower.

Arrives On: 26 Sep 25

#### Day 25: Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia)

Your unforgettable voyage concludes today. Enjoy your final morning in the ultra-luxury of Scenic Eclipse II and take the chance to reflect on the rare and incredible experiences and the remarkable places you've visited, some of which very few have been before. Take comfort knowing you've created a bank of memories which will last a lifetime. Bid farewell to your friendly crew and new friends as you disembark in Darwin.

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

\*Please be advised that the use of drones is strictly prohibited in this area.

^^Subject to weather and operational conditions. Sightings cannot be guaranteed.

^Specialty restaurants require a reservation, enquire on board.

^Flights on board our two helicopters and submersible experiences are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather, ice and tidal conditions.

#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.

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