Cruise Details

Name:	Cultural Horizons of Taiwan & Japan’s Southern Islands
Reference:	SCENIC111A060329-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	06 Mar 29
Departs From:	Hong Kong
Arrives On:	20 Mar 29
Arrives At:	Osaka
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Step into the vibrant energy of Hong Kong, a city where soaring skyscrapers meet historic temples and bustling markets. From the dazzling Victoria Harbour to the hidden lanes of traditional neighbourhoods, the city is a captivating blend of modern sophistication and timeless culture.

Your Discovery Voyage into wonder begins with a warm greeting by the Captain and crew as you step on board Scenic Eclipse II, your ultra-luxury Scenic Discovery Yacht. Sip on a glass of Champagne as you explore your luxurious suite, then join fellow guests at the Sky Bar to toast the start of an unforgettable voyage.

As evening falls, choose from a range of distinct culinary experiences, before settling into an evening of thoughtfully curated entertainment. Please book your flight to arrive into Hong Kong prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 06 Mar 29

Day 2: Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Discover the quieter side of Hong Kong at Mirs Bay, where calm waters, inviting beaches, and diverse marine life provide a peaceful coastal escape. The surrounding marine parks and nearby UNESCO Geopark highlight the area’s rarely seen natural landscapes.

Be sure to check your Daily Program for the Discovery Team lecture times, where you can deepen your understanding of the region with insightful presentations. During the day, the theatre also hosts movies and documentaries, while as night falls it comes alive with memorable performances, from musical theatre and cabaret to pop, dance and interactive game shows.

Arrives On: 07 Mar 29

Day 4: Keelung (Chilung) (Taiwan)

The port of Keelung welcomes you to the enchanting island of Taiwan, where vibrant city streets, ancient temples, and bustling night markets mingle with serene mountain landscapes and coastal vistas. From the cosmopolitan energy of Taipei to the tranquil beauty of surrounding regions, every moment invites you to experience the rich culture, culinary delights, and timeless charm of this East China Sea gem.

Return on board this evening for a cocktail at the Scenic Lounge Bar, where over 100 whiskeys await, or choose from the expertly crafted menu at Elements, featuring Italian, steak and seafood prepared with locally sourced ingredients.

Arrives On: 09 Mar 29

Day 5: Ishigaki (Japan)

After a restorative night of rest in your luxurious suite and signature Scenic Slumber Bed, wake up on your own time. With an afternoon arrival into Naha, the morning is yours to spend as you wish. Perhaps ask your butler to deliver breakfast to your suite or join new friends for a leisurely meal at the Yacht Club.

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In the prefectural capital of Naha, immerse yourself in the legacy of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Stroll along Kokusai Dori, the vibrant “international street,” and discover bustling markets, charming shops, and local delicacies at Makishi Public Market. Visit the historic Shuri Castle and surrounding precinct to experience Okinawa’s fascinating culture or simply soak in the lively atmosphere of this captivating island city.

Arrives On: 10 Mar 29

Day 6: Naha, Okinawa (Japan)

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Day 7: Zamami (Japan)

A haven of calm, Zamami Island offers lush greenery, soft white-sand beaches, and waters that shimmer in many shades of blue. Beneath the surface, colourful coral reefs and tropical fish create a quiet underwater spectacle. Mount Takatsuki crowns the island, with sweeping views over the Kerama Islands and a serene panorama of beaches, forests, and open sea.

Return on board this evening for a cocktail at the Scenic Lounge Bar, where over 100 whiskeys, premium spirits, Champagne, curated wines, mocktails and juices await or visit Koko’s Sushi & Saké bar to sample an authentic Japanese saké, all included throughout your voyage.

Arrives On: 12 Mar 29

Day 8: Maedomari/Iheya (Japan)

Iheya Island is a tranquil retreat in the Okinawa archipelago, with lush interiors and quiet coastal shores. Known for its natural beauty and traditional island character, it offers a peaceful escape framed by clear waters and green hills, capturing the essence of Okinawa’s more remote islands.

Arrives On: 13 Mar 29

Day 9: Naze, Amani Oshima (Japan)

Awaken to watch the sun dance across the crystalline waters of World Heritage-listed site Amami Oshima. The largest island in the Satsunan chain, Amami Oshima is an unspoiled haven for a diverse eco-system of endemic flora and fauna.

Stroll the soft-sand beaches and swim in the temperate waters of this natural gem. Uncover the remarkable beauty of the protected Kuroshio-no-Mori Mangrove Park. Be sure to take the opportunity to sample the local specialty of Keihan chicken rice, a dish whose origins can be traced back to the Edo period.

Return to Scenic Eclipse II and unwind with a cocktail at the Sky Bar on Deck 10 and

panoramic sea vistas, or step into the thermal loungers of Senses Spa to recharge after your day ashore.

Arrives On: 14 Mar 29

Day 10: Yakushima (Japan)

Yakushima is a lush, enchanting island in southern Japan, celebrated for its ancient forests and recognised as a World Heritage-listed site. Towering cedar trees, some thousands of years old, create a mystical landscape that has inspired countless stories and imaginations. The island’s pristine beaches and vibrant ecosystems are home to Japanese macaques, sika deer, and green sea turtles, offering glimpses of wildlife in their natural habitat.

Later, after sailing, perhaps visit the open bridge on Deck 7 to meet the Captain and navigational team and gain first-hand insight into a Scenic Discovery Yacht’s state-of-the-art technology from one of the most inspiring vantage points on board.

Arrives On: 15 Mar 29

Day 11: Beppu, Kyushu Island, Oita (Japan)

Discover Beppu, Japan’s iconic hot spring city, where steaming pools, soothing mud baths, and black sand baths invite you to relax and rejuvenate. Surrounded by dramatic landscapes, this charming city offers a perfect blend of wellness, culture, and natural beauty.

This evening, savour the flavours of Asia at Koko's Asian Fusion, where expertly crafted dishes from the Sushi & Saké Bar or the vibrant Night Market+ menu provide a refined counterpoint to your day spent in Japanese culture.

Arrives On: 16 Mar 29

Day 12: Hiroshima (Japan)

Hiroshima is a thoughtful, quietly compelling city, shaped by history yet defined by its calm, contemporary atmosphere. The Hiroshima Peace Memorial and surrounding park invite reflection, whilst Hiroshima Castle and the tranquil Shukkeien Garden reveal layers of older tradition and refined landscape design. Tree-lined avenues, riverside paths, and lively neighbourhoods round out a day that balances remembrance with everyday city life, offering a nuanced sense of place and renewal.

Arrives On: 17 Mar 29

Day 13: Tamano (Japan)

This morning, you will arrive at the port of Uno, the gateway to the garden city of Okayama, the second-largest city in the Chugoku region. Okayama is home to the majestic

Korakuen Garden, which was commissioned by a feudal lord in 1687 as a place to receive guests. Choose to spend your day strolling through the immaculately manicured gardens, admiring historic architecture or contemplating thought-provoking art.

Return to your ultra-luxury Scenic Discovery Yacht this evening and unwind with a cocktail in one of the eight all-inclusive bars and lounges.

Arrives On: 18 Mar 29

Day 14: Takamatsu (Japan)

Nestled on the sparkling shores of the Seto Inland Sea, Takamatsu, the capital of Kagawa, serves as a serene gateway to the region’s many picturesque islands. From this charming port, admire the sweeping vistas and marvel at the engineering wonder of the Seto Ohashi Bridge, stretching gracefully across the water.

Explore the ruins of the waterfront Takamatsu Castle, wander the tranquil Ritsurin Koen Garden, built by feudal lords in the Edo Period. Be sure to try the local specialty of ‘sanuki udon’ noodles, famed for their delightful texture.

Arrives On: 19 Mar 29

Day 15: Osaka (Japan)

Today, it is time to farewell your Scenic Discovery Yacht after 15 incredible days on board. Be sure to fit in one last indulgent breakfast at the Yacht Club or ask your butler to deliver coffee to your suite so you can take your time packing. Then disembark in Osaka, carrying with you memories of an unforgettable Discovery Voyage. Please book your flight to depart out of Osaka after 12:00 PM. #Spa treatments and services at additional cost. Daily activities may be subject to change; please consult your Daily Wonder for updates.
+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. Specialty restaurants require a reservation, enquire on board.
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