Cruise Details

Name:	Australia’s East Coast & the Great Barrier Reef
Reference:	SCENIC131O291028-1
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
Departs On:	29 Oct 28
Departs From:	Cairns, Queensland
Arrives On:	10 Nov 28
Arrives At:	Sydney, New South Wales
Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

Itinerary

Day 1: Cairns, Queensland (Australia)

Welcome on board Scenic Eclipse II, your ultra-luxury Scenic Discovery Yacht for the next 12 nights. Take time to settle into your suite and begin enjoying the exceptional amenities on board. Cairns, your embarkation port, is the gateway to tropical North Queensland and uniquely positioned where two World Heritage sites meet – the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest. Known for its vibrant waterfront, tropical climate, and rich cultural heritage, Cairns provides the perfect introduction to your journey along Australia’s east coast. Please book your flight to arrive into Cairns prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 29 Oct 28

Day 2: Willis Island, Queensland (Australia)

The Coral Sea Islands Territory extends east and south from the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef, covering 51 islets and cays, alongside 30 separate reefs and atolls. Willis Island is the only permanently inhabited island, staffed by a small team at the weather monitoring station, which was established in 1921 to provide a cyclone early warning service for Queenslanders. Coral Sea Marine Park, one of the world's largest marine parks, protects 16 different seafloors, 15,000 km² of reef systems and an abundance of corals, fish, sea stars, clams and sea cucumbers.

Before arrival, this morning offers an opportunity to unwind in the serene surroundings of the Senses Spa, where you can enjoy the complimentary thermal loungers and infrared saunas, or join a class in the PURE Yoga & Pilates Studio.

Arrives On: 30 Oct 28

Day 3: Magnetic Island, Queensland (Australia)

Two-thirds national park and surrounded by 23 secluded bays and soft sand beaches, Magnetic Island is renowned for its natural beauty and serenity. Explore an untouched haven of eucalyptus trees with sleeping koalas, hiking trails and open roads. Enjoy panoramic views from the lounge on Deck 10 or relax on your suite's verandah for views of the dramatic coastline. Look for native wildlife including rock wallabies, possums and over 100 different bird species. Visit Horseshoe Bay, on the sheltered north side of the island, and discover a thriving local community sprinkled with eclectic art galleries.

This evening, savour the flavours of Asia at Koko's Asian Fusion or enjoy steak and seafood at Elements., then ease into the night with live music and enriching entertainment in the state-of-the-art theatre or Scenic Lounge Bar. Scenic Discovery:
Weather and local approvals permitting, there may be an opportunity for a Zodiac beach landing, with time to enjoy activities such as snorkelling, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding or exploring beneath the surface with a Seabob. You may also choose to experience the landscape from above on an optional flightseeing excursion by helicopter^, or discover the marine environment below with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 31 Oct 28

Day 4: Airlie Beach (Australia)

Airlie Beach serves as the gateway to the iconic Whitsunday Islands and the Great Barrier Reef. Fringed by palm-lined beaches and set in a tropical climate, the town exudes a relaxed charm that complements the natural beauty of the surrounding islands. From the esplanade to Airlie Beach Lagoon, visitors can enjoy scenic views, gentle sea breezes, and the laid-back rhythm of this coastal town, offering a perfect introduction to the serene beauty of the Whitsundays.

After a morning of exploring Airlie Beach enjoy an al fresco lunch today at the Yacht Club with your fellow voyagers and spend the afternoon nestled into one of the cabanas on Deck 10. Scenic Discovery:
Soar above the stunning

lagoon on an optional flightseeing tour with one of the two onboard helicopters^. Alternatively, explore beneath the surface with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 01 Nov 28

Day 5: Percy Isles, Queensland (Australia)

Scenic Eclipse II's design and environmental credentials allow access to the remote Percy Isles, a rarely visited group of islands in the Coral Sea. Middle Percy rises as a densely wooded hilltop above the surrounding waters, offering dramatic natural scenery. On the island, West Beach features a unique collection of memorabilia left by past visitors. You may enjoy a walk to scenic viewpoints, swim or snorkel in the tropical lagoons, or, weather permitting, explore the surroundings by kayak or stand-up paddleboard~. Alternatively, relax on board in the temperature-controlled Vitality pool on Deck 10 whilst taking in the panoramic views. Later, treat yourself to an ESPA treatment# in the 550sqm Senses Spa, where holistic therapies promote deep relaxation. Scenic Discovery:
Today, weather conditions and local approvals permitting, you may enjoy exploring the underwater world with a Seabob, gliding across the waves on a stand-up paddleboard, or kayaking along the shore, all accessible from a Zodiac beach landing. Alternatively, admire the pristine eco-paradise from above on an optional flightseeing excursion on one of the two on board helicopters^, or explore beneath the surface with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 02 Nov 28

Day 6: Great Keppel Island, Queensland (Australia)

Great Keppel Island, often called Wop-pa, is a tropical island retreat surrounded by inviting coastal waters. Snorkel or swim from the yacht or the island's white sand beaches, where marine life such as turtles, dugongs, and a variety of fish can often be seen. Explore the island's natural beauty and learn about its rich Aboriginal heritage, whilst spotting native wildlife, including more than 90 bird species.

Later, relax on board with a cocktail in hand, taking in the island sunset from your private verandah, the Sky Bar, the Sky Deck's outdoor seating, or one of the cabanas, enjoying the serene coastal surroundings. As evening falls, dine at Elements, where Italian, steak and seafood dishes are prepared using locally sourced ingredients. Scenic Discovery:
Weather and local approvals permitting, you may enjoy a Zodiac landing that brings the beach to life, with endless ways to explore the sea: paddleboard across gentle bays, kayak along sun-dappled shores, snorkel amid colourful reefs, or dive beneath the surface with a Seabob for a closer look at marine life. Alternatively, admire the pristine eco-paradise from above on an optional flightseeing excursion on one of the two on board helicopters^, or explore beneath the surface with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 03 Nov 28

Day 7: Lady Elliot Islands, Queensland (Australia)

Lady Elliot Island is your first stop at the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef. This lush island paradise is known for its giant manta rays and turtles as well as its commitment to sustainability through the use of renewable energy, invasive species eradication and other notable environmental initiatives. Here, the glittering white beaches are made entirely of crushed coral. The highly protected ‘Green Zone’ is a sanctuary for over 1,200 species of marine life and an extraordinary unspoilt coral reef. Walk around the island and take in the lush rainforest surroundings, the centre of the island’s life force.

Return to your Scenic Discovery Yacht to enjoy the diverse dining experiences or savour a quiet moment at Azure Bar & Café with a light meal and ocean views, then 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. Scenic Discovery:
Today, weather and local approvals permitting, you may indulge in a range of exciting water sports, including snorkelling, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, or exploring the underwater realm with a Seabob. Alternatively, admire the pristine eco-paradise from above on an optional flightseeing excursion on one of the two on board helicopters^, or explore the marine life with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 04 Nov 28

Day 8: Fraser Island, Queensland (Australia)

K’gari (Fraser Island) is the world’s largest sand island and a World Heritage-listed destination celebrated for its remarkable landscapes and unique wildlife. Stretching over 120 kilometres, the island features ancient sand dunes, secluded beaches, freshwater lakes and creeks, and pockets of lush rainforest. Its diverse habitats support a wide variety of native flora and fauna, offering a rare glimpse into one of Australia’s most extraordinary natural environments.

Check the Daily Wonder for Discovery Team lectures in the state-of-the-art theatre, where leading experts share rich insights into the wildlife, landscapes and culture of the region.

Arrives On: 05 Nov 28

Day 9: Brisbane, Queensland (Australia)

In the late afternoon, Scenic Eclipse II arrives in Brisbane for an overnight stay, offering a chance to experience the city at a relaxed pace. Brisbane, Queensland’s vibrant capital, is known for its modern architecture, lively riverside precincts, and diverse dining scene. Enjoy the atmosphere along the Brisbane River, admire the blend of contemporary and historic landmarks, or simply unwind on board as the city lights begin to illuminate the skyline.

Take

advantage of the late evening to enjoy a relaxing drink at the Sky Bar on Deck 10 or explore the city's vibrant nightlife ashore.

Arrives On: 06 Nov 28

Day 10: Brisbane, Queensland (Australia)

Enjoy a morning discovering more of Brisbane’s highlights before Scenic Eclipse II departs later in the afternoon. From vibrant markets and cultural attractions to historic streetscapes and boutique shops, the city offers a harmonious blend of urban sophistication and relaxed Queensland charm. Take in the city’s lively precincts, explore galleries or cafés, and soak up the unique character of Brisbane before setting sail along the coast.

As you depart, consider a refreshing session in the POWER: Gym or join a Pilates class in the PURE: Yoga & Pilates Studio to rejuvenate after your city exploration.

Arrives On: 07 Nov 28

Day 11: Coffs Harbour, New South Wales (Australia)

Coffs Harbour is a laid-back coastal town set between the Great Dividing Range and the Pacific Ocean. Known for its expansive beaches and relaxed atmosphere, it offers a blend of scenic coastline, lush hinterlands, and local character. Explore the surrounding forests, enjoy the serene beaches, or discover the town’s playful side at the iconic ‘Big Banana’, a landmark that reflects the region’s fun-loving spirit.

Return on board to unwind with in-suite dining from the 24-hour menu, then bring the day to a close with a nightcap in one of the eight bars or lounges.

Arrives On: 08 Nov 28

Day 12: Newcastle, New South Wales (Australia)

Newcastle offers a compelling blend of coastal charm and cultural character, with sweeping ocean views, heritage architecture, and a growing contemporary arts scene. Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours was founded in Newcastle, giving the city a special significance for the company. Explore relaxed beachfront promenades, discover vibrant street art and galleries, or enjoy the city’s lively café and dining culture, all set against the backdrop of a beautiful natural coastline.

This evening, indulge in the Sushi & Saké Bar @ Koko's, or for one last time retreat to the Senses Spa for a deeply restorative experience.

Arrives On: 09 Nov 28

Day 13: Sydney, New South Wales (Australia)

Your Discovery Voyage concludes this morning in Sydney, Australia’s iconic harbour city. Enjoy a final breakfast on board, taking in the views from your suite or private verandah as the skyline comes into view.

Disembark and bid farewell to the Scenic Eclipse II crew and fellow guests, taking with you lasting memories of an exceptional voyage along Australia’s east coast. Please book your flight to depart out of Sydney 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.
^Experiences on board our two helicopters and submersible are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather conditions.
~Kayak and stand-up paddleboard not available in all locations. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Scenic cannot guarantee the voyage will operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

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