



## Cruise Details

Name:	The History and Traditions of Europe: Tastes of Discovery Voyage with Chef Gabriel Rodriguez
Reference:	SCENIC161E020926-1
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Northern Europe
Departs On:	02 Sep 26
Departs From:	Bergen
Arrives On:	13 Sep 26
Arrives At:	Lisbon
Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Bergen (Norway)

Your journey begins in the World Heritage-listed city of Bergen, Norway's second-largest city that dates back to the 12th century. Surrounded by seven hills and with colourful buildings lining the harbour, it's considered one of the prettiest cities in Norway. Board Scenic Eclipse II this afternoon and be warmly welcomed by the Captain and your crew. Meet your butler and enjoy a glass of champagne as you settle in your spacious suite, then join your fellow guests on the Sky Deck as you set sail to the largest fjord in Norway, Sognefjord. Please book your flight to arrive into Bergen prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 19:00

Arrives On: 02 Sep 26

### Day 2: Stavanger (Norway)

Nestled on Norway's southwestern coast, the ancient city of Stavanger boasts a rich Viking heritage. Dating back to the 9th century, it's often referred to as the 'Cradle of the Vikings'. Stavanger is a compact city that's easy to explore on foot – stroll past the well-preserved white wooden houses of the old town and along Øvre Holmegate, known as the 'street of colours'. Learn more about the city's fascinating past and seafaring legacy at the Stavanger Maritime Museum, housed in a historic wharf side warehouse. Stavanger is also renowned for its culinary scene, with a bustling fish market offering fresh seafood delights.

**Tastes of Discovery**

The evening begins with the Captain's Welcome Reception, where you'll meet the esteemed Scenic Eclipse II crew and mingle with fellow travellers in an elegant setting. Meet acclaimed celebrity Top Chef Gabriel Rodriguez, who will be responsible for the culinary delights you'll savour throughout this cruise, sharing his passion for gourmet cuisine and setting the stage for an unforgettable journey.

**Scenic Freechoice:**

**Highlights of Stavanger:** Uncover Stavanger's Viking heritage at Ullandhaug and Hafrsfjord, visit the Petroleum Museum, and stroll the historic wooden streets of Old Stavanger.

**Lysefjord Cruise:** Cruise Lysefjord past Preikestolen and the Stavanger Archipelago, enjoying Viking stories and refreshments along the way.

**Old Town & Beer Tasting:** Explore Stavanger's Old Town on a guided walk through cobblestone streets and historic wooden houses, ending with a local beer tasting at the Stavanger Pub.

**Stavanger Panorama:** Discover Stavanger's highlights on a panoramic tour, from the market and cathedral to the "Swords in Rock," Jæren countryside, Ullandhaug views and the coastal islands of Byøy and Engøy.

**Offshore:** 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 03 Sep 26

#### Day 4: IJmuiden (Netherlands)

Sitting at the mouth of the North Sea Canal, IJmuiden is the gateway to the Dutch Low Lands and the city of Amsterdam. Disembark early this morning and it's just a short transfer to the vibrant culture and iconic attractions of the Dutch capital. Explore the Golden Age canals lined with gabled houses, visit the many cafes and vintage stores, or join the locals and explore by bicycle. In the surrounding countryside, you can see historic windmills and bustling markets, or immerse yourself in the tranquillity of nearby nature reserves and scenic waterways.

**Scenic Freechoice:**

**Amsterdam Canal Cruise:** Experience Amsterdam's iconic canals on a scenic cruise, admiring historic architecture and charming bridges from the water. Enjoy 2.5 hours of free time to explore the city at your own pace before returning to IJmuiden.

**Amsterdam Rijksmuseum Transfer:** Drive through Amsterdam's historic streets to Museumplein and visit the world-renowned Rijksmuseum. Explore masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other Dutch Golden Age artists at your own pace.

**Volendam, Marken & Edam:** Journey through Holland's "Waterland" region, passing canals and windmills to visit Marken and its wooden houses, Volendam's harbour and Edam, famous for its historic architecture and cheese-making tradition.

**Haarlem Jopen Church & Beer**

Tasting: Explore historic Haarlem with a guided walking tour of the Grote Markt and Saint Bavo Cathedral, then visit Jopenkerk for a unique beer tasting in a former church now home to a renowned brewery. Sample three signature beers with snacks while learning about Haarlem's brewing heritage.  
  
IJmuiden E-Bike Tour: Set out on a 28-mile (45 km) guided bike tour from IJmuiden, pedalling through the windswept dunes of Zuid-Kennemerland National Park. Enjoy fresh sea air along sandy beaches to Bloemendaal and Zandvoort, with refreshment stops, then cycle the serene woodlands near Haarlem.

Docked: 07:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 05 Sep 26

#### Day 5: Dover (England)

Stand on your private verandah this morning so you can see the full grandeur of the White Cliffs of Dover as you arrive in port. Discover more than 2,000 years of history in the city, from the imposing 11th century Dover Castle to extensive wartime fortifications.   
Nearby, there's a wealth of historic sites and natural beauty to explore. Delve into the medieval charm of Canterbury, home to the magnificent Canterbury Cathedral, a World Heritage-listed site. Visit the enchanting Leeds Castle, often referred to as the 'loveliest castle in the world' for its stunning gardens and picturesque setting.  
**Scenic Freechoice:**   
Leeds Castle: Explore Leeds Castle, an historic royal residence with stunning medieval interiors, situated on two small islands in the middle of an encircling lake, then enjoy a leisurely walk through its lakeside parkland.  
Canterbury: Discover the historic city of Canterbury on a short panoramic drive from Dover, with the option to join a guided walk through its charming medieval streets and hear stories spanning from the Anglo-Saxons to the Tudors. Enjoy some free time to explore at your leisure.  
Canterbury with Eucharist Service at Canterbury Cathedral: Travel from Dover to historic Canterbury for the Sunday Eucharist Service at the iconic Canterbury Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy free time or an optional guided stroll through the city's charming streets.  
British at War & White Cliffs: Visit the Battle of Britain Memorial and enjoy a scenic walk along the White Cliffs, passing the historic South Foreland Lighthouse, before returning to Dover.  
Sissinghurst Castle & Gardens: Journey through Kent to the celebrated Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, explore its historic grounds and tower, then relax with a traditional cream tea.

Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

#### Arrives On: 06 Sep 26

#### Day 6: Honfleur (France)

Nestled on the Normandy Coast, where the Seine River meets the English Channel, Honfleur's harbour is considered one of the prettiest in France. Admire the charming waterfront lined with colourful buildings dating back to the 17th century and now housing quaint boutiques,

cafes and restaurants. The town was the birthplace of Impressionism and you can wander the streets once graced by artists like Claude Monet and Eugene Boudin, who captured its beauty on canvas. Explore the Museum Eugene Boudin to immerse yourself in their masterpieces and those of their contemporaries. Scenic Eclipse II will be docked here overnight, so you may like to visit one of the charming wine bars that line the waterfront after dinner in one of the up to 10 world-class dining experiences on board Scenic Eclipse II. Scenic Freechoice: Honfleur & A Sweet Break: Discover Honfleur's charming streets, timber-framed houses, St Catherine's Church, the Old Port and enjoy a café stop with pastries followed by free time to explore. The American Landing in Normandy: Visit the Landing Museum at Arromanches, dedicated to the D-Day landings at Normandy during WWII, the American Cemetery, Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc, with lunch at Château La Chenevière. Pays d'Auge & Calvados Tasting: Enjoy a scenic drive through the Pays d'Auge region, visit a distillery to see Calvados production, and sample this iconic brandy. Hiking Etretat: Discover the dramatic cliffs and iconic rock formations of Etretat, whose beauty inspired artists like Claude Monet. Follow a coastal path with breathtaking views, then enjoy some free time to explore the town's charming streets and cafés. Docked: 08:00 - Overnight

Arrives On: 07 Sep 26

#### Day 7: Honfleur (France)

On your second day in Honfleur, take in some of the attractions outside of the city, which will immerse you in the region's rich heritage. Honfleur is the gateway to iconic destinations like Paris, Rouen and Giverny, as well as the D-Day Landing beaches of Normandy. These hallowed sites are a poignant reminder of the impact of WWII, even more than 50 years after the conflict. Tonight, settle in at the spacious Scenic Lounge Bar to enjoy your beverage of choice, whether it be aged whiskey—there are over 130 varieties—or a glass of wine, while reflecting on the day's discoveries. Tastes of Discovery Pop-Up Restaurant\* Night 1: Experience an unforgettable evening, where Chef Gabriel Rodriguez has crafted a special themed menu exclusively for this night. Each dish is a masterpiece, thoughtfully curated to tantalize your taste buds and delight your senses. Immerse yourself in a dining experience like no other, where every course tells a story, and every flavour is a journey. Each guest will have the opportunity to enjoy a unique dining experience in our exclusive pop-up restaurant once during the voyage. An invitation confirming your allocated evening will be provided onboard. Scenic Freechoice: Honfleur & A Sweet Break: Discover Honfleur's charming streets, timber-framed houses, St Catherine's Church, the Old Port and enjoy a café stop with pastries followed by free time to explore. The American Landing in Normandy: Visit the Landing Museum at Arromanches, dedicated to the D-Day landings at Normandy during WWII, the American Cemetery, Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc, with lunch at Château La Chenevière. Giverny

Impressionism & Monet's Foundation: Visit Giverny to explore the Musée des Impressionismes and Monet's home and gardens, including the iconic lily pond and Japanese bridge. Enjoy a stroll through the vibrant gardens and charming house at your own pace.<br /><br />Paris Highlights with Lunch by the Seine River: Enjoy a full day guided tour from Honfleur to Paris, featuring a panoramic coach ride past iconic landmarks like the Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées. Savour a gourmet lunch with Seine River views and enjoy free time to explore and photograph the Eiffel Tower.</span></p><p><span>Docked: 08:00 - 19:00</span></p>

Arrives On: 08 Sep 26

#### Day 8: Saint Peter Port (Guernsey)

<p><span>Sitting just off the coast of France, Guernsey is one of the Channel Islands and has its own unique blend of British and French cultures. Explore the cobblestone streets of the capital, St Peter Port, lined with Georgian and Regency architecture and adorned with vibrant floral displays. Dive into the island's maritime legacy at the Guernsey Museum and Aquarium, showcasing shipwrecks and marine life. Ascend to the medieval Castle Cornet, perched on a rocky outcrop, offering panoramic views of the harbour and beyond. Don't miss the charming Hauteville House, once home to French writer Victor Hugo, or the tranquil Candie Gardens, a botanical haven.</span></p><p><strong>Tastes of Discovery </strong><br />Pop-Up Restaurant\* Night 2: Experience an unforgettable evening, where Chef Gabriel Rodriguez has crafted a special themed menu exclusively for this night. Each dish is a masterpiece, thoughtfully curated to tantalize your taste buds and delight your senses. Immerse yourself in a dining experience like no other, where every course tells a story and every flavour is a journey.<br /><br />\*>Each guest will have the opportunity to enjoy a unique dining experience in our exclusive pop-up restaurant once during the voyage. An invitation confirming your allocated evening will be provided onboard.</p><p><strong>Scenic Freechoice: </strong><span><br />Castle Cornet & Town Walk: Explore St Peter Port and visit Castle Cornet, guarding the harbour for 800 years, with museums, gardens, and stunning coastal views.<br /><br />Cliff Walk & Cream Tea: Hike Guernsey's scenic cliffs, spotting ancient fortifications and wildlife. End with a traditional cream tea at the Jerbourg Hotel, enjoying stunning coastal views.<br /><br />Scenic Island Drive: Uncover Guernsey's stunning scenery and rich history. Explore its unique blend of British and French heritage, wild cliffs, sandy bays and tales of Occupation.<br /><br />Guernsey Coastal Cycle Tour: Ride along Guernsey's west coast, exploring nature reserves, WWII bunkers and charming harbours.</span></p><p><span>Offshore: 08:00 - 13:00</span></p>

Arrives On: 09 Sep 26

#### Day 10: Villagarcía de Arousa (Spain)

<p><span>Villagarcía de Arousa, on the stunning Galician coast of northwestern Spain, is a charming town that offers a delightful blend of traditional Galician culture and picturesque coastal

scenery. It also serves as a gateway to the historic city of Santiago de Compostela. Follow in the footsteps of countless pilgrims over the centuries and embark on a journey to this World Heritage-listed site, exploring its majestic cathedral and medieval

streets.</span></p><p><strong>Tastes of Discovery</strong><br />Pop-Up Restaurant\* Night 4: Experience an unforgettable evening, where Chef Gabriel Rodriguez has crafted a special themed menu exclusively for this night. Each dish is a masterpiece, thoughtfully curated to tantalize your taste buds and delight your senses. Immerse yourself in a dining experience like no other, where every course tells a story and every flavour is a journey.<br /><br />\*Each guest will have the opportunity to enjoy a unique dining experience in our exclusive pop-up restaurant once during the voyage. An invitation confirming your allocated evening will be provided onboard.</p></p><p><strong>Scenic Freechoice: </strong><span><br />Gardens of Galician Mansions: Visit the 17th-century Pazo de Oca with its stately facade, aqueduct and lush gardens featuring swans, boxwood and magnolias. At Pazo de Rivadulla, stroll through English-style gardens with waterfalls and Virginia tulip trees.<br /><br />Discover Las Rias Bajas: Experience the 15th-century Pazo de Rubianes, a 600-year-old house-museum blending history, wine and 11-hectare gardens with monumental eucalyptus, sequoias, magnolias and over 4,500 types of camellias. Then, cruise O Grove's estuary, admiring rugged coasts and traditional mussel farms on "batea" platforms.<br /><br />Pontevedra & Combarro: Explore Combarro's unique 'horreos' (raised granaries) and 'bateas' (floating platforms) used for mussel farming, before heading to Pontevedra to visit the historic Santo Domingo Church and Plaza de Peregrina.</span></p><p><span>Docked: 10:00 - 19:00</span></p>

Arrives On: 11 Sep 26

### Day 11: Leixões (Portugal)

<p><span>One of Portugal's largest seaports, Leixões is just 8km from the heart of Porto. Located on the Douro River estuary, it's the commercial centre of northern Portugal and a World Heritage-listed city of baroque splendour. It dates back to pre-Roman times and is the source of both the name Portugal and the famed port wine. Stroll through the winding alleys, admire the grand gothic and baroque architecture, see the public street art, greet the friendly locals, hear the rickety tram, and feel the breeze of the Atlantic.</span></p><p><strong>Scenic Freechoice: </strong><span><br />Porto City Tour & Gaia Wine Cellars: Explore Porto's historical and cultural charm, including the iconic Cathedral, UNESCO-listed Ribeira district and renowned port wine cellars in Gaia, where you can taste its rich flavours.<br /><br />Porto Active City Tour & Palacio da Bolsa: Discover Porto's historic streets on an active walking tour, admiring Clerigos Tower's 250-year legacy and Sao Bento Station's azulejo (Portuguese tile) artistry. Stroll Flores Street's charm and explore Palacio da Bolsa's opulent interiors, then enjoy some free time to savour the city's vibrant ambiance.<br /><br />Guimarães & Ducal Palace: Journey through time in UNESCO-listed Guimarães, considered the birthplace of Portugal, admiring its medieval centre and the 15th-century Ducal Palace, once home to the Dukes of Braganza. Explore its regal halls and restored charm, reflecting Portugal's rich

heritage.<br /><br />Aveleda Winery - A Journey Through the Senses: Visit Quinta da Aveleda, an historic estate since 1870 in the Vinho Verde region. Stroll its tranquil gardens, learn its winemaking heritage and savour signature wines paired with local delicacies.</span></p><p><strong>Tastes of Discovery</strong><br />Pop-Up Restaurant\*<br />Night 5: Experience an unforgettable evening, where Chef Gabriel Rodriguez has crafted a special themed menu exclusively for this night. Each dish is a masterpiece, thoughtfully curated to tantalize your taste buds and delight your senses. Immerse yourself in a dining experience like no other, where every course tells a story and every flavour is a journey.<br /><br />\*Each guest will have the opportunity to enjoy a unique dining experience in our exclusive pop-up restaurant once during the voyage. An invitation confirming your allocated evening will be provided onboard. </p></p><p><span>Docked: 08:00 - 14:00</span></p>

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#### Day 12: Lisbon (Portugal)

<p><span>Welcome to Lisbon, the colourful capital of Portugal and a city with a proud history of seafaring dating back more than 600 years. Your journey into wonder ends here after one last sumptuous breakfast on board the ultra-luxury Scenic Eclipse II. Farewell the crew and your new friends as you depart, taking with you memories of an unforgettable journey.</span></p><p><span>Please book your flight to depart out of Lisbon after 12:00 PM.</span></p><p><span>+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. #Spa treatments at additional cost. </span></p><p><strong>Helicopter not in operation in the United Kingdom, Netherlands, France or Guernsey. Submarine not in operation in Netherlands, France, Guernsey, Spain or Portugal.</strong></p><p><span>Please note the itinerary is a guide and may be subject to changes for operational reasons. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information. </span></p><p><span>Docked: 08:00</span></p>

Arrives On: 13 Sep 26

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