Cruise Details

Name:	Flavours of Portugal, Spain and France
Reference:	SCENIC181E160727-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Western Europe
Departs On:	16 Jul 27
Departs From:	Lisbon
Arrives On:	26 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Bordeaux
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Lisbon (Portugal)

Welcome to Portugal and its capital city, Lisbon. One of the oldest cities in the world and the second oldest capital in Europe, this is a vibrant, multicultural hub with fascinating history, glorious architecture and incredible food. Step on board and you will be warmly welcomed with champagne. Your personalised butler will then guide you to your luxurious suite and familiarise you with the amenities. With the Discovery Yacht staying overnight, you'll have the opportunity to explore Lisbon and savour the evening at your leisure. Scenic transfers are only available for flights arriving into Lisbon prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 7:00 (next day)

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Day 2: Cascais (Portugal)

Cascais is a chic and vibrant town, renowned for its rich cultural attractions and a wide array of enjoyable activities, all set against the backdrop of stunning sandy beaches. The picturesque Praia da Conceição, located in the heart of Cascais, offers golden sands and lively beach bars, making it the ideal destination for both relaxation and fun under the sun. Scenic Freechoice:
Romantic Sintra and Monserrate Palace: Journey into the forested Sintra hills to explore the enchanting Palace of Monserrate, celebrated for its blend of Gothic, Moorish and Indian architectural influences. Stroll through its exotic gardens before enjoying some free time in Sintra's historic centre.

Cascais, Cabo da Roca and the Atlantic Coast: Discover the elegant seaside town of Cascais before following the dramatic coastline past Guincho Beach to Cabo da Roca, continental Europe's westernmost point. Take in sweeping Atlantic views and the rugged landscapes of the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park.

Flavours of Cascais: Discover Cascais through its culinary traditions on a guided walk through the historic centre. Sample a selection of Portuguese specialities, which may include local cheeses, cured meats, seafood delicacies and traditional pastries, accompanied by Portuguese wine. Docked: 9:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 17 Jul 27

Day 3: Leixões (Portugal)

Enjoy a slow start this morning, perhaps with a luxurious breakfast in bed or a morning yoga class in the PURE: Yoga & Pilates Studio. Scenic Eclipse II will arrive in Leixões at noon, just 8 kilometres from Porto, one of Portugal's largest seaports. Located at the Douro River estuary, Porto is renowned for its baroque architecture, charming riverfront, and world-famous port wine cellars. As the sun sets, take advantage of your overnight stay with a relaxed evening in Porto—perhaps savouring a traditional Portuguese dinner at a riverside restaurant or sipping vintage port wine in an atmospheric cellar. Docked: 12:00 – Overnight

Arrives On: 18 Jul 27

Day 4: Leixões (Portugal)

On the second day in Leixões, select from one of the Scenic Freechoice activities to further explore the city of Porto from wandering the charming alleys, discovering street art and meeting the locals whilst feeling the Atlantic breeze. Back on board, enjoy the lively atmosphere of your Discovery Yacht. In the evening, the theatre transforms into an entertainment venue with world-class shows, including musical theatre, cabaret, pop music, dance, and interactive game shows. Scenic Freechoice:
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.

Porto Active City Tour & Palacio da Bolsa: Discover Porto's historic streets on an active walking tour, admiring ClerigosTower'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.

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.

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. Overnight – 14:00

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Day 5: Vigo (Spain)

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Day 6: Vigo (Spain)

Located in the north of Spain, the coastal city of Vigo is ideal for exploring on foot. The Old Town, known as Casco Vello, is in the heart of Vigo, with lively bars and local restaurants serving Galician dishes. Scenic Freechoice:
Vigo Sightseeing and Baiona: Enjoy panoramic views from Mount Castro in Vigo, then explore Baiona's historic church and Monterreal Palace by the coast.

Santiago de Compostela: Discover Santiago de Compostela's Cathedral treasures, including Saint James' silver urn and the Baroque Main Altar. Then stroll the charming streets before enjoying scenic coastal views en route to Vigo.

Gardens of the North: Enjoy views from Mount Castro, explore Quiñones de León Palace gardens, and take a scenic coastal drive past Samil Beach and Bouzas.

Galician Wine Appreciation: Enjoy a wine tasting at Gran Bazán Cellars in the historic Pazo de Bazán, then explore the charming heritage town of Cambados. Docked: Overnight – 18:00

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Day 7: Ferrol (Spain)

Part of the region of Galicia, it has a rich history as a fishing village and strategic naval port. Explore stylish boutiques and Galician-style houses in the Magdalena neighbourhood, then visit the 18th century San Felipe Castle, where bulwarks and cannons defended the city. Around an hour inland, you can visit the World Heritage-listed city of Santiago de Compostela. Scenic Freechoice:
Ferrol

& Pontedeume: Discover the medieval town of Pontedeume on a guided walk through its atmospheric streets, historic landmarks and picturesque waterfront, followed by free time to explore independently. Return to Ferrol for a panoramic drive showcasing its naval heritage and elegant Magdalena quarter.

La Coruna & Tapas: Enjoy a scenic drive from El Ferrol to A Coruña, with views of the Atlantic and a photo stop at the ancient Tower of Hercules. Stroll through the old town to Plaza María Pita, then unwind with Galician tapas and wine at a traditional bar.

Coastal E-Bike Adventure: Explore Ferrol's spectacular Atlantic coastline on a guided e-bike ride through picturesque Galician landscapes. Take in panoramic ocean views and pause at a seaside venue for refreshments before cycling back. Docked: 8:00 – 19:00

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Day 8: Aviles (Spain)

Begin your day with a refreshing session in the PURE: Yoga & Pilates Studio or energise yourself with a workout in the state-of-the-art gym. Today you'll arrive at Avilés, a historic gem in Spain's Asturias region. Wander through the well-preserved medieval streets of the Casco Antiguo, where centuries-old architecture tells the story of an affluent past. Discover the Plaza del Carbayedo, a picturesque square lined with traditional buildings and home to a vibrant weekly market. As the day winds down, reflect on your day with new friends over dinner on board your ultra-luxurious Discovery Yacht. Scenic Freechoice:
Walking Tour of Avilés: Explore Avilés, an historic Asturian port with a beautifully preserved old town and the modern Niemeyer Centre. Enjoy a walking tour, sample Asturian cider with tapas, and take in the city's rich blend of past and present.

Gijon City Tour: Discover Gijón's coastal beauty and rich history, from the grand Universidad Laboral to the charming Cimadevilla quarter. Enjoy a scenic drive, guided walk and free time to explore.

Oviedo: Venture to Oviedo, for a panoramic tour and guided walk through its charming old town and iconic landmarks. Conclude with a tasting of local cheeses, cured meats and traditional Asturian cider.

Western Asturian Coast: Explore Asturias' rugged coast with visits to Luarca and Cudillero, two picturesque fishing villages rich in maritime history. Enjoy scenic views, colourful streets and a taste of local seafaring culture. Docked: 8:00 – 18:00

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Day 9: Bilbao (Spain)

Today you will explore Bilbao, deemed one of the Basque Country jewels. This vibrant city is famous for its striking modern architecture, home to the iconic Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, which showcases contemporary art and is a must-visit attraction. Bilbao also boasts a rich cultural heritage, which can be experienced by visiting landmarks such as the

Basílica de Begoña and the Casco Viejo, or the charming old town. It is also a culinary hotspot, with a range of pintxo bars and restaurants serving up traditional Basque cuisine. Scenic Freechoice:
Guernica, a Symbol of Peace: Visit Gernika, a symbol of resilience marked by the 1937 bombing and Picasso's famous painting. Explore its historic Assembly House and the town's commitment to peace.

Bilbao & the Guggenheim Museum: Explore Bilbao, the Basque Country's vibrant heart along River Nervión. Discover its transformation from industrial hub to modern marvel, blending heritage with innovation. Visit the iconic Guggenheim Museum, a contemporary art masterpiece symbolising the city's rebirth.

Visit to Rioja Wine Region: Visit Laguardia in La Rioja for premium wine tastings and a guided tour at a family winery, surrounded by scenic vineyards.

Pintxos Masterclass: Experience Basque haute cuisine in an intimate masterclass with a renowned local chef. Enjoy a live cooking demo, learn traditional techniques, and savour gourmet dishes paired with crisp Txakoli wine. Docked: 8:00 – 17:00

Arrives On: 24 Jul 27

Day 10: Bordeaux (France)

Your Discovery Yacht will sail inland along the Garonne River, usually inaccessible to cruise ships. Scenic Eclipse II's sleek design makes it possible to cruise by lush vineyards and Bordeaux's elegant architecture bathed in the sun's golden glow. Look out for the spires of Saint-André Cathedral and the silhouette of the Grand Théâtre, icons of the city. The bustling quayside will be teeming with activity, from charming cafés and markets to street performers. The scent of freshly baked bread and aromatic coffee fills the air. An overnight stay means plenty of time to indulge in Bordeaux's gourmet delights. Scenic Freechoice:
Heritage City Tour of UNESCO Classified Bordeaux: Discover Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage city famed for its elegant architecture and rich history. Enjoy a panoramic coach tour through iconic landmarks, followed by a guided stroll and free time to explore the charming Old Town.

Panoramic Bordeaux & Visit to the Bordeaux Wine Culture Museum: Tour Bordeaux's iconic sites on a panoramic coach ride, then visit La Cité du Vin for an immersive wine experience and tasting with city views.

Bordeaux by Motorbike & Sidecar: Hop into a vintage sidecar for a thrilling ride through Bordeaux's iconic sights like Place de la Bourse and St. Andrew Cathedral.

St Emilion with Wine Estate Visit & Tasting: Start by exploring Saint-Émilion's historic streets and iconic landmarks with a guided walk. Then, immerse yourself in the winemaking tradition with a cellar tour and tasting of two excellent local wines at a nearby vineyard.

Panoramic Bordeaux & Bassins des Lumières Exhibition: Explore Bassins de Lumières in Bordeaux, a WWII bunker transformed into an immersive digital art space where light and sound bring masterpieces to life. Docked: 12:30 - Overnight

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Day 11: Bordeaux (France)

As your incredible voyage comes to an end, savour a final breakfast on board, reflecting on the unforgettable moments and discoveries made along the way. Bid a fond farewell to your fellow guests and the exceptional crew of Scenic Eclipse II, taking with you cherished memories of an incredible experience through one of Europe’s most captivating destinations. Scenic transfers are only available for flights departing out of Bordeaux after 12:00 PM. #Senses 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. ^Flights on board our two helicopters and submersible experiences are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather conditions. Helicopter not operational in France. Submersible not operational in Europe. 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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