



Cruise Details

Name:	Highlights of the South Pacific & French Polynesia
Reference:	SCENIC181F140326-1
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Pacific
Departs On:	14 Mar 26
Departs From:	Lautoka
Arrives On:	25 Mar 26
Arrives At:	Papeete, Tahiti
Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

Itinerary

Day 1: Lautoka (Fiji)

Bula! Welcome to Fiji and the nation's second largest city, Lautoka, nestled in the heart of sugar-cane country. This sweet start to your voyage opens up a world of blissful beaches, turquoise seascapes, dense jungle and the always-smiling Fijian locals. Your journey into wonder begins with a warm greeting by the Captain and crew as you step on board Scenic Eclipse II. Sip on a glass of Champagne as you explore your luxurious suite, then join your fellow guests at the Sky Bar to toast the start of an unforgettable voyage. Please book your flight to arrive into Nadi prior to 02:00 PM.

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Day 2: Savusavu (Fiji)

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Savusavu, set on the southern coast of the island of Vanua Levu. The nation's second largest island is largely off the radar of mass tourism and is renowned for its lush jungle, pristine waters and strong traditional culture. The snorkelling and diving here are some of the best in Fiji, with the exceptional Namena Marine Reserve just offshore from Savusavu.

Relax on one of the secluded beaches fringed by swaying palm trees, go in search of dolphins in Natewa Bay, explore the mangroves of the Salt Lake by kayak or stand-up paddleboard, and pick up unique souvenirs crafted by local artisans.

Scenic Freechoice:

Vuadomo Cooking Lesson and Waterfall Swim: Dive into Fijian culture at Vuadomo Waterfall with a traditional welcome, sacred ceremony, and ancient rituals. Enjoy a cooking lesson, food tasting, and unwind with a refreshing waterfall dip.

KokoMana Chocolate Farm: Experience KokoMana's chocolate magic near Savusavu, where sustainable agroforestry meets fine chocolate. Taste fresh cocoa, learn the process from bean to bar, and enjoy a delicious tasting to take home!

Salt Lake Kayaking: Explore Savusavu's hidden gem, Salt Lake, with a relaxing kayak adventure along the tidal river and mangroves. Paddle around Kings Island and learn its ancient history from a local guide.

A Day at Nawi Island: Enjoy a day trip to Korovesa Island, where Fijian culture, food, and hospitality come alive with a traditional welcome, local crafts, and a delicious buffet. After lunch, relax by the Nawi Pool Club with live music and a refreshing dip!

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Day 3: Kiribati (Micronesia)

Scenic Eclipse II will likely be the only cruise ship in this remote paradise. The Lau Group is made up of 57 islands scattered across the west of Fiji, famous for its untouched beauty and vibrant marine life.

Snorkel among colourful coral gardens teeming with tropical fish, paddle on the calm waters in a kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Alternatively, simply relax on a secluded sandy beach. Whatever you decide to do, you'll feel the tranquillity of this hidden sanctuary, surrounded by breathtaking vistas and serene seascapes.

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Day 4: Neiafu (Tonga)

Tonga is made up of more than 170 islands divided into three groups – the Vava'u archipelago is the most northerly, consisting of around 40 coral islands. It's a captivating combination of lush vegetation, sandy beaches, abundant marine life and underwater caves, making it one of Tonga's most popular tourist destinations.

The flat-topped Mount Talau towers over the main island, offering spectacular panoramic views. Experience local traditions, like weaving mats from the leaves of the pandanus tree, producing noni juice and the extraction of vanilla essence.

Scenic Freechoice:

Ancient Tonga Community Tour: Tour the village school, visit a community hall for weaving, and

a local plantation. Get a glimpse of Tongan life and support the local community.

Ene'io Botanic Garden & Show: Explore a botanical garden with live demonstrations, showcasing Tongan culture and traditions. Learn about plant conservation and enjoy a traditional dances show.

Local Market Culinary Tour: Visit the local market to taste Tongan cuisine, learn cooking techniques, and observe local crafts. Conclude with a Kava tasting.

Mabe Pearl Workshop Visit: Explore a pearl workshop, learn about marine preservation, and enjoy a scenic bus tour through villages.

Mt Talau and Scenic Drive: Embark on a scenic hike up Mt. Talau, followed by a bus tour through villages and a tasting of Kava. </p><p><p>Cross International Dateline</p></p><p>Today you will become a time traveller - Scenic Eclipse II will cross the International Date Line, an imaginary line of demarcation that runs from the North to the South Pole, located roughly along the 180th meridian in the Pacific Ocean. </p><p>Enjoy a celebration of the crossing with the Captain and crew as a nod to ancient maritime traditions and a light-hearted appreciation of the marvels of time and travel.</p><p>Step ashore today in one of the smallest countries in the world. The tiny island nation of Niue is home to less than 2,000 people and is a slice of the South Pacific as it used to be. The island was first settled by Polynesian sailors from Samoa in the 10th century. Captain Cook sighted the island in 1774 but was refused permission to land, though many missionaries made it ashore in the following centuries – look out for the many churches. </p><p>Niue is ideal for hiking, with dramatic coastal paths leading along steep cliffs and into hidden caves. Swim or snorkel at secluded beaches where you won't see another traveller all day.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Plantation Tour: Discover the true Niuean way of life, visiting a local plantation and looking for uga (coconut crabs). Watch a coconut husking and drink from the fruit.

Vanilla Tour: Visit an organic vanilla farm with over 30,000 organic vanilla vines for a special one-on-one educational opportunity about the unique and expensive market of vanilla.

Tour of the Western Coast of the Island: Discover Niue's west coast on a relaxing two-hour tour, exploring caves, snorkelling spots, and immersing yourself in local culture with a market, coconut demos, and visits to the museum and shops.

Snorkelling Tour: Experience the beauty of Niue's waters on a guided snorkeling tour. Explore vibrant coral reefs, diverse marine life, and crystal-clear waters for an unforgettable underwater adventure. </p>

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Day 6: Palmerston Island (Cook Islands)

Just six tiny islands are dotted across the 11 kilometre-wide lagoon of Palmerston, one of the most isolated communities in the South Pacific. Surrounded by a continuous ring of coral reefs, marine life is abundant. Don't miss a dip in Duke's Pool, named in honour of the late Prince Philip, who swam there in the 1970s during a rare royal visit.

With a population of only around 50, most of the friendly residents are the descendants of one British man, William Marsters, and his three wives. Marsters was a ship's carpenter who arrived here in 1863 and quickly established his own personal paradise.

Included Excursion
Join a leisurely guided walk accompanied by local school children and their parents, adding their own colourful character. Visit the church, climb Refuge Hill (the island's highest point at an impressive six metres high), learn about the local way of life, drink from a coconut and watch the children perform.

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Day 7: Aitutaki (Cook Islands)

Aitutaki is another contender for the most beautiful lagoon on the planet. Covering over 50 square kilometres, it's sprinkled with over a dozen islands and islets, most of which are uninhabited. None stands more than 124 metres high, so there's nothing to interrupt the postcard-perfect views.

Go snorkelling, relax on the beach or just settle into the simple life on this peaceful island port. Aitutaki specialises in the sale of black pearls, colourful sarongs, patchwork quilting and other handicrafts, which can be found at the bustling market near the wharf.

Scenic Freechoice:
Express Lagoon Cruise: Cruise along the stunning waters of the Aitutaki Lagoon. Snorkel at multiple locations, look for nesting sea birds and explore islands in your own time.

Snorkelling Tour: Aitutaki is the perfect destination for free shore snorkelling in calm, shallow waters with an abundance of tropical fish, giant trevally, giant clams and more.

Aitutaki Island Tour: Learn about local culture, drive along the beautiful coast and admire picturesque mountain views on a guided tour in an open-air vehicle.

Hike Aitutaki: Tackle a challenging 1.5-hour hike to the highest point on Aitutaki, the 124-metre Mount Maungapu (the sacred mountain). Make sure to bring your camera.

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Day 9: Bora-Bora (French Polynesia)

The name Bora Bora is synonymous with paradise and this majestic island is world famous for its mesmerising tropical beauty. It's known as the Pearl of the Pacific and sits on the edge of one of the world's most beautiful lagoons.

The stunning clear water sparkles with 50 shades of blue and colourful fish, manta rays and timid reef sharks swim through the shallows. It's fringed with luxurious overwater resorts and the occasional yacht bobbing at

anchor. With swathes of lush green vegetation, the island is dominated by the magnificent outline of Mount Otemanu.

Scenic Freechoice: Bora Bora Island Discovery: Join a leisurely open-air truck tour with cushioned seats, circling Bora Bora's stunning lagoon, learning Pareo-making, tasting local produce, viewing WWII relics, and embracing Mount Otemanu's majesty and Matira's pristine beach.

Motu Lagoon Cruise & Beach Break: Enjoy Bora Bora's magical lagoon on board a covered boat and spend 90 minutes sunbathing and swimming at a private motu (coral islet).

Shark & Stingray Snorkelling: Stand among stingrays and harmless black tip sharks on a shallow sandbank. Then snorkel through coral gardens and a rainbow of fish.

Sail Bora Bora by Catamaran: A breathtaking cruise on a maxi catamaran through Bora Bora's famous lagoon, lounge on the trampolines, swim or snorkel. (Unfortunately, not available for passengers with walking limitations)

Scenic Discovery: Weather permitting, enjoy access to the marina at the back of the yacht. Take advantage of complimentary equipment from Scenic Eclipse II and receive expert guidance from the Discovery Team.

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Day 10: Huahine (French Polynesia)

Covered in a vast tropical jungle, Huahine is known as The Garden of Eden. With its untouched beauty and warm hospitality, Huahine offers a glimpse of paradise. The lush landscapes are dotted with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields, and sacred temples are hidden amongst the greenery.

Encounter the vibrant marine life beneath the surface or simply unwind on palm-fringed beaches. Relax, explore, and create unforgettable memories in this idyllic island haven steeped in history and natural wonders.

Scenic Freechoice: Huahine Safari Expedition by Jeep: Discover Huahine's natural beauty and culture on an eco tour with scenic drives, ancient temples, and a visit to a black pearl farm. Highlights include blue-eyed eels, a vanilla plantation, and panoramic island views.

Huaine Snorkel Safari: Experience Huahine's stunning lagoon and landscapes on a covered boat tour around Huahine Iti and Huahine Nui. Anchor near a picturesque islet for snorkeling among vibrant coral and tropical marine life.

Sacred Sites and Legendary Places: Explore Huahine's culture and history with an expert guide, visiting sacred sites, a vanilla plantation, and the ancient village of Maeva. Highlights include restored fish traps, archaeological ruins, and feeding the island's giant blue-eyed eels.

Huahine ITI 4WD Nature Adventure: Discover the lush beauty and rich culture of Huahine Iti on a 4x4 tour featuring panoramic views, sacred temples, and vibrant plantations. Highlights include visits to a vanilla farm, archaeological site, and a relaxing swim stop at the white-sand Avea Beach.

Sail Huahine by Catamaran: Sail the vibrant lagoon of Huahine aboard a stable, comfortable maxi catamaran, enjoying stunning views, sea breezes, and a relaxing swim stop. Lounge on deck, sip a refreshing drink, and take in the beauty of the South Seas on this scenic cruise.

Scenic Discovery:

Weather permitting, enjoy access to the marina at the back of the yacht. Take advantage of complimentary equipment from Scenic Eclipse II and receive expert guidance from the Discovery Team.

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Day 11: Papeete, Tahiti (French Polynesia)

Welcome to the island of Tahiti. As the capital of French Polynesia, Papeete blends a city buzz with a relaxed lifestyle and a melting pot of cultures. Wander through vibrant markets filled with tropical fruits and local crafts, or stroll along the waterfront promenade lined with palm trees.

Discover the rich history of the island at the Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands, or indulge in delicious Polynesian cuisine at waterfront restaurants. Scenic Eclipse II will be docked here overnight, so you can soak in a magical Tahitian sunset at a waterfront bar or from the Sky Bar at the top of the ship.

Scenic Freechoice:

Walking Tour of Papeete: Enjoy a 2-hour guided walk through Papeete, visiting highlights like the Market Place, Town Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Parc Bougainville. Explore the city's rich history and culture along the waterfront and key landmarks.

East Coast Highlights: Drive through Faarumai Valley to Vaimahutu Falls, enjoying the shade and river ambiance while learning about the local legend. On the return journey, stop at Venus Point, the site of James Cook's historic observations, and finish with a stunning photo opportunity at Tahara'a View Point.

Discover Tahiti's West Coast: Drive along Tahiti's West Coast, stopping at Papara Surf Beach, Vaipahi Gardens, and the Gauguin Restaurant. Finish with a visit to the Maraa Grottoes, home to Tahiti's largest underwater cave.

Cultural Heritage of the Polynesians: Explore Polynesian history at the Museum of Tahiti, then visit the sacred Marae Arahurahu site. Finish with a stop at the beautiful Maraa Grottoes, featuring natural caves and clear pools.

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Day 12: Papeete, Tahiti (French Polynesia)

Your journey comes to an end this morning in Papeete. Enjoy one final sumptuous breakfast on board before you farewell the crew and your fellow guests, taking with you unforgettable memories of a once-in-a-lifetime voyage.

Please book your flight to depart out of Papeete after 08:00 AM.

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