



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
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Departs On:	14 Mar 26
Departs From:	Lautoka
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Arrives On:	25 Mar 26
Arrives At:	Papeete, Tahiti
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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.

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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.

Cross International Dateline

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. As we are crossing from west to east, you will repeat the day once more.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 12:00 PM.

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