



Cruise Details

Name:	Ultimate Mediterranean Delights: Athens to Bordeaux
Reference:	SCENIC252M280626-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	28 Jun 26
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	20 Jul 26
Arrives At:	Bordeaux
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Cruise Nights:	22
Total Vacation Days:	23

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Known as the birthplace of Western civilisation, Athens is a vibrant tapestry of history and modernity. Standing sentinel above the city is the famous Acropolis, a fortified hill dominated by the Parthenon, atmospheric ruins of a white marble temple built during the height of the ancient Greek Empire. Wander the charming Plaka district, which hugs the foothill of the Acropolis and is the city's oldest neighbourhood.

This afternoon, step on board Scenic Eclipse II. Your journey into wonder begins with a warm greeting from the Captain and the crew. Meet your butler and settle into your spacious suite. Sip on a glass of Champagne and 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 Athens prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 28 Jun 26

Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

Welcome to Mykonos, a cosmopolitan island where pristine beaches meet the charm of Cycladic architecture. The island is known for its hedonistic atmosphere, however it has a more relaxed side to it. Explore the winding streets adorned with whitewashed buildings and vibrant bougainvillea, see its iconic windmills, picturesque churches, and dine in lively waterfront cafes. Return to the ship later this evening for dinner with newly made friends or request a private meal delivered to your suite, before retreating to your supremely comfortable Scenic Slumber Bed.

Arrives On: 29 Jun 26

Day 3: Santorini (Greece)

Santorini is a dreamy destination with whitewashed buildings and azure-domed churches clinging to dramatic cliffs. Lose yourself in the maze-like streets of Fira or Oia, explore ancient ruins in Akrotiri or relax on the black sands of Perissa Beach. The town is built on a caldera (a volcanic depression), and you can stand at its edge for the breathtaking sunset that paints the sky hues of orange and pink. Scenic Eclipse II will stay docked in Santorini until late tonight, giving you the opportunity to explore the island after dark.

Arrives On: 30 Jun 26

Day 4: Khania (Greece)

Chania, the former capital of Crete, boasts a rich history dating back thousands of years, with influences from various civilisations such as Minoan, Venetian, and Ottoman. Its charming maze-like Old Town is known for a picturesque harbour, narrow cobblestone streets, and well-preserved Venetian and Turkish architecture. Spend the day exploring historic landmarks such as the Venetian lighthouse and the Byzantine walls. Your ultra-luxury Scenic Eclipse II departs late this evening. Explore the city a little more before enjoying one of up to 10 all-inclusive dining experiences on board, sampling from fine French cuisine at Lumière to vibrant Asian fusion at Koko's.

Arrives On: 01 Jul 26

Day 6: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Taormina has been one of Sicily's most popular summer destinations since the 18th century. Dominating this small town's landscape is Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Located above the Ionian Sea and boasting a rich artistic, historical and cultural heritage, Taormina is known for its stunning ancient theatre, pretty piazzas, elegant atmosphere and delicious arancini (Sicilian rice balls). Scenic Eclipse II will be docked here until late tonight, giving you ample time to explore this fabulous town as the city lights start to sparkle.

Arrives On: 03 Jul 26

Day 7: Lipari (Italy)

A World Heritage-listed site, Lipari is the largest and most populated of the seven Aeolian islands off the north coast of Sicily. From its panoramic position, a castle overlooks the seafront of pastel-coloured townhouses, with windswept highlands and steep cliffs in the distance. Inhabited since 5,000 BC, this volcanic archipelago boasts an historic harbour, picturesque streets and hiking trails.

Tonight, explore more of the up to 10 all-inclusive on board dining experiences, sampling fine French cuisine at Lumière or vibrant Asian fusion at Koko's. Alternatively, choose to dine in the comfort of your suite and have your evening nightcap brought by your butler, choosing from a range of premium wines, beers and spirits.

Arrives On: 04 Jul 26

Day 8: Porto Cervo (Italy)

Indulge with a sleep-in, gently lulled by the rhythm of the ocean. Enjoy breakfast in the alfresco Yacht Club and spend time in the Observation Lounge reading a book or playing a board game as Scenic Eclipse II cruises towards Sardinia.

Nestled in the heart of Sardinia's Costa Smeralda, this town blends romantic, traditional architecture with vibrant Mediterranean beauty. As the playground of the jet set, Porto Cervo exudes glamour and charm against the backdrop of stunning beaches. Browse the luxurious shops, unwind in a beach club, or sample local culinary delights in one of the city's restaurants.

Arrives On: 05 Jul 26

Day 9: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

Start your day with a coffee delivered to your suite by your butler. You may wish to book a treatment at the indulgent Senses Spa. Perhaps an ESPA facial or an alternative therapy such as Ayurvedic massage.

Life on Menorca flows gently with the waves. Known for its British-style Georgian houses and medieval streets, filled with palaces, churches and fortresses, Mahon is truly Vella i Bella ('Old and Beautiful'). Discover the town's history as you wander its historic old town, where remnants of the medieval town still stand including an old gate tower.

Arrives On: 06 Jul 26

Day 10: Ibiza (Spain)

Ibiza is one of the four main Balearic Islands, a sun-kissed archipelago off the east coast of Spain. It's known as one of the world's great party capitals, famed for its beach clubs, bars and nightclubs. Its beaches are undeniably beautiful, but you will also discover archaeological sites and tiny, whitewashed villages almost untouched by modern life. Inland, the island is all limestone hills and lush pine forest, and home to artisan producers.

Once

you've explored the island, enjoy a drink at the Sky Bar or Yacht Club Terrace while watching the epic Ibiza sunset.

Arrives On: 07 Jul 26

Day 11: Cartagena (Spain)

For thousands of years, Cartagena has been a busy port thanks to its natural harbour. This city's long history is evidenced through its archaeological ruins – the 3rd century fortified castle that overlooks the city and the 2nd century amphitheatre. Its old town boasts pretty plazas and a plethora of beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. Tonight is your last day on board, so celebrate your journey with a farewell dinner with your new friends. Perhaps choose an elegant dinner at French restaurant Lumière, with pre-dinner drinks at the luxurious Champagne Bar. Then 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, reflecting on your journey's discoveries.

Arrives On: 08 Jul 26

Day 12: Málaga (Spain)

Today you'll discover Málaga, a vibrant Andalusian gem nestled in the heart of Spain's Costa del Sol. Birthplace of the legendary Pablo Picasso and the mesmerising Malaguena style of flamenco, this city entices visitors with its rich culture. Uncover the traces of ancient civilisations through archaeological remnants such as Alcazaba, one of the largest Arab fortresses in Andalusia, the Roman theatre at its foot, which dates to the first century, and the 10th-century Gibralfaro Castle that overlooks the city. Then delight in the city's famous sweet Málaga wine and tantalising tapas.

Arrives On: 09 Jul 26

Day 13: Tangier (Morocco)

At the northwestern tip of the African continent lies Tangier, guarding the Strait of Gibraltar where the Mediterranean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. Tangier's allure is timeless, inviting visitors to explore its rich history and vibrant present. It's known as the White City for the whitewashed houses strewn along winding streets, and many cultures and civilisations have left their mark here over centuries. A strong Spanish influence makes it an excellent showcase for Spanish-Moorish architecture and its celebrated café culture boasts over 1,000 establishments. Today, modernisation is in full swing and Tangier is the busiest port in the Mediterranean.

Arrives On: 10 Jul 26

Day 14: Seville (Spain)

The historic city of Seville is around 100 kilometres from the coast, yet its position on the banks of the Guadalquivir River means Scenic Eclipse II can sail inland and dock right in its heart. Dating back to the days of the Roman Empire, the elegant capital of Andalusia is an architect's dream with striking styles ranging from the Gothic design of Cathedral de Santa María de la Sede to the Baroque style Iglesia Colegial del Salvador and strong Moorish influences. Your Discovery Yacht will be spending the night in Seville, giving you ample opportunity to sample the city's famed culinary scene, small bars and flamenco dancing.

Arrives On: 11 Jul 26

Day 15: Seville (Spain)

On your second day in Seville, seize the opportunity to explore beyond the city limits. Choose from a day trip to Cordoba, where you can marvel at the Mezquita-Catedral, or visit Jerez to sample its renowned sherry and witness equestrian traditions. Whichever experience you select, your day promises unforgettable experiences and lasting memories in southern Spain. Settle in at the spacious Scenic Lounge Bar tonight to enjoy your beverage of choice, reflecting on the day's discoveries.

Arrives On: 12 Jul 26

Day 16: Portimão (Portugal)

On the western Algarve, Portimão is a small port with a bustling historic centre. Spend the day exploring this former fishing town, where architectural masterpieces from the 19th and 20th century seamlessly blend with colourful contemporary structures, fronted by a breathtaking promenade. Visit the shops selling traditional lace, ceramics and leather goods, and dine in one of the many fantastic restaurants. Admire the steep limestone cliffs that surround its sandy beach of Praia da Rocha and swim in its turquoise waters.

Arrives On: 13 Jul 26

Day 17: Lisbon (Portugal)

This morning, you'll arrive in the Portuguese capital of Lisbon, the second-oldest city in Europe. This legendary harbour has been the starting point for seafaring expeditions for more than 500 years. Wander through the narrow streets of the Alfama district, where the sounds of Fado music drift from cosy taverns. Marvel at historic landmarks like the Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery, testament to the city's rich maritime heritage. Indulge in local delicacies like pastéis de nata and fresh seafood at lively markets and quaint cafes. Embrace the city's artistic spirit at museums and galleries, or simply soak up the sun along the scenic waterfront.

Arrives On: 14 Jul 26

Day 18: Leixões (Portugal)

Spend the morning getting to know your 6-star Discovery Yacht before we arrive in port around midday. 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 of the famed port wine. Stroll through the winding alleys, admire 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.

Arrives On: 15 Jul 26

Day 19: Ferrol (Spain)

Enjoy another 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 Ferrol, on the northwestern tip of Spain, just after lunch.

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.

Arrives On: 16 Jul 26

Day 20: Aviles (Spain)

Embark on today's journey to Avilés, nestled in the picturesque Asturias region of northern Spain. The historic town is something of a hidden gem, known for its cultural vibrancy and relaxed ambience. Explore the enchanting old town, with well-preserved medieval buildings and churches dating back to the 13th century, and locals enjoying a glass of cider in the leady squares. Then stroll through the vibrant Plaza del Carbayedo, which hosts a bustling weekly market filled with local delicacies and lively chatter.

Arrives On: 17 Jul 26

Day 21: Bilbao (Spain)

Welcome to Bilbao, one of the world's great foodie destinations. The largest city in the Basque Country, it's renowned for its incredible cuisine as well as its striking modern architecture, epitomised by the iconic Guggenheim Museum standing on the waterfront. Delve into its rich cultural heritage, discovering landmarks like the majestic 16th century Basílica de Begoña and Casco Viejo, Bilbao's compact and captivating old quarter.

Indulge in the

gastronomic delights and warm hospitality of pintxo bars and restaurants, showcasing traditional Basque fare. Bilbao offers a blend of contemporary allure and timeless charm, inviting you to immerse yourself in its vibrant atmosphere and cultural treasures. </p>

Arrives On: 18 Jul 26

Day 22: Bordeaux (France)

<p>This morning, Scenic Eclipse II's elegant and sleek design takes you where other ocean cruise ships are unable to reach. Sail inland along the Garonne River, surrounded by lush vineyards while the sun casts a golden glow upon Bordeaux's elegant architecture. Look out for the spires of Saint-André Cathedral and the silhouette of the Grand Théâtre, icons of the city. </p><p>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.</p>

Arrives On: 19 Jul 26

Day 23: Bordeaux (France)

<p>Your voyage draws to a close this morning in Bordeaux, a city steeped in elegance and renowned for its world-class wine. Savour one last splendid breakfast on board, reminiscing on the unforgettable moments shared during your cruise. Bid farewell to your fellow guests and the Scenic Eclipse II crew, then disembark to continue your travels or begin your journey home. </p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Bordeaux after 12:00 PM.</p><p>+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. </p><p>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. </p>

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