



Cruise Details

Name:	Secrets of Indonesia: Spice Islands & Raja Ampat
Reference:	SCENIC301T270925-1
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
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Departs On:	27 Sep 25
Departs From:	Darwin, Northern Territory
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Arrives On:	11 Oct 25
Arrives At:	Darwin, Northern Territory
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia)

Your voyage begins in Darwin. Sitting at the crossroads of Australia, Asia and the Pacific Islands, this tropical capital is closer to Bali than Bondi. It's rich in history, culture and natural wonders, perched on the edge of the continent looking out over the Timor Sea. Darwin is packed with galleries and museums that celebrate its unique cultural blend, plus delicious restaurants that draw from nearby Asian nations.

Board your 6-star Discovery Yacht this afternoon. Be warmly greeted by the Scenic Eclipse II crew and familiarise yourself with your spacious suite. With just up to 228 passengers on board, you'll experience an immersive, engaging voyage through this fascinating part of the world. Ask your butler to bring a glass of Champagne to your suite and toast the start of an unforgettable voyage from your private verandah.

Please book your flight to arrive into Darwin prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 27 Sep 25

Day 3: Banda Islands (Indonesia)

The Banda Islands have long fascinated travellers for more than 700 years. Once known as the Spice Islands, this legendary cluster of exotic ports was a thriving trading hub for rare spices like nutmeg and mace. In 1512, Portuguese explorer Francisco Serrao completed an arduous round the world journey and became the first European to ever set foot on Banda Neira. For the next three centuries, these tiny volcanic outcrops were highly prized and fiercely fought over by every great colonial power. This intriguing history is woven into the fabric of the island, with grand Portuguese, Dutch and British architecture lining the streets and imposing forts looking over the harbour.

Explore the town, hear its colourful stories, and get an insight into its tumultuous

past. Offshore, the snorkelling around Banda Neira is some of the best in Indonesia and can be enjoyed by Scenic's selection of water toys, like stand-up paddle boards and kayaks.

Arrives On: 29 Sep 25

Day 4: Ambon Island (Indonesia)

Arrive this morning in the capital of the Maluku Islands, Ambon. The most populous island of the group, Ambon is lush and mountainous, surrounded by sparkling turquoise seas.

Come ashore at the busy town of Kota Ambon, also known as 'Ambon Manise', meaning beautiful Ambon.

This island has drawn seafaring merchants and traders since the 14th century, eager to purchase the exotic spices that grow here. Ambon was one of the first places in Indonesia to be occupied by colonial powers, with both the Portuguese and Dutch establishing trading companies. This legacy persists today, and the Ambonese people have a rich cultural heritage that mixes Islamic and Christian traditions. Kota Ambon is a sophisticated and stylish city overlooking the bay, its leafy streets lined with interesting shops and trendy coffee houses. Away from the city, the beaches of Ambon are some of the best in Indonesia. Powdery white sand that feels like flour is flanked by crystal clear water and vivid green jungle.

Arrives On: 30 Sep 25

Day 5: Ternate Island (Indonesia)

You can spend a lazy morning on board today as Scenic Eclipse II won't arrive in port until after lunch. Enjoy breakfast in the sun on the Yacht Club Terrace, take a dip in the Vitality Pool on the Sky Deck or book in for a treatment at the indulgent Senses Spa.

Then it's time to go ashore on the island of Ternate, a bustling city perched on the side of an active volcano in the North Maluku Islands. These islands were once the world's only source of cloves and the spice trade helped found powerful Islamic sultanates and wealthy trading ports in the Middle Ages. Away from the city, you can swim at beaches lined with glittering black volcanic sand where colourful fishing boats bob gently off shore.

Arrives On: 01 Oct 25

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Scenic Eclipse II will be sailing back south through the Maluku Islands this morning. You may like to ask your butler to bring coffee to your suite so you can admire the view from your private verandah or take a closer look at the passing islands through the Swarovski telescopes on the Observation Terrace. You'll arrive in another remote outpost at midday, the small Pulau Joronga, which hangs off the southern edge of the large Halmahera Island.

Fishing was central to the local culture and you can still see their traditional stilt houses lining the shoreline. This little island is home to yet more picture-perfect white sand beaches, making for exceptional snorkelling, diving and swimming. The beautiful reefs are made up of huge hard corals and home to a dazzling array of reef fish. You can spend this afternoon soaking up the serenity of an undiscovered paradise.

Arrives On: 02 Oct 25

Day 7: Gam Island (Indonesia)

Today sail into the otherworldly splendour of the Raja Ampat Islands. With more than 1,500 sparsely populated islands peppered across the ocean north of West Papua, this isolated archipelago is often called 'the last paradise on earth'. Also known as the world's most biodiverse marine region; 75% of the world's known coral species can be found here and the waters are home to more than 1,600 species of fish. Yet because of its remote location, Raja Ampat is largely untouched by mass tourism. During your four days cruising here, you may not see another cruise ship and only occasionally spot small villages or barefoot beach resorts tucked into quiet coves.

Today, you can explore Gam Island. With its hilly interior, sharp limestone cliffs and thick jungle, the interior of Gam is all but impassable. Just a few villages sit on the coast and there are no roads or paths across the island. It's known for its incredible bird life, including the red birds of paradise, western crowned pigeons, palm cockatoos and the ground-dwelling maleo.

Arrives On: 03 Oct 25

Day 8: Raja Ampat Islands (Indonesia)

Waigeo Island sits just north of Gam Island and Aljui Bay is on its remote west coast. As Scenic Eclipse II sails into the bay, you will be awed by the dramatic sea cliffs clustered around the entrance. The long bay has a distinctly fjord-like feel, unique from any other port in these islands.

There's another unique feature to be found here in Aljui Bay. The pristine water and tidal flows make it the ideal location for a pearl farm. Atlas Pearls has been farming here for more than 25 years, using an environmentally-friendly and sustainable model to cultivate some of the world's finest South Sea pearls. You can visit the farm to see the process in

action and even pick up a shimmering souvenir to take home with you.

The bay's many coves and inlets make for good snorkelling or scenic cruising by Zodiac. The calm waters are also ideal for exploring under your own steam, so set out for the day in one of Scenic Eclipse II's kayaks or stand-up paddleboards.

Arrives On: 04 Oct 25

Day 9: Raja Ampat Islands (Indonesia)

Scenic Eclipse II will sail north overnight, bound for one of the northernmost islands in Raja Ampat. Uninhabited and breathtakingly beautiful, Wayag is one of Indonesia's most recognisable sights, the star of many television commercials and billboards. Crystal clear waters are fringed by white sand beaches and dramatic karst islands sprout straight up from the sea. Even seasoned travellers will be dazzled by its natural beauty.

There are no landings on the island, but you'll enjoy a picturesque site seeing spot offshore on board your luxuriously appointed Discovery Yacht. Fitted with state-of-the-art GPS Dynamic Positioning system, Scenic Eclipse II is able to hold her position without dropping anchor on ecologically sensitive seabeds.

Take this idyllic time to explore on excursions for swimming, snorkelling and wildlife spotting, cruising through the sapphire seas on a Zodiac. You'll spend a full day here, giving you time to explore everything Wayag has to offer and soak in the splendour of this pristine paradise.

Arrives On: 05 Oct 25

Day 10: Raja Ampat Islands (Indonesia)

Cruising back south, straight through the centre of Raja Ampat, you'll arrive at Misool Island this morning. One of the four largest islands of the group, known collectively as the Four Kings, it has a permanent population of around 5,000 scattered around a few villages. It's also home to a handful of resorts – look out for the overwater bungalows clinging to the coast as you pull in.

In a region of spectacular biodiversity, Misool manages to stand above the rest of Raja Ampat. It is surrounded by one of the most pristine reef systems left on earth and is one of the few places where biodiversity is improving, rather than declining. The gin-clear waters are home to a dazzling array of corals and fish, and you can spot whales, sharks and dolphins frolicking in the open ocean. Today, enjoy more swimming, snorkelling and watersports in an unforgettable location.

Scenic Eclipse II will spend the night here, bobbing peacefully in the calm waters off Misool Island. Enjoy a leisurely dinner and then head to the Sky Deck for some stargazing that will take your breath away.

Arrives On: 06 Oct 25

Day 11: Raja Ampat Islands (Indonesia)

This morning, you'll wake up in paradise. Scenic Eclipse II will spend this morning at Misool Island, giving you another opportunity for fun in the water. A Zodiac cruise can take you through the dramatic karst rock formations in search of ancient petroglyphs. These mysterious rock carvings are estimated to be between 3,000 and 5,000 years old. No tradition of such carvings exist among the people of Raja Ampat, so there is speculation that they may have been created by other early visitors to the area from Papua or even Australia. After one last swim, you'll be back on board Scenic Eclipse II at lunchtime for a long cruise to the Kai Islands. This afternoon could be a great opportunity to stretch your muscles in the Yoga & Pilates Studio or soak in the revitalising properties of the KLAFS Salt Therapy Lounge.

Arrives On: 07 Oct 25

Day 12: Kai Islands (Indonesia)

There are millions of beaches in Indonesia yet the ones you'll see today might be the country's most beautiful. The Kai Islands are part of the Maluku Province and are made entirely of white sand and coral. Talcum powder beaches are lapped by the strikingly blue waters of the Banda Sea and fringed with lush rows of palm trees. Despite their jaw-dropping beauty, these islands remain far off the tourist trail, and you'll be unlikely to see another visitor. Spend this afternoon living out your castaway fantasies on a deserted island, swimming and snorkelling in the warm water or just lazing on the sand.

Arrives On: 08 Oct 25

Day 13: Sangliat Dol Village, Yamdena Island (Indonesia)

You'll spot land early this morning, the remote Tanimbar Islands. One of Indonesia's most far-flung outposts, this archipelago of 65 islands sits just a few hundred kilometres north of Darwin. The islands range from densely forested hills to low lying swamplands and deserted beaches. Scenic Eclipse II will be making two stops today, both on Yamdena Island, the largest in the group. Disembark this morning to spend a few hours at Sangliat Dol Village. Many of these smaller villages on the island have retained many of their unique cultural traditions, including music, dance and crafts. Sangliat Dol is also famous for its ancient stone stairway leading from the beach to a boat-shaped platform used for ancestor worship ceremonies. A short cruise will take you to the capital, Saumlaki, a bustling city home to around 20,000 people. The Tanimbar Islands are also famous for the rare birds that inhabit the untouched forests, make it a popular destination for ornithologists. Be sure to listen closely as Scenic Eclipse II glides silently by.

Arrives On: 09 Oct 25

Day 13: Saumlaki, Yamada Island (Indonesia)

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Day 15: Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia)

Your cruise ends in Darwin, giving you another chance to explore this captivating capital of the north. After an unforgettable voyage, it's time to farewell your fellow guests and Scenic Eclipse II crew. Take with you fond memories of the places you have seen, once-in-a-lifetime moments and the unrivalled ultra-luxury experience on board Scenic Eclipse

II.

Please book your flight to depart out of Darwin after 12:00 PM. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Scenic cannot guarantee the cruise will operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

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