



Cruise Details

Name:	Ultimate New Zealand & South Pacific Discovery
Reference:	SCENIC302Q210226-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
Departs On:	21 Feb 26
Departs From:	Timaru
Arrives On:	14 Mar 26
Arrives At:	Lautoka
Cruise Nights:	21
Total Vacation Days:	22

Itinerary

Day 1: Timaru (New Zealand)

Upon arrival in Christchurch, you will be transferred by coach to Timaru, where your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht awaits. Nestled along New Zealand's stunning South Island coast, Timaru welcomes you with its blend of natural beauty and rich heritage. The Captain and crew will warmly greet you as you board Scenic Eclipse II. Settle into your spacious verandah suite, meet your butler and acquaint yourself with the world-class facilities of your Discovery Yacht. Then head to the Sky Bar to meet your fellow guests and toast the start of your voyage as you sail away from New Zealand.

Please book your flight to arrive into Christchurch prior to 10:30 AM.

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Day 2: Oban, Stewart Island (New Zealand)

<p>Stewart Island sits 30 kilometres off the southern tip of the South Island. It is one of the last inhabited outposts before you reach Antarctica. Its only settlement, the tiny village of Oban, clings bravely to the northern shore.</p><p>This is New Zealand off the grid, a remote place of spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife. The island is a haven for many birds, including the cute and curious brown kiwi, who outnumber humans and are active day and night. The Māori name for Stewart Island is Rakiura, which means the land of glowing skies. </p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Southern Coastal Wildlife Cruise: Board a 75-foot high-speed catamaran to explore beautiful Paterson Inlet, admiring Big Glory Bay, Kaipipi Bay, native forest and rugged beaches.

Ulva Island & Guided Walk: Explore Ulva Island wildlife sanctuary, known for its rare bird and plant species. You may even catch glimpses of the secretive kaka or wekas.

Village and Bays Tour: Enjoy a guided mini-bus tour with photo stops and short walks, exploring Stewart Island's natural beauty and key sights like Lee Bay and Observation Rock.</p>

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Day 3: Milford Sound (New Zealand)

<p>The rugged West Coast of New Zealand's South Island offers some of the country's most stunning scenery. You'll cruise through Fiordland National Park, which covers more than 1.2 million hectares of granite peaks, shimmering lakes, deep black fjords and spectacular waterfalls.</p><p>Rudyard Kipling described Milford Sound as the "eighth wonder of the world'. The best way to experience the sound is from the water and today Scenic Eclipse II will cruise slowly through this spectacular place, coming close to land so you can admire the waterfalls tumbling from 1,000-metre cliffs and look out for seals sunning themselves on the rocks. You may like to join your fellow guests on the Observation Terrace to watch the magic unfold over a cocktail.</p>

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<p>Captain Cook named Doubtful Sound in 1770, because the entrance looked too small and so he chose not to sail in it. Over the centuries, it has kept its stunning beauty well-hidden and even today remains a place of serenity. Cruise close to craggy cliffs rising from the water, looking out for bottlenose dolphins and the Fiordland Crested Penguin.</p><p>Continue south to Dusky Sound, one of the largest fjords in New Zealand, stretching for 40 kilometres. It's accessible only by air or sea, meaning very few tourists get to experience its majesty.</p>

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Day 6: Akaroa (New Zealand)

<p>Arrive this morning at Akaroa, the only French settlement in New Zealand. Founded by French whalers in the 1840s, it retains its French street names, charming Gallic cottages, excellent cuisine and plethora of cheese shops. Akaroa is also home to a sparkling harbour frequented by rare Hector's dolphins, an historic lighthouse and is surrounded by rippling green hillside.</p><p>Back on board, tonight could be the night you enjoy Sushi @ Koko's (available by reservation) with your new friends. Stay up late in the bar or retire to the library for a moment of blissful solitude before bed.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Canterbury Sheep Farm Experience: Get an insight into New Zealand's famous sheep industry. See shearing, sheep dogs and typical farm life.

Punting on the Avon & Wine: Take a leisurely cruise in a flat-bottomed boat along Christchurch's scenic Avon River. Then visit Melton Estate Winery for a tasting.

Akaroa Harbour Wildlife Cruise: Discover the adorable and playful Hector's dolphins, found only in NZ waters. (Wildlife sightings not guaranteed).

Akaroa Walking Tour: Enjoy a delightful 45-minute walking tour of Akaroa, strolling through the centre of the town, up a local lookout and along the picturesque waterfront.</p>

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Day 7: Kaikoura (New Zealand)

<p>You'll arrive in Kaikoura early this morning. This tiny town sits in a spectacular natural environment, flanked by the Pacific Ocean on one side and the snow-capped Seaward Kaikoura Range on the other.</p><p>The town began life as a whaling station in the mid 1800s; visit the oldest surviving building, Fyffe House, or the Kaikoura Museum to learn more about its history. It's also an ideal place for wildlife encounters. Whales, fur seals and dolphins live permanently in these waters, and an impressive array of seabirds fill the air, including the mighty albatross.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Kaikoura Whale Watch Cruise: Venture into the Pacific's depths for awe-inspiring encounters with magnificent sperm whales while expert guides share their insights.

Albatross Encounter Cruise: Discover Kaikoura's renowned birdlife on a 2.5-hour tour. Guides will throw chum into the water to attract albatross and more.

Kaikoura Sightseeing Overview: Explore Kaikoura's stunning seaside on a three-hour tour. Enjoy a bush walk, visit Ohau Stream and Ohau Point, and see a fur seal colony. Capture beautiful vistas at a dedicated photo stop.

Kaikoura Coastal Panorama Walk: The half-day walking tour visits a main lookout with stunning mountain and ocean views, Fyffe House, and a seal colony.</p>

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Day 8: Kaiteriteri, South Island (New Zealand)

<p>Scenic Eclipse II will call at two ports in Tasman Bay today. Kaiteriteri is arguably New Zealand's most beautiful beach, a perfect arc of golden sand fronting startlingly blue water. It's

also the gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park, a gorgeous coastal park known for its sea kayaking, walks and wildlife. It's just a short cruise to the city of Nelson, one of the sunniest cities in New Zealand. It's bursting with open-air cafes, bustling markets, breweries, cycling trails and the pretty Botanic Gardens. Enjoy a late departure tonight, giving you a chance to experience a little Kiwi hospitality after dark.

Scenic Freechoice:

Kaiteriteri Cruise & 3hr Nature Walk: Cruise to Anchorage Beach in Abel Tasman National Park for a guided walk, learning about the park's wildlife and admiring coastal views. You'll be transferred by coach to Nelson.

Cruise & Beach Stop: Sail to Anchorage Beach in Abel Tasman National Park, meet your guide, enjoy bird songs, and trek to Pitt Head for coastal views. You'll be transferred by coach to Nelson.

Nelson Walking Tour: Join a guided walk-through historic Nelson, New Zealand's second oldest city and culture capital. Soak up the village atmosphere that makes it so popular.

Nelson Panoramic and Gravity Winery: Explore Nelson with city views, a cathedral stop, and panoramic lookout, then enjoy a wine tasting at Gravity Cellars in the scenic Moutere Hills. Conclude with a relaxing drive through valleys and along the coast past Haulashore Island and Fifeshire Rock.

Founders Heritage Village with Nelson sights: Explore Nelson's heritage at Founders Heritage Park with its vintage buildings and artisan shops, then visit the cathedral and enjoy panoramic views from the city's highest point. Return via scenic Rocks Road, passing Haulashore Island and Fifeshire Rock.

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Day 9: Picton (New Zealand)

It's worth waking up early this morning so you can experience Marlborough Sounds. Ask the butler to bring you coffee to your suite so you can soak it in from your private verandah.

Spend the morning in Picton, a picturesque town that looks almost tropical with its towering palm trees and clear turquoise water. Wander the pretty waterfront promenade, lined with shops, cafes and galleries, or visit the museum inside the Edwin Fox convict ship dry docked offshore. Picton is a short drive from the famous Marlborough wine region, which produces around two-thirds of New Zealand's wine.

Scenic Freechoice:

Queen Charlotte Sounds Explorer: Cruise through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound, enjoying commentary from your friendly guide, and explore Arapawa Island, formerly a whaling base and now flourishing with aquaculture.

Marlborough Sounds Link Pathway Walk: Follow the new Link Pathway on a guided walk. Admire views of Marlborough Sounds and Queen Charlotte Sound and look for native birds.

Wines of Marlborough: Discover New Zealand's wine country on a scenic tour from Picton. Enjoy stunning views and a wine tasting in the Marlborough region.

Seafood Odyssea: Cruise Queen

Charlotte Sound, enjoying local delicacies and scenic views. Learn about the region's history and wildlife.

Knights of the Sky and Dangerous Skies: Start your scenic tour in Picton with a drive through wine country to the Omaka Heritage Centre, home to immersive aviation exhibitions. Then, enjoy a sweet stop at the Makana Boutique Chocolate Factory for locally made treats.</p>

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Day 10: Napier (New Zealand)

<p>Later this morning you'll arrive in Napier, and you'll feel as if you've stepped back almost 100 years. In 1931, the centre of the town was razed by an earthquake and then rebuilt in the Art Deco style of the day. It retains all the charm and style of its heyday with the largest collection of authentic Art Deco buildings on Earth.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Cape Kidnappers & Gannet Safari: Drive along Hawke's Bay coast to the gannet colony. See them dive into the sea and keep an eye out for newly hatched chicks.

Hawkes Bay Express: Explore Napier on a modern road train travelling along Main Street, admiring early settler's homes, visiting the old port village and hearing stories of the past.

A Tale of Two Hawkes Bay Wineries: Enjoy a panoramic drive through Hawke's Bay coast, stopping at two award-winning wineries.

Art Deco City Walking Tour: Discover Napier's Art Deco highlights, starting with a short film about the 1931 earthquake followed by a guided walking tour of the city centre.

Countryside & Private Home Visit: Discover the beauty of Puketapu's rolling hills with local host Hamish Prins, as you indulge in boutique wine tasting, explore a charming historic church and unwind with light refreshments in his stunning garden before a picturesque drive back to Napier.</p>

Arrives On: 02 Mar 26

Day 12: Auckland (New Zealand)

<p>As the gateway to New Zealand's stunning landscapes and vibrant culture, Auckland welcomes you with open arms. New Zealand's most populous city is an energetic mix of urban life and natural beauty.</p><p>This eclectic city is made up of many distinctive neighbourhoods. Soak up the charm of Ponsonby, known for its mishmash of cuisines and heritage architecture. Wander the nine blocks of Britomart, a once-neglected industrial area turned hip and happening neighbourhood. Or head harbourside to shopping and dining precincts Commerical Bay and Viaduct Harbour.</p>

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Day 13: Bay of Islands (New Zealand)

<p>The Bay of Islands is one of the world's most spectacular sailing destinations, so make sure you're on your verandah or the Observation Terrace as you arrive early this morning. With its unique sub-tropical climate, around 150 islands and thousands of postcard-perfect coves, this is a little slice of paradise on the North Island.</p><p>Scenic Eclipse II will anchor off the coast of Paihia, the first seaport in New Zealand, dating back to the early 1800s. Today it's famous for watersports, offering kayaking, fishing, parasailing, scuba diving, sailing and more. Nearby is the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the foundation document of New Zealand was signed in 1840.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Northland Maori Waka Encounter: A thrilling Maori War Canoe tour. Explore historic sites, paddle over Waitangi River estuaries and visit Haruru Falls, while a guide shares legends and customs.

Glowworms and Kauri Forest: Immerse yourself in the tranquility of the Puketi Kauri Forest and journey through the Kawiti Caves, illuminated by shimmering glowworms.

Bay Of Islands Lunch Cruise & Russell: Sail through the waterways of Opua and Okiato and learn about the colourful people and events that shaped this country before a delicious lunch.

Bay of Islands Getaway Cruise: Enjoy a 4-hour cruise through the Bay of Islands, with highlights including Roberton Island, the iconic Hole in the Rock, and Cape Brett Lighthouse. Swim, snorkel, and take in stunning views, all while learning from live commentary and spotting local wildlife along the way.</p><p>Scenic Enrich
Maori Culture & Marae Experience: Discover the essence of New Zealand's heritage on a guided tour from Kerikeri Basin to a traditional Maori marae. Immerse yourself in captivating narratives, cultural insights, and unforgettable moments </p>

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Day 15: Norfolk Island (Norfolk Island)

<p>Roughly halfway between New Zealand and Australia, this tiny island is an outlying self-governing Australian territory with a tumultuous past. Claimed by Captain James Cook for the British in 1770, it was settled as a convict colony in 1788 and became known as Hell in the Pacific. In 1855, Queen Victoria gave the island to the descendants of the Bounty mutineers, who had outgrown their home on Pitcairn Island.</p><p>Today, Norfolk remains a wild place, with dramatic landscapes, towering pines and pounding surf. Perfect for relaxation and exploration, you'll discover a charming small town with rich history. Explore World Heritage-listed ruins and the gorgeous St Barnabas Chapel.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Half-Day Extravaganza: Visit Norfolk Island's historic areas, such as Kingston, Cascade, and Longridge. Admire the spectacular scenery and learn about its unique history.

Historic Kingston Experience: Embark on a half-day tour of the island's history, including the World Heritage-listed Kingston settlement.

Behind the Scenes: Experience Norfolk Island life by visiting local businesses. Meet owners, sample their products, and pick up some local goods to take home.

Bush Walk Adventure: Choose a gentle stroll through Palm Glen Reserve or a leisurely 3.5km walk up scenic Mt Bates, the island's highest point. Reach the Captain Cook

Monument for panoramic coastal views.</p>

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Day 17: Tadine, Maré (New Caledonia)

<p>The highest island in the New Caledonian archipelago, Maré captivates with its striking natural beauty and strong cultural identity. The wildest of the Loyalty Islands, it reveals a landscape of dramatic limestone cliffs, dense forests, hidden caves and rugged rocky headlands.

Upon arrival, enjoy a traditional welcome dance and ceremony ashore, offering a warm introduction to Kanak culture and local customs. White-sand beaches fringe the coastline, lined with coconut palms and luminous turquoise waters, where coral gardens and colourful fish shimmer beneath the surface. </p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
History of Maré Island & Discovery of the Tribe of Eni: Discover the rich heritage of Maré Island on a journey featuring tribal landmarks, coastal viewpoints, and a warm welcome from the Eni people. Enjoy cultural activities, local refreshments, including village walks, nature hikes, and beach experiences before returning to Tadine.

Tribe of Mebuet – Melanesian Encounter & Turtle Bay: Experience Maré Island's vibrant culture with a warm welcome from the Mebuet Tribe. Enjoy village walks, nature hikes, bougna cooking demos, or snorkelling at Turtle Bay, along with local refreshments, before returning to the Port of Tadine.</p><p>Scenic Discovery:
Weather and local authorities permitting, there may be opportunities to enjoy water-based exploration around Maré, including kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding and snorkelling. </p>

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Day 18: Tanna (Vanuatu)

<p>Look out for smoke in the air as you approach Tanna this morning. Mount Yasur is regarded as the world's most accessible active volcano, regularly shooting sparks into the sky. Captain James Cook first observed ash eruptions in 1774, and the mountain is considered a sacred area by members of the island's John Frum Cargo Cult, who believe their deity resides inside.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Island Welcome: Enjoy a warm welcome ashore with captivating performances by the local community, including songs from a traditional women's choir and the lively Napam Npam women's dance.

Island Welcome & Volcano Tour: Be welcomed ashore by the community as you listen to the women's choir and watch local performances. Visit Mount Yasur, walk up a trail up to the rim and peer into the fiery depths of the volcano's crater.</p>

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Day 20: Port Denarau (Fiji)

<p>Discover the vibrant Port Denarau on Fiji's main island, Viti Levu. This is the gateway to Fiji's most stylish resorts and the stunning Mamanuca and Yasawa Islands. With its lively marina, upscale shopping and array of dining options, Port Denarau offers a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure. Explore nearby attractions like the Denarau Golf and Racquet Club or set off into the sparkling ocean for snorkelling, diving and water sports. </p><p>Scenic Eclipse II will be staying overnight at Port Denarau, so head to the Sky Bar this evening for a sunset cocktail as you look out over this tropical paradise.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Fijian Homestead and History: Enjoy a scenic drive to the South Sea Orchid Garden, where you'll savor a welcome cup of tea amidst stunning orchids and memorabilia. Next, we'll visit Nadi's vibrant marketplace, perfect for colorful souvenirs.

Sigatoka Sand Dunes and Bula Coffee: Discover the history of the Sigatoka Sand Dunes and its ancient pottery, then experience Bula Coffee's organic, village-supported coffee on a Crop to Cup tour.

Nausori Highland 4WD Tour: Explore the Namaka Market, enjoy panoramic views from Nausori Highlands, and experience a kava ceremony in Yavuna village. Stop at a Hindu temple and Nadi town for lunch before returning to port.

Golf at Denarau Golf Club: Enjoy Denarau Golf & Racquet Club, featuring a scenic 18-hole, par-72 course with a unique Pacific theme, perfect for all skill levels, offering resort-style play and friendly service.

Half Day Boat Fishing: Board your comfortable fishing vessel in Port Denarau and glide over the sparkling blue water with spectacular Fiji scenery in the background. Set out on a half-day fishing adventure and troll for tuna, mahi, wahoo and giant trevally.</p>

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Day 21: Yanuya Island (Fiji)

<p>This tiny island in the Mamanucas will give you a taste of authentic Fijian life. Home to around 500 people, it welcomes guests with its serene beauty and warm hospitality. Explore pristine white sand beaches and crystal-clear turquoise waters perfect for swimming and snorkelling at the island of Monuriki, very popular for the movie " Castaway" with American actor Tom Hanks.</p><p>Meet with the friendly locals and experience Fijian traditions, such as a kava ceremony. The ceremony might also include other cultural elements, such as sasa (a welcoming dance) and local performances showcasing the island's history and way of life. Embark on guided nature walk through the village including a school visit. Entertained by traditional dances and explore local markets with varieties on handicraft displays from clothing, wooden carvings, shells, jewelleries and many more.</p><p>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.</p>

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Day 22: Lautoka (Fiji)

<p>Your journey concludes this morning in Lautoka, the second largest city in Fiji. Set on the western side of the island of Viti Levu, just north of Nadi, it's the gateway to Fiji's Sun Coast a pleasant mix of sugar-cane fields, grass-covered peaks, rural villages and market towns.</p><p>After a final sumptuous breakfast, farewell your new friends and Scenic Eclipse II crew, taking with you memories that will last a lifetime.</p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Nadi after 12:00 PM.</p><p>#Spa treatments at additional cost. +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.
~Kayak and stand-up paddleboard not available in all locations. ^Flights on board our two helicopters and submersible experiences are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather, ice and tidal conditions Submersible not operational in New Zealand Submersible not operational in New Zealand</p><p>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.</p>

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