



Cruise Details

Name:	Portugal to Ireland: The History & Traditions of Europe
Reference:	SCENIC311E120526-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse
Regions:	Northern Europe
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Departs On:	12 May 26
Departs From:	Lisbon
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Arrives On:	23 May 26
Arrives At:	Dublin
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Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

Itinerary

Day 1: Lisbon (Portugal)

Welcome to Lisbon, the colourful capital of Portugal and a city with a proud history of seafaring. Lose yourself in its cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals.

Board Scenic Eclipse this afternoon and be warmly welcomed by the Captain and the crew. Enjoy a glass of champagne, meet your butler and settle into your spacious suite. Then join your fellow guests on the Sky Deck as you sail south along the wild and windswept coastline for Porto.

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

Arrives On: 12 May 26

Day 2: 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 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: 13 May 26

Day 3: 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 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: 14 May 26

Day 4: 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 witness 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: 15 May 26

Day 5: 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.

Arrives On: 16 May 26

Day 6: Pasajes (Spain)

Today, you can immerse yourself in Basque culture, history, and natural splendour. Be charmed by Pasajes, a picturesque fishing village with a rich maritime history, medieval architecture and incredible seafood. Or revel in the enchantment of San Sebastian, a short distance along the coast. Discover the golden sand of La Concha Beach, considered one of the most beautiful urban beaches in the world, and explore the historic Parte Vieja (old town), home to iconic landmarks such as the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Chorus and the San Vicente Church.

Arrives On: 17 May 26

Day 7: Bordeaux (France)

This morning, Scenic Eclipse'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. 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.

Arrives On: 18 May 26

Day 8: Bordeaux (France)

Enjoy a full day in Bordeaux, soaking in the city's timeless elegance. Wander picturesque streets lined with majestic buildings, each narrating centuries of stories. Explore vibrant markets with fresh produce and local delicacies. Admire Place de la Bourse and Bordeaux Cathedral's breathtaking architecture. Be immersed in cultural richness at the CAPC Museum of Contemporary Art and the Grand Théâtre. Your visit to Bordeaux is only complete when you sample its world-famous wines at one of the many charming wine bars or prestigious châteaux. Enjoy another overnight to savour Bordeaux's delights until late, taking a leisurely stroll along the Garonne River.

Arrives On: 19 May 26

Day 9: Bordeaux (France)

Today could be the day you venture beyond the city limits, exploring the iconic wine regions of Bordeaux. The rolling hillsides around the Garonne River are adorned with prestigious vineyards, offering a glimpse into centuries-old winemaking traditions. Explore the timeless beauty of the Médoc and Saint-Émilion regions, where esteemed châteaux dot the landscape, inviting you

to savour the essence of Bordeaux's famed terroirs. Whether wandering through cobblestone streets or indulging in wine tastings amidst lush vineyards, the opportunities for discovery are endless in this captivating corner of France.

Arrives On: 20 May 26

Day 10: Concarneau (France)

Step into the captivating walled town of Concarneau in Brittany in northwestern France. It has a long tradition of fishing and is still the third-largest fishing port in France, yet it's also recognised as a town of art and history. Here, cobbled streets wind their way around 14th-century ramparts, offering picturesque views of the bustling harbour and half-timbered houses. The pretty and protected bay is ideal for kayaking or you can stroll along the beautiful beach and marina.

Arrives On: 21 May 26

Day 11: Hugh Town, Saint Mary's, Isles of Scilly (England)

The largest of the Isles of Scilly, St Mary's is the gateway to this beautiful archipelago. Only 50 kilometres off the southern coast of England, the 140 islands are covered in lush green pastures and white beaches. They have long been a popular holiday destination for the British, who enjoy the slower pace of life and idyllic surrounds. Wander around the winding paths of Hugh Town, the largest settlement on the island, with its cluster of charming shops, churches, galleries and cafes.

Arrives On: 22 May 26

Day 12: Dublin (Ireland)

Your cruise finishes in the Irish capital, an ancient city with a vibrant culture and music in its soul. Disembark in Dublin after one final splendid breakfast, taking with you memories of a truly unforgettable cruise. Please book your flight to depart out of Dublin after 12:00 PM. +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. 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.

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