



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
Departs On:	12 May 26
Departs From:	Lisbon
Arrives On:	23 May 26
Arrives At:	Dublin
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.

Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 12 May 26

Day 2: Vigo (Spain)

Sail north to Vigo, located in the Galicia region just over the border in Spain. Home to the largest fishing fleet in Europe, it dates back to the Middle Ages. The city has Celtic ruins, beautiful

beaches and a cathedral that is a sacred place of pilgrimage for millions of Christians around the world. The seafood is excellent and there's a thriving culinary scene with many buzzy tapas bars.

Scenic Freechoice:
Vigo Sightseeing and Baiona: Enjoy panoramic views from Mount Castro in Vigo, then explore Baiona's historic church and Monterreal Palace by the coast.
Santiago de Compostela: Discover Santiago de Compostela's Cathedral treasures, including Saint James' silver urn and the Baroque Main Altar. Then stroll the charming streets before enjoying scenic coastal views en route to Vigo.
Gardens of the North: Enjoy views from Mount Castro, explore Quiñones de León Palace gardens, and take a scenic coastal drive past Samil Beach and Bouzas.
Galician Wine Appreciation: Enjoy a wine tasting at Gran Bazán Cellars in the historic Pazo de Bazán, then explore the charming heritage town of Cambados.

Docked: 14:00 - 20:00

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.

Scenic Freechoice:
The Walled City of Lugo: Explore Lugo's UNESCO-listed Roman walls, historic cathedral and charming old town on a guided tour. Enjoy free time and a traditional Galician lunch before returning to Ferrol.
Ferrol & Betanzos: Visit the medieval town of Betanzos for a guided walk through historic streets and Gothic churches, followed by free time to explore. End with a panoramic drive through Ferrol's landmarks and coastal scenery.
La Coruna & Tapas: Enjoy a scenic drive from El Ferrol to A Coruña, with views of the Atlantic and a photo stop at the ancient Tower of Hercules. Stroll through the old town to Plaza María Pita, then unwind with Galician tapas and wine at a traditional bar.

Docked: 09:00 - 20:00

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.

Scenic Freechoice:

Walking Tour of Avilés: Explore Avilés, an historic Asturian port with a beautifully preserved old town and the modern Niemeyer Centre. Enjoy a walking tour, sample Asturian cider with tapas, and take in the city's rich blend of past and present.

Gijón City Tour: Discover Gijón's coastal beauty and rich history, from the grand Universidad Laboral to the charming Cimadevilla quarter. Enjoy a scenic drive, guided walk and free time to explore.

Oviedo: Venture to Oviedo, for a panoramic tour and guided walk through its charming old town and iconic landmarks. Conclude with a tasting of local cheeses, cured meats and traditional Asturian cider.

Western Asturian Coast: Explore Asturias' rugged coast with visits to Luarca and Cudillero, two picturesque fishing villages rich in maritime history. Enjoy scenic views, colourful streets and a taste of local seafaring culture.

Docked: 08:00 - 18:00

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.

Scenic Freechoice:

Guernica, a Symbol of Peace: Visit Gernika, a symbol of resilience marked by the 1937 bombing and Picasso's famous painting. Explore its historic Assembly House and the town's commitment to peace.

Bilbao & the Guggenheim Museum: Explore Bilbao, the Basque Country's vibrant heart along River Nervión. Discover its transformation from industrial hub to modern marvel, blending heritage with innovation. Visit the iconic Guggenheim Museum, a contemporary art masterpiece symbolising the city's rebirth.

Visit to Rioja Wine Region: Visit Laguardia in La Rioja for premium wine tastings and a guided tour at a family winery, surrounded by scenic vineyards.

Pintxos Masterclass: Experience Basque haute cuisine in an intimate masterclass with a renowned local chef. Enjoy a live cooking demo, learn traditional techniques, and savour gourmet dishes paired with crisp Txakoli wine.

Docked: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 16 May 26

Day 6: Pasajes (Spain)

<p>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.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Discover the Cider Trail: Taste fresh Basque cider and rustic dishes at a traditional cider house, then explore the charming coastal city of San Sebastián.

Pamplona & Hemingway: Follow Hemingway’s footsteps through Pamplona’s Old Town and the Running of the Bulls route. Discover the city’s vibrant culture and his lasting influence on its global fame.

Getaria, the Art of Haute Couture & Txacoli Wine: Discover Getaria’s medieval charm, coastal views and rich maritime heritage, topped off with a tasting of local txakolí wine.

French Basque Country: Travel to Biarritz for a guided walk, free time and lunch, then continue to St. Jean de Luz to explore its coastal charm at your leisure.</p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 19:00</p>

Arrives On: 17 May 26

Day 7: Bordeaux (France)

<p>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. </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><p>Scenic Freechoice:
History & Heritage City Tour of UNESCO Classified Bordeaux: Discover Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage city famed for its elegant architecture and rich history. Enjoy a panoramic coach tour through iconic landmarks, followed by a guided stroll and free time to explore the charming Old Town.

Panoramic Bordeaux & Visit to the Bordeaux Wine Culture Museum: Tour Bordeaux’s iconic sites on a panoramic coach ride, then visit La Cité du Vin for an immersive wine experience and tasting with city views.

Bordeaux by Motorbike & Sidecar: Hop into a vintage sidecar for a thrilling ride through Bordeaux’s iconic sights like Place de la Bourse and St. Andrew Cathedral. </p><p>Docked: 08:30 - Overnight</p>

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.

Scenic Freechoice:

St Emilion with Wine Estate Visit & Tasting: Start by exploring Saint-Émilion's historic streets and iconic landmarks with a guided walk. Then, immerse yourself in the winemaking tradition with a cellar tour and tasting of two excellent local wines at a nearby vineyard.

The Medoc-Margaux Wine District with Wine & Cheese Tasting: Begin with a scenic drive along Bordeaux's historic Quai des Chartrons, then journey into the heart of the Margaux vineyards, gateway to the famed "Route des Châteaux." Pause for photos at Château Margaux, then enjoy a guided cellar tour and wine tasting.

Panoramic Bordeaux & Bassins des Lumières Exhibition: Explore Bassins de Lumières in Bordeaux, a WWII bunker transformed into an immersive digital art space where light and sound bring masterpieces to life.

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Classic Concert Event at Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte: Experience an enchanting evening at Château Smith Haut Lafitte, a celebrated Classified Growth estate in the Pessac-Léognan vineyards. After a short transfer and guided cellar visit, enjoy a terrace cocktail overlooking the vines before a charming classical concert that blends timeless pieces with modern interpretation.

Docked: Overnight

Arrives On: 19 May 26

Day 9: Bordeaux (France)

After two unforgettable days discovering the charm of Bordeaux, this morning invites you to savour a slow and indulgent start. Have your breakfast delivered to your suite and enjoy it in the privacy of your own verandah or gather with fellow guests in the Yacht Club's inviting open space to share stories and laughter over a relaxed breakfast.

As we glide away from Bordeaux, don't miss the breathtaking sail out along the majestic Garonne River. From the open deck, take in the stunning views as the city's elegant architecture gives way to lush, rolling countryside, a picture-perfect moment to capture.

The afternoon is yours to unwind and recharge as we make our way to Concarneau. Whether you choose to indulge in a soothing spa treatment, lounge on deck with a captivating book, or simply breathe in the fresh ocean breeze, this is your time to relax, rejuvenate and relish the journey ahead.

Docked: Overnight - 11:00

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.

Scenic Freechoice: Concarneau & Keriolet Castle Exclusive Visit & Tasting: Visit Keriolet Castle to learn about Russian Imperial Princess Zénaïde Narischkine and her commoner husband. Enjoy a tasting of Breton cake and apple juice. Continue to the 14th-century walled city of Concarneau for further exploration.
A Scenic Walk in Concarneau: Take a guided walk along the "Coastal Guard's Path" from Concarneau to La Forêt-Fouesnant, with stunning views of Concarneau Bay.
Pont-Aven, the Painter's Heaven: Visit Pont-Aven, a picturesque village famous for its mills and artists like Paul Gauguin. Explore the town with a guided visit, then enjoy some time at leisure.

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

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.

Scenic Freechoice: Tresco Abbey Gardens: Wander Tresco Abbey Gardens' lush landscapes, a serene oasis encircling historic Benedictine abbey ruins. Discover vibrant flora and tranquil beauty in this island gem.
St Mary's - Garrison Walk: Discover St Mary's on a guided walk visiting Hugh Town, Buzza Hill, Old Town Church, and the island's scenic harbours.
Wildlife Seasafari: Explore some of the islands by sea and experience the wildlife and key sights within the archipelago (dependent on weather and season conditions).
Star Castle Wine Tasting: Walk to Star Castle and enjoy a wine tasting with host Robert Francis, featuring wines from his Holy Vale Vineyard and beyond.

Offshore: 08:00 - 13:00

Arrives On: 22 May 26

Day 12: Dublin (Ireland)

Your Signature Yacht 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.

Docked: 08:00

+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.

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Arrives On: 23 May 26

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