Cruise Details

Name:	Heritage & Traditions of Western Europe
Reference:	SCENIC311E160527-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse
Regions:	Western Europe
Departs On:	16 May 27
Departs From:	Lisbon
Arrives On:	27 May 27
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 seafaring history. Lose yourself in its cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals. This afternoon you'll board your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, Scenic Eclipse. You'll be warmly welcomed by the Captain and crew. Meet the butler and settle in your spacious suite. Join your fellow guests in the Sky Bar for a glass of Champagne to toast the start of your fascinating exploration of Western Europe. Scenic transfers are only available for flights arriving into Lisbon prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 16 May 27

Day 2: Leixões (Portugal)

Spend the morning getting to know your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht before we arrive in Porto. One of Portugal's largest seaports, Leixões is just 8 kilometres from the heart of Porto,

where the city shares its name with one of the country’s best-known exports, port wine. Located at the mouth of the Douro River, Porto is a World Heritage-listed city of baroque splendour, Gothic cathedrals, and incredible food. Wander through winding alleys lined with houses decorated with Portuguese tiles, see the city’s street art, and take in the views from the cable car and funicular. Scenic Freechoice:
Porto City Tour & Gaia Wine Cellars: Explore Porto's historical and cultural charm, including the iconic Cathedral, UNESCO-listed Ribeira district and renowned port wine cellars in Gaia, where you can taste its rich flavours.

Porto Active City Tour & Palacio da Bolsa: Discover Porto’s historic streets on an active walking tour, admiring ClerigosTower’s 250-year legacy and Sao Bento Station’s azulejo (Portuguese tile) artistry. Stroll Flores Street’s charm and explore Palacio da Bolsa’s opulent interiors, then enjoy some free time to savour the city’s vibrant ambiance.

Guimarães & Ducal Palace: Journey through time in UNESCO-listed Guimarães, considered the birthplace of Portugal, admiring its medieval centre and the 15th-century Ducal Palace, once home to the Dukes of Braganza. Explore its regal halls and restored charm, reflecting Portugal’s rich heritage.

Aveleda Winery - A Journey Through the Senses: Visit Quinta da Aveleda, an historic estate since 1870 in the Vinho Verde region. Stroll its tranquil gardens, learn its winemaking heritage and savour signature wines paired with local delicacies. Docked: 12:00 – 19:00

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 3: Ferrol (Spain)

Start your day relaxing in your suite. Ask your butler to bring you breakfast in bed or alternatively, choose to savour it in the Yacht Club before arriving in Ferrol. Explore the boutiques and Galician-style houses in Ferrol’s Magdalena neighbourhood, a declared Historic-Artistic site, and visit the 18th century San Felipe Castle, where bulwarks and cannons defended the city. Scenic Freechoice:
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.

Coastal E-Bike Adventure: Set out on an active e-bike ride through Ferrol’s coastal surroundings, taking in picturesque landscapes and sweeping views along the way. Enjoy a different perspective of the region as you follow a guided route combining natural scenery with local highlights. Docked: 13:00 – 20:00

Arrives On: 18 May 27

Day 4: Aviles (Spain)

Sailing into Avilés, you'll be greeted by stunning views of the picturesque harbour and its beautiful blend of medieval and modern architecture. The city's old town, or Casco Antiguo, features a range of well-preserved medieval buildings and streets. Highlights include the Plaza del Carbayedo, a charming square home to a lively weekly market. For a deeper dive into the region's heritage, explore nearby Oviedo, a World Heritage site renowned for its rich history and stunning architecture. As you sail out of Avilés, unwind at the Sky Bar and share your travel experiences with fellow guests while enjoying panoramic views. 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.

Gijon 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: 8:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 19 May 27

Day 5: Bilbao (Spain)

Today you'll explore Bilbao, deemed one of the Basque Country jewels. This vibrant city is famous for its striking modern architecture, home to the iconic Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, which showcases contemporary art and is a must-visit attraction. Bilbao also boasts a rich cultural heritage, which can be experienced by visiting landmarks such as the Basílica de Begoña and the Casco Viejo, or the charming old town. It's also a culinary hotspot, with a range of pintxo bars and restaurants serving up traditional Basque cuisine. 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: 8:00 – 22:00

Arrives On: 20 May 27

Day 6: San Sebastian (Spain)

Enjoy a relaxed and delicious breakfast in the privacy of your ultra-luxury suite or meet your fellow guests at the Yacht Club. Then, set out to explore the charming San Sebastián. The famous La Concha Beach offers beautiful views of the Bay of Biscay, where the historic old town, known as Parte Vieja, is home to some of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Chorus and the San Vicente Church. Less than ten kilometres from San Sebastián is the picturesque fishing village of Pasajes. 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.

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.

Highlights of San Sebastian: Discover the elegant coastal city of San Sebastián on a guided exploration of its most notable landmarks. Take in the beautiful La Concha Bay and explore the atmospheric streets of the historic Old Town while learning about the city's distinctive Basque culture and heritage. Docked: 8:00 – 19:00

Arrives On: 21 May 27

Day 7: Bordeaux (France)

Today, sail inland along the Garonne River, surrounded by lush vineyards while the sun casts a golden glow upon Bordeaux Cathedral. Look out for its gothic spires 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. 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.

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.

Panoramic drive of Bordeaux & Wine Culture Museum: Explore Bordeaux's UNESCO-listed landmarks on a panoramic city tour, then discover the world of wine at La Cité du Vin. Finish with a wine tasting and panoramic city views from the Belvedere.

Overview on the Bay of Arachon: Explore Arcachon Bay and climb the Dune du Pilat for stunning coastal views. Visit La Teste-de-Buch for an oyster tasting with Bordeaux white wine before returning to

Bordeaux. Docked: 8:00 - Overnight

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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:
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.

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 Cheese and Wine Tasting: Journey through Bordeaux’s historic wine district and the prestigious Médoc region, passing elegant vineyards and renowned châteaux. Enjoy a photo stop at Château Margaux before visiting a Classified Wine Estate. Discover traditional winemaking techniques and savour three estate wines paired with local bread and cheese. Docked: Overnight

Arrives On: 23 May 27

Day 9: Bordeaux (France)

You may choose to 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. 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.

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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Overview on the Bay of Arachon: Explore Arcachon Bay and climb the Dune du Pilat for stunning coastal views. Visit La Teste-de-Buch for an oyster tasting with Bordeaux white wine before returning to Bordeaux. Docked: 6:00 – 17:00

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Day 10: Belle-Île-en-Mer (France)

One of France’s most beautiful islands, Belle-Île boasts a lush countryside, jagged rocky coastlines, quaint seaside hamlets and pastel-coloured homes. It is a mythical destination that has long inspired sailors, authors like Flaubert and Dumas and painters like Claude Monet and Matisse. This pristine location can only be accessed by boat, which means that mainstream tourists are few and far between. Explore the islands rich history and gain a new appreciation of its natural beauty.
Belle Île Panoramic Tour: Experience the highlights of Belle-Île on a panoramic tour showcasing its diverse landscapes and unique character. Enjoy scenic viewpoints, cultural landmarks and photo stops that capture the island’s authentic charm.

Belle Île, Eden Garden & Port Coton: Visit Eden Garden where the owner will take you on a guided walk. Then marvel at the rock pyramids of the Port Coton Needles.

Belle Île & Oyster Tasting: Enjoy a short sightseeing tour before arriving at the famous Castel Clara restaurant for delicious local oysters paired with a glass of white wine.?

Hiking Belle Île from Port Jean to Le Palais: Follow your guide on a hike along the wild coast, admiring pretty coves, turquoise waters and picturesque ports. Anchored: 10:00 – 20:00

Arrives On: 25 May 27

Day 12: Dublin (Ireland)

Your cruise finishes in the Irish capital, an ancient city with a vibrant culture and music in its soul. Savour one last breakfast in your suite before saying goodbye to your new friends and the crew who shared this voyage with you, taking with you memories of a truly unforgettable journey. Scenic transfers are only available for flights departing out of Dublin after 12:00 PM. Docked: 8:00 #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. Specialty restaurants require a reservation, enquire on board. ^Flights on board our two helicopters and submersible experiences are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather

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