



Cruise Details

Name:	Ultimate Cultures & Wonders of Europe: Italy to Ireland
Reference:	SCENIC312M050527-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse
Regions:	Northern Europe
Departs On:	05 May 27
Departs From:	Civitavecchia
Arrives On:	27 May 27
Arrives At:	Dublin
Cruise Nights:	22
Total Vacation Days:	23

Itinerary

Day 1: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Welcome to the Eternal City, where ancient monuments and elaborate churches sit alongside busy cafes and designer boutiques. Your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht will be waiting at Civitavecchia, a Roman port dating back to the second century. When you arrive, be warmly welcomed on board by the Captain and crew. Settle in your 6-star suite and ask the butler to help you choose from the pillow menu. Head to the Sky Bar on Deck 10 and toast the beginning of an unforgettable voyage as you watch the city's twinkling lights. Please book your flight to arrive into Rome prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 05 May 27

Day 2: Sorrento (Italy)

<p>Your first stop is Sorrento, a gorgeous resort town overlooking the Bay of Naples. Known as the land of lemons and orange groves, Sorrento's natural assets have been put to good use; it's the birthplace of limoncello liqueur. Sorrento is also the gateway to the spectacular Amalfi Coast, which stretches away along the rocky shoreline of the deep blue Mediterranean. Spend your day wandering Sorrento's peaceful alleyways and discover its historic pastel buildings, grand villas, luxury hotels and picturesque cafes. </p><p>In the early morning, Scenic Eclipse will set sail towards Capri. Enjoy spectacular views from the open deck as the island's iconic cliffs and shimmering waters come into view, setting the stage for a magical day. </p>

Arrives On: 06 May 27

Day 3: Capri (Italy)

<p>Capri's mythical charm has captured hearts for more than 2,000 years. Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus fell in love with the island in 29BC, building villas, temples and gardens for his own private paradise. Today, its jaw-dropping beauty still draws royalty, celebrities and fashionable travelers from across the world. </p><p>Wander through the Piazzetta and listen to the melodious chiming of the clock tower, admire the impossibly blue ocean as it crashes onto the cliffs, and taste its famous flourless chocolate cake or a fresh caprese salad. </p>

Arrives On: 07 May 27

Day 4: Taormina (Italy)

<p>This morning, you'll sail through the Strait of Messina, which separates the Italian mainland from Sicily. The passage offers stunning views of rugged coastlines and distant mountains on the way to Giardini Naxos. This popular and picturesque seaside resort stands on the site of Sicily's earliest Greek colony, offering a glimpse into the island's ancient past. </p><p>Known as the Jewel of Sicily, Taormina was once a stop on the famed Grand Tour of the 19th century. Today it's packed with luxury hotels, exceptional restaurants and designer boutiques. It's also the gateway to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. </p>

Arrives On: 08 May 27

Day 5: Valletta (Malta)

<p>Imposing protective walls and towering bastions announce the Maltese capital of Valletta as you approach by sea. Situated on a narrow peninsula, Valletta was founded in 1566 by the Knights of St. John and remains a living testament to their vision and glory. Today, the town is a compact historical gem brimming with Baroque masterpieces and captivating stories. </p>

Arrives On: 09 May 27

Day 6: Tunis (Tunisia)

A fascinating crossroads of cultures, Tunis has at its heart the UNESCO-listed Medina, a maze of winding alleyways filled with bustling souks, historic mosques, and ornate palaces. Just beyond the city, the legendary ruins of Carthage stand as a testament to one of history's greatest civilizations, offering a glimpse into the power and grandeur of the ancient Phoenician and Roman empires.

Arrives On: 10 May 27

Day 7: Annaba (ex Bone) (Algeria)

Discover Annaba, Algeria's vibrant eastern coastal gem and its fourth-largest city, brimming with rich history and cultural significance. Once known as Hippo Regius, it was an important centre of the Roman Empire and the home of Saint Augustine, one of Christianity's most influential figures. Beyond its archaeological wonders, Annaba boasts a scenic coastline, lively markets, and elegant French colonial architecture, blending European and North African influences.

Arrives On: 11 May 27

Day 9: Almería (Spain)

Immerse yourself in the rich history of Almería, where the majestic La Alcazaba fortress stands as a powerful symbol of Spain's Moorish heritage. Built in the mid-10th century, it was once one of the country's mightiest fortresses, second only to the iconic Alhambra. As your ship sails into port, enjoy the breathtaking coastal views before stepping ashore to explore Almería's lively streets and historic treasures. With its perfect mix of culture, history, and stunning landscapes, Almería offers an unforgettable experience that will captivate you at every turn.

Arrives On: 13 May 27

Day 10: Marbella (Spain)

Known for luxury cars, expensive shops and impressive yachts, Puerto Banús sets the standard in exclusivity. This small town was developed in the 1970s to be the perfect combination of Andalusian culture; part fishing village, part stylish port town with sophistication and elegance.

Set against a backdrop of immense mountains, wind your way through the town's narrow streets lined with flower boxes. Or experience one of the excellent golf courses that dot the hills behind the town. Indulge in the vibrant atmosphere of the glamorous bars before returning onboard for an evening of relaxation and luxury.

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 11: Portimão (Portugal)

<p>On the western Algarve, Portimão is a small port with a bustling historic centre. Spend the day exploring this former fishing town, where architectural masterpieces from the 19th and 20th century seamlessly blend with colourful contemporary structures, fronted by a breathtaking promenade. Visit the shops selling traditional lace, ceramics and leather goods, and experience one of the many fantastic restaurants. Admire the steep limestone cliffs that surround its sandy beach of Praia da Rocha and swim in its turquoise waters. </p>

Arrives On: 15 May 27

Day 12: Lisbon (Portugal)

<p>Welcome to Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital, and a city of rich maritime heritage and stunning architecture. Perched on seven hills overlooking the Tagus River, its cobbled streets lead to grand plazas, historic landmarks and lively neighbourhoods filled with cafés and boutiques. Explore the city's unique blend of old and new, from medieval castles and ornate monasteries to contemporary art and modern design. Whether wandering through the atmospheric alleys of Alfama, admiring the intricate tilework of historic buildings or savouring local delicacies, Lisbon captivates with its warm spirit.</p>

Arrives On: 16 May 27

Day 13: Leixões (Portugal)

<p>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. </p><p>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. </p>

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 14: Ferrol (Spain)

<p>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. </p><p>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. </p>

Arrives On: 18 May 27

Day 15: 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.

Arrives On: 19 May 27

Day 16: 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.

Arrives On: 20 May 27

Day 17: 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.

Arrives On: 21 May 27

Day 18: 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.

Arrives On: 22 May 27

Day 19: 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.

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Day 20: 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.

Arrives On: 24 May 27

Day 21: 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.

Arrives On: 25 May 27

Day 23: 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.

Please book your flight to depart out of Dublin after 12:00 PM.

#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, ice and tidal conditions.

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