Cruise Details

Name:	Splendours of Sicily, Italy and the French Riviera
Reference:	SCENIC351M130527-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	13 May 27
Departs From:	Valletta
Arrives On:	21 May 27
Arrives At:	Nice
Cruise Nights:	8
Total Vacation Days:	9

Itinerary

Day 1: Valletta (Malta)

One of Europe’s smallest capitals, Valetta offers so much for its size. The Maltese capital was crowned the European Capital of Culture in 2018 by the European Union for its brilliant mix of history and modernity. Amidst the cobblestone streets and ancient walls of this World Heritage-listed city, you’ll find lively art, culinary and nightlife scenes.

Step on board Your Discovery Yacht this afternoon. Enjoy a warm greeting from the Captain and the crew, meet your butler and settle into your spacious suite. Join your fellow guests at the Sky Bar to toast the start of an unforgettable voyage. Scenic transfers are only available for flights arriving into Valletta prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 13 May 27

Day 2: Taormina (Italy)

Known as the Jewel of Sicily, Taormina is one of the island’s most popular resorts. Once a stop on the famed Grand Tour of the 19th century, today it is packed with luxury hotels, exceptional restaurants and designer boutiques. It’s also the gateway to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, which dominates the picturesque backdrop. This charming small town set high above the Ionian Sea is known for its stunning ancient theatre, beautifully resorted medieval buildings, astonishing vistas and exclusive atmosphere. Scenic Freechoice:
Walking Tour of Taormina: Enjoy a scenic drive to Taormina to explore the Greek Theatre and Cathedral, then free time to shop or stroll the medieval streets.

Etna & Wine Experience: Traverse winding mountain roads to explore Europe's largest active volcano, Mt. Etna, Crater Silvestri, before visiting a local winery.

Cucina del Sole Cooking Class: Journey to a charming village on Mount Etna for a hands-on Sicilian cooking class in a traditional home. Prepare and enjoy local dishes, then return to Giardini Naxos.

Hike to Madonna della Rocca: Travel to Taormina, then hike to Madonna della Rocca sanctuary at 400m altitude, for stunning views of the sea, mountains and Mount Etna. Enjoy a refreshment before returning to the pier. Anchored: 8:00 – 15:00

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 3: Sorrento (Italy)

A small resort town with a huge reputation, Sorrento is known as the land of lemons and orange groves. It’s the birthplace of limoncello liqueur and the gateway to the spectacular Amalfi Coast. Perched on cliffs that plunge into the deep blue of the Mediterranean, it’s a place of peaceful alleyways, pastel-coloured buildings, grand villas and luxury hotels. Scenic Freechoice:
Guided Tour of Pompeii: Step back in time with a guided exploration of Pompeii, remarkably preserved beneath volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. Discover ancient streets, villas, frescoes and mosaics while learning about Roman life. Conclude with a refreshing drink and a slice of authentic Neapolitan pizza before returning to Sorrento.

Hike on the Path of Gods & Positano: Travel to Agerola for a scenic hike high above the Amalfi Coast, enjoying breathtaking views of coastal villages and Mount Pertuso. Continue to picturesque Positano, where pastel-coloured houses, boutiques and seaside cafés await. Enjoy free time to explore before returning to Sorrento.

Walking tour of Sorrento: Explore Sorrento on foot, discovering the Valley of the Mills, Sant’Antonino Church, San Francesco Cloister, historic fishing harbor and charming old town. Admire Sorrento Bay’s views while learning about local history and heritage. Conclude your stroll with a refreshing taste of authentic Italian gelato or lemon granita.

Taste of Sorrento: Visit a local farm near Sorrento and discover the traditional art of mozzarella making. Stroll through lemon and olive groves while sampling freshly baked bread, cheeses and salami. Meet your gracious host, learn about authentic Italian food production and enjoy a peaceful taste of the countryside. Anchored: 7:30 – 18:00

Arrives On: 15 May 27

Day 4: Civitavecchia (Italy)

As your Discovery Yacht arrives in Civitavecchia, the gateway to Rome, the grandeur of Forte Michelangelo stands as a testament to the region’s rich maritime history. Today is your opportunity to immerse yourself in the Eternal City, just a short journey away. Choose from Scenic Freechoice excursions, from uncovering ancient wonders at the Colosseum and Vatican to strolling through Piazza Navona and the Trevi Fountain, indulging in authentic Italian espresso or gelato along the way. After a day of discovery, return to your Discovery Yacht, where relaxation and world-class dining await. Scenic Freechoice:
Rome City Tour with Colosseum & Lunch: Discover Rome’s remarkable history on a guided city exploration, including a visit to the iconic Colosseum. See some of the capital’s most celebrated landmarks before enjoying a relaxing lunch.

Gourmet Walking Tour of Rome: Explore Rome on foot while sampling a selection of local specialities along the way. Discover the city’s culinary traditions, atmospheric streets and vibrant neighbourhoods through their distinctive flavours.

Rome by Vintage Fiat: Experience the Eternal City from the passenger seat of a classic vintage Fiat. Travel through Rome’s characterful streets and admire iconic landmarks from a memorable and distinctly Italian perspective.

Vatican City: Discover the artistic and spiritual treasures of Vatican City on a guided visit. Admire its extraordinary architecture, celebrated masterpieces and centuries of fascinating history. Docked: 7:30 – 20:00

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Day 5: Bastia (France)

One of the busiest cruise ports in the Mediterranean, Bastia is the gateway to the island of Corsica.

The name Bastia comes from the word ‘bastion’, which is tied to the Genoese fortress that was built here in the 14th century. It now houses the interesting Musee de Bastia, which traces the town’s history from early Roman times. The old town is split into two parts; Terra Vecchia around the harbour and Terra Nova in the high-walled citadel above. Place Saint-Nicolas is at the heart of the town, a charming square lined with outdoor cafes. Scenic Freechoice:
Nebio, Patrimonio & Wine Tasting: Enjoy a scenic drive along Corsica’s coast to the charming town of St. Florent, passing vineyards, hilltop villages and stunning sea views. Stroll through the town at your leisure before savouring local wines in the famed Patrimonio region.

Cap Corse: Explore Cap Corse’s wild beauty, visiting Genoese towers, authentic marinas, Nonza’s cliffside views and Patrimonio’s renowned vineyards. Enjoy a scenic drive over Teghime Pass, immersing in Corsica’s heritage and landscapes.

Highlights of Bastia: Enjoy a guided walk through Bastia’s historic quarters, from lively squares to baroque churches and the hilltop citadel. After exploring key landmarks, take time to soak in the city’s authentic Corsican charm at your own pace.

Hike in Bastia:

Visit Bastia’s Oratoire de Monserato, home to the rare Scala Santa, one of only seven holy staircases worldwide, modelled after Rome’s famous steps. Docked: 8:00 – 19:00

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Day 6: Portofino (Italy)

Portofino, with its postcard-perfect scenery and undeniable Mediterranean charm, invites you to embrace la dolce vita. Vibrant, colourful buildings line the shores of crystal-clear waters, framed by lush, pine-covered hills. Thanks to another late departure, you’ll have ample time to explore luxury boutiques, take a dip in the turquoise bay, savour impeccably fresh seafood, and spot celebrities at the exclusive bars scattered around the iconic Piazzetta. Scenic Freechoice:
Portofino Walking Tour & Gelato: Stroll through picturesque Portofino, visit the Church of St. George and enjoy artisanal gelato in the Piazzetta. Then, take time to explore this charming village at your leisure.

Santa Margherita Walking Tour: Explore Santa Margherita Ligure’s vibrant seafront and picturesque harbour. Visit the Baroque Basilica di Santa Margherita d’Antiochia and elegant Villa Durazzo-Centurione gardens, then enjoy artisanal gelato and free exploration.

Portofino & Brown Castle: Discover Portofino on a guided walk through its colourful harbour, historic Castello Brown and scenic lighthouse. Visit the Church of St. George, then enjoy free time to explore the charming Piazzetta.

Culinary Experience in Rapallo: Sail along the Ligurian coast to Rapallo for a hands-on cooking experience with local chef Guido. Explore the market, prepare traditional pesto and pandolce, and enjoy tastings paired with regional drinks. Then continue to picturesque Portofino, with free time to explore its charming waterfront and streets. Anchored: 8:00 – 22:00

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Day 7: Monte-Carlo (Monaco)

Step into the world of luxury and prestige in Monte Carlo, where sleek superyachts, haute couture boutiques, and Michelin-starred dining create an atmosphere of effortless elegance. Wander through Monaco’s Old Town, visit the opulent Prince’s Palace, or try your luck at the legendary Casino de Monte-Carlo, an architectural masterpiece by Charles Garnier. From the glamorous marinas to the panoramic coastal views, every moment in Monaco is an invitation to indulge in the extraordinary. Scenic Freechoice:
Old City of Monaco & Monte Carlo City: Explore Monte-Carlo and Monaco Old Town on foot and by bus on this guided tour. Admire Prince’s Palace Square and the legendary Monte-Carlo Casino.

Saint Paul de Vence: Embark on an unforgettable journey as you explore the breathtaking beauty and captivating galleries of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, one of the French Riviera’s oldest towns.

Eze & Villa Rothschild: After a scenic drive, discover the hilltop village of Eze and

its Exotic Garden, then explore the elegant Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat before returning along the beautiful Lower Corniche.

Perfume Workshop in Grasse: Visit a classic Grasse perfume factory, discover the art of fragrance making and create your own unique scent to keep and cherish. Docked or Anchored: 8:00 – 23:00

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Day 8: Cannes (France)

A city synonymous with glamour and prestige, Cannes invites you to stroll along the legendary Boulevard de la Croisette, lined with designer boutiques, luxury hotels, and sun-drenched beaches. Explore the charming Le Suquet district, where cobbled streets lead to breathtaking views over the French Riviera. Visit the Palais des Festivals, home to the world-famous Cannes Film Festival. Scenic Freechoice:
Cannes by Foot: Embark on a guided walking tour of Cannes' glamorous streets, passing luxury yachts and Le Suquet's historic church for panoramic bay views. Explore lively Marché Forville, then stroll the iconic Promenade de la Croisette, soaking in Riviera elegance.

Perfume Factory Visit & Picnic Lunch: Visit Grasse, the Capital of Perfume. Enjoy an exclusive tour of a perfume factory, then savour a picnic at a nearby country house.

Delights of Cannes: Explore the Old Town of Cannes. Taste local favourites like socca (a savoury chickpea pancake) and rosé while exploring Cannes' apéritif culture, then enjoy a hands-on moment making tapenade, aioli and a refreshing soft drink.

Wine Tasting at Chateau St Martin: Escape to Château St Martin in Provence for a guided cellar tour, exploring its Roman and monastic heritage. Savour a tasting of exceptional rosé and other wines, enjoying a serene countryside retreat. Anchored: 8:00 – 23:00

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Day 9: Nice (France)

Your Signature Yacht Cruise ends in Nice, one of the most famous port cities of the Côte d'Azur. After a final delicious breakfast, you will disembark and be transferred to the airport for your onward journey or return flight home, taking wonderful memories with you. Scenic transfers are only available for flights departing out of Nice 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 conditions. Helicopter not operational in France. Submersible not operational in Europe. The

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