

# **Cruise Details**

Name: Ultimate European Heritage: Portugal to Scotland

Reference: SCENIC402B120526-2
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: 03 Jun 26

Arrives At: Leith

Cruise Nights: 22 Total Vacation Days: 23

# **Itinerary**

#### Day 1: Lisbon (Portugal)

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

Arrives On: 12 May 26

## Day 2: Leixões (Portugal)

<span>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)

<span>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. </span><span>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)

<span>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)

<span>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. </span><span>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)

<span>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)

<span>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. </span><span>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)

<span>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. </span><span>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)

<span>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)

<span>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)

<span>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)

<span>Welcome to Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland. Named Dubh Linn by the Vikings, this city on the River Liffey is a heady mix of heritage, culture and craic (fun). Steep in 1000 years of history, the Dublin is resplendent with cobbled streets and Georgian architecture. It is known for its friendly locals, hedonistic pub culture and has a rich literary scene, producing four Nobel Laureates.<span>comfort of your suite and have your evening nightcap brought by your butler, choosing from a range of premium wines, beers and spirits.

Arrives On: 23 May 26

## Day 13: Belfast (Northern Ireland)

<span>Arrive in Belfast this morning, a city with a dynamic arts and music scene and a rich maritime heritage. It was the place where the Titanic was built, and you can learn more about the ill-fated ship at the iconic Titanic Belfast Museum. discover the breathtaking landscape of the World Heritage-listed Giant's Causeway, some 40,000 columns lying at the foot of basalt cliffs. Your ship will stay in Belfast until later this evening, giving you the opportunity to wander through the city's charming streets lined with historic architecture as the lights start to sparkle.

Arrives On: 24 May 26

## Day 14: Iona, Hebrides (Scotland)

<span>lona Island is a jewel of Scotland's Inner Hebrides. Explore the medieval Iona Abbey, known as the cradle of Celtic Christianity. Wander through the peaceful ruins of the nearby Nunnery, which overlooks the azure waters of the Atlantic. Follow the Nunnery Walk, a scenic path offering breathtaking views of the island's rugged coastline and pristine beaches.
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/p><span>Relax in your spacious suite on board as you cruise to Staffa, an enchanting island off the coast of Scotland. Here you'll explore Fingal's Cave, a sea cave renowned for its dramatic basalt columns. Get up close to this geological marvel on a zodiac.

Arrives On: 25 May 26

## Day 14: Staffa Island (Scotland)

Arrives On: 25 May 26

## Day 15: Oban, Stewart Island (New Zealand)

<span>This morning you'll explore Oban and its charming harbour, dotted with colourful fishing boats and framed by lush hillsides. Oban is synonymous with whiskey and is known as the seafood capital of Scotland.<span>Later in the day, cruise through the Sound of Mull, past towering cliffs, tranquil bays, and hidden coves. Head to the Observation Deck with the Discovery Team for the chance to spot playful seals, dolphins, and majestic sea eagles. Or curl up in a cabana on the Sky Deck with a refreshing drink to watch the magnificent scenery float by.

Arrives On: 26 May 26

#### Day 15: Sound of Mull (Scotland)

Arrives On: 26 May 26

#### Day 16: St. Kilda Archipelago (Scotland)

<span>St. Kilda is a World Heritage-listed site nestled in the remote Outer Hebrides. This pristine archipelago is home to one of Europe's most important seabird colonies, playful seals and dramatic cliffs that rise from the Atlantic Ocean. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the resilient inhabitants.
<span>Cruise through the Flannan Isles, where the

disappearance of three lighthouse keepers at the turn of the 20th century is one of Ireland's greatest mysteries. Spot wildlife including puffins, whales and dolphins as you relax on your private verandah with afternoon tea delivered by your butler.

Arrives On: 27 May 26

## Day 17: Portree, Isle of Skye (Scotland)

<span>Welcome to Portree, a picturesque harbour town on the stunning Isle of Skye. Fishing boats bob gently in the harbour, which is lined with candy-coloured buildings. Explore the quaint streets and boutique shops, cosy cafés, and traditional pubs that offer a taste of local hospitality. Take in breathtaking views of the surrounding rugged landscape and majestic Cuillin Mountains.
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This afternoon, Scenic Eclipse will cruise to Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. Join the Discovery Team in the state-of-the-art theatre for a lecture about the upcoming ports. In the evening, choose one of up to 10 world class dining experiences or request a private meal delivered to your suite by the butler.

Arrives On: 28 May 26

## Day 18: Stornoway, Isle of Lewis (Scotland)

<span>Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Gaelic culture and heritage in Stornoway, which was originally a Viking settlement. Explore the historic Lews Castle, the mysterious Callandish standing stones, and delight in the warmth of traditional Hebridean hospitality.
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span>As we cruise towards the Shetland Islands, you may wish to unwind in the expansive Senses Spa. Book a luxurious massage# or facial# or try one of the alternative therapies, such as Japanese shiatsu, Indian Ayurvedic massage and Tibetan bowl sound healing.

Arrives On: 29 May 26

#### Day 19: Lerwick, Shetland Islands (Scotland)

<span>Lerwick is the heart of the Shetland Islands. Be enchanted by this historic seaport, where Norse heritage meets Scottish charm. Explore the winding streets lined with colourful buildings, browse the bustling shops and sample local delicacies at the cafés. Discover the fascinating history of the islands at the Shetland Museum and Archives or pay a visit to the bustling market square.<span>Enjoy dinner in town or return to the ship for a relaxed meal in the alfresco Yacht Club or fine French cuisine at Lumière. Visit the state-of-the-art theatre this evening for world-class musical productions.

Arrives On: 30 May 26

Day 20: Kirkwall, Orkney Islands (Scotland)

<span>Welcome to Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands. Explore the iconic St. Magnus Cathedral, a masterpiece of medieval architecture, or wander through the charming streets lined with quaint shops and cosy cafés. Dive into Orkney's rich heritage at the Orkney Museum, housing artefacts dating thousands of years. Other highlights include the Neolithic sites of Skara Brae and the Ring of Brodgar, offering glimpses into Orkney's prehistoric past.</span><span>Head to the Sky Deck this evening for a glass of Champagne as the ship departs Kirkwall or request your butler to deliver your favourite cocktail to your suite.

Arrives On: 31 May 26

## Day 21: Aberdeen (Scotland)

<span>Nestled on the northeast coast, Aberdeen is Scotland's Granite City, with more than half its buildings constructed with stone from the local quarry. Wander through the picturesque streets of Old Aberdeen, where medieval buildings stand testament to centuries of history, and visit Marischal College and St. Machar's Cathedral. Indulge in the city's fresh seafood at its bustling markets or savourlocal delicacies in its quaint pubs.
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you may wish to visit the gym for an invigorating workout or the PURE: Yoga & Pilates Studio for some guided stretching or aerial yoga.

Arrives On: 01 Jun 26

## Day 22: Leith (Scotland)

<span>Arrive in Leith this morning, which was once Scotland's main port for trade and named one of the coolest neighbourhoods in the world. Explore the iconic Royal Yacht Britannia, once the floating residence of the British Royal Family. Wander along the historic Water of Leith Walkway, lined with pubs, galleries, and boutiques.<span>Your Discovery Yacht will dock overnight, so you have time to head into the historic city of Edinburgh, to see its iconic castle perched atop an ancient volcanic rock and its bustling streets. Back on board, settle in at the spacious Scenic Lounge Bar to enjoy your beverage of choice, whether it be aged whiskey or a glass of wine, and share your journey's favourite memories with your new friends.

Arrives On: 02 Jun 26

# Day 23: Leith (Scotland)

<span>Your journey of wonder ends this morning in Leith. After one final delicious breakfast on board Scenic Eclipse, it's time to disembark your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht. Take with you a lifetime of memories of a truly exceptional journey in this unique part of Europe.
<span>The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Scenic cannot guarantee the voyage will operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further

information.</span><span># 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</span><span>Please book your flight to depart out of Edinburgh after 12:00 PM.</span>

Arrives On: 03 Jun 26

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