



## Cruise Details

Name:	Fiji to Hong Kong: Isles of Papua, Palau & the Philippines
Reference:	SCENIC511F110229-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Asia
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Departs On:	11 Feb 29
Departs From:	Lautoka
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Arrives On:	06 Mar 29
Arrives At:	Hong Kong
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Cruise Nights:	23
Total Vacation Days:	24

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Lautoka (Fiji)

Bula! Welcome to Fiji and the nation's second largest city, Lautoka, nestled in the heart of sugar-cane country. This sweet start to your voyage opens up a world of blissful beaches, turquoise seascapes, dense jungle and the always-smiling Fijian locals. Your Discovery Voyage into wonder begins with a warm greeting by the Captain and crew as you step on board Scenic Eclipse II. Sip on a glass of Champagne as you explore your luxurious suite, then join fellow guests at the Sky Bar to toast the start of an unforgettable voyage. Please book your flight to arrive into Nadi prior to 02:00 PM.

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### Day 4: Champagne Bay, Espiritu Santo Island (Vanuatu)

Espiritu Santo, the largest island in Vanuatu's archipelago, enchants with Champagne Bay, one of the world's most exquisite beaches where a freshwater spring flows into the lagoon

creating a spa-like bubbling sensation at low tide. Inhabited by the Ni-Vanuatu, who preserve Melanesian traditions, you're welcomed ashore with a lively string band and the mesmerising water music women's performance. Taste seasonal fruits, nuts, and kava, a revered local drink, before a scenic bus ride to swim in a stunning blue hole, immersing you in the island's vibrant culture and natural wonders.

**Scenic Discovery:**

Today you may enjoy an assortment of Discovery activities, weather and local authority approvals permitting. Navigate calm waters by kayak or stand-up paddleboard and snorkel amidst colourful reefs.

Arrives On: 14 Feb 29

#### Day 5: Lata, Nendo Island (Solomon Islands)

Lata, a serene and picturesque town on Nendö Island, also known as Ndende Island, in the Solomon Islands, enchants with its natural beauty and tranquil charm. The warm and welcoming locals invite you to experience their rich traditions and way of life. With pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters, Lata offers exceptional snorkelling, where vibrant coral reefs and abundant marine life create unforgettable underwater experiences.

Arrives On: 15 Feb 29

#### Day 6: Santa Ana Island (Solomon Islands)

Step ashore on Santa Ana Island, also known as Owaraha, a remote coral gem in the southeastern Solomons. Rich in history and culture, the island offers a rare glimpse into traditional island life. Wander through vibrant villages, meet welcoming locals, and discover handcrafted treasures that reflect centuries of heritage. Relax on pristine beaches with crystal-clear waters, where snorkelling unveils vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine life.

**Scenic Discovery:**

Delight in an array of Discovery activities, weather and local authority approvals permitting. Paddle across serene waters by kayak or stand-up paddleboard, snorkel over stunning reefs, or opt for an exclusive optional helicopter<sup>^</sup> or submersible<sup>^</sup> experience to uncover breathtaking vistas.

Arrives On: 16 Feb 29

#### Day 7: Honiara, Guadalcanal Island (Solomon Islands)

The Solomon Islands' largest island, cloaked in tropical rainforest, boasts palm-fringed coasts and pristine white-sand beaches. Surrounded by clear waters teeming with wildlife, delve into history at World War II relics and monuments, including the Battle of Guadalcanal sites. Honiara unveils its wartime significance, with the Vilu War Museum, Cultural Centre, National Museum, and National Archives, blending natural beauty with rich heritage. Walk along the waterfront markets, where local vendors offer fresh produce, handwoven baskets and carved

wooden artefacts, providing a vibrant glimpse into everyday Solomon Island life.

Arrives On: 17 Feb 29

#### Day 8: Njari Island (Solomon Islands)

The Solomon Islands offer exceptional opportunities to explore a vibrant underwater world. Pristine reefs reveal an extraordinary diversity of marine life, from colourful reef fish to graceful rays, playful dolphins, and sea turtles gliding through crystal-clear waters. With expansive coral gardens and thriving ecosystems, the region is a haven for snorkelling, diving, and underwater photography.

Njari Island, a remote and uninhabited island just offshore from Gizo, epitomises tropical serenity. Fringed by white sand and turquoise waters, its secluded shores invite relaxed swimming and immersive snorkelling in an idyllic island setting. Gizo itself serves as the gateway to the Western Province, where wartime wrecks lie beneath the surface and the legacy of PT-109 adds historical depth to the area's natural allure.

**Scenic Discovery:**

Embark on a water experience with your Discovery team, weather and local authority approvals permitting. Swimming in pristine lagoons, snorkelling amidst colourful marine ecosystems, and skimming the surface on a stand-up paddleboard, all in the heart of breathtaking surroundings.

Arrives On: 18 Feb 29

#### Day 8: Gizo (Solomon Islands)

Arrives On: 18 Feb 29

#### Day 9: Bougainville Island (Papua New Guinea)

Torokina sits on the shores of Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville's west coast, where dark sand beaches meet dense rainforest and low, forested hills. Once a strategically important landing site during the Second World War, today it is defined more by village life, simple churches and gardens close to the shoreline. Coming ashore offers a sense of everyday Bougainville, with the sound of the surf, children playing by the water and paths that lead inland beneath the canopy. The area's wartime past and ongoing links to the sea lend Torokina a quiet, reflective character that contrasts with its raw, green surroundings.

Arrives On: 19 Feb 29

#### Day 10: Rabaul, Bismarck Archipelago (Papua New Guinea)

Located at the eastern tip of New Britain, the tropical port town of Rabaul is renowned for its dramatic natural setting. Set along the sheltered waters of Simpson Harbour, the town is encircled by a ring of volcanoes, including the still-active Mount Tavurvur, creating a striking

landscape shaped by powerful natural forces. Volcanic ash blankets parts of the old town, where remnants of pre-eruption buildings stand as testament to nature's force.   
The area's network of wartime tunnels, built by Japanese forces during World War II, offers a sobering glimpse into the region's strategic importance during the conflict. Later, depart Rabaul and sail across tranquil waters toward the Duke of York Islands, a picturesque archipelago set between New Britain and New Ireland. Dotted with palm-fringed shores and surrounded by clear, turquoise seas, these quiet islands offer a peaceful contrast to Rabaul's dramatic volcanic landscape, inviting relaxed exploration in an idyllic tropical setting.

Arrives On: 20 Feb 29

#### Day 10: Duke of York Island (Papua New Guinea)

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#### Day 12: Lorengau, Manus Island (Papua New Guinea)

Discover Manus Island, the northern jewel of the Admiralty Islands, where lush forests and vibrant wildlife thrive. Steeped in history yet remarkably untouched, the island offers a glimpse into life in one of Papua New Guinea's most remote regions. Keep an eye out for unique creatures such as the spotted cuscus (an endemic marsupial), or admire the island's iconic green tree snail, whose shells reflect centuries of local tradition. The island's sheltered harbour once served as a significant Allied naval base during World War II, and traces of that era remain visible along the coastline. Local villages maintain traditional ways of life, with fishing, weaving and canoe-building still central to daily routines. Manus is a serene, fascinating stop for curious travellers seeking natural beauty and cultural richness.

Arrives On: 22 Feb 29

#### Day 15: Koror (Palau)

Situated in the heart of the Pacific, Koror invites you to discover a captivating fusion of vibrant culture and breathtaking natural wonders. As the gateway to Palau's famed marine sanctuaries, Koror offers crystal-clear waters, pristine coral reefs, and an extraordinary diversity of tropical marine life, perfect for snorkelling, or exploration ashore.   
The Rock Islands, a World Heritage-listed site, rise dramatically from turquoise lagoons, their mushroom-shaped limestone formations creating one of the Pacific's most iconic seascapes. Jellyfish Lake offers a surreal swimming experience amongst harmless golden jellyfish, whilst traditional bai (meeting houses) showcase intricate carved storyboards depicting Palauan legends. Rich in history and warm island hospitality, Koror is a jewel of Micronesia.

Arrives On: 25 Feb 29

### Day 16: Koror (Palau)

An additional day in Koror invites a deeper look into the landscapes and traditions that define Palau. Explore further into the World Heritage-listed Rock Islands Southern Lagoon, where hidden inlets and emerald islets create a maze of sheltered waterways. You may choose to wander local markets, or learn more about Palau's matrilineal society and ancient customs through its traditional meeting houses. With more time on your side, Koror reveals layers of history and culture that reward a more considered exploration.

Arrives On: 26 Feb 29

### Day 18: Casolian (Philippines)

Casolian Island, in the central Philippines, also known as Corregidor Island, feels far removed from the country's busier resort centres. A sweep of pale sand, clear shallows and gently wooded slopes sets an unhurried tone from the moment you arrive. Time here is likely to centre on simple pleasures: walking the shoreline, swimming from the beach or sitting beneath the shade of coastal trees. Offshore, patches of coral and seagrass hint at the rich marine life that underpins local fishing traditions, offering a quiet glimpse of everyday island life in the Visayas. Small fishing boats rest along the shore, and the rhythm of village life unfolds at a gentle pace, with children sometimes playing near the water's edge and locals tending to nets and outrigger canoes.

Arrives On: 28 Feb 29

### Day 19: Cebu (Philippines)

Cebu, one of the Philippines' most historic cities, blends Spanish colonial landmarks, lively neighbourhoods and a growing contemporary arts and dining scene. Walk in the footsteps of early Spanish settlers at centuries-old churches and plazas before exploring markets and smaller boutiques for local crafts and design. Magellan's Cross, planted in 1521, marks the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines, whilst the Basilica del Santo Niño houses one of the country's oldest religious relics. Fort San Pedro, a Spanish-era fortification, offers a glimpse into Cebu's colonial past, whilst vibrant Carbon Market pulses with local life, fragrant spices and fresh produce. Time here may also reveal Cebu's coastal side, with nearby islands, marine reserves and beach-fringed shores adding another dimension to your visit.

Arrives On: 01 Mar 29

### Day 20: Boracay Island (Philippines)

Boracay is one of the Philippines' most recognisable island destinations, known for its long stretch of pale sand and clear, gently shelving water. Away from the busier beach sections, smaller coves and quieter walking routes reveal a softer side to the island. White Beach stretches

for several kilometres along the western shore, backed by coconut palms and low-rise resorts, whilst Puka Shell Beach to the north offers a more secluded setting. Offshore, coral gardens and gentle currents create ideal conditions for snorkelling, and traditional paraw sailboats still glide across the bay at sunset. You might spend time along the waterfront, pause at a café or bar to sample local dishes and fresh seafood, or simply sit and watch the rhythm of boats and walkers along the shore.

Arrives On: 02 Mar 29

#### Day 21: El Nido/Puerto Princesa (Philippines)

El Nido, at the northern tip of Palawan, is framed by limestone cliffs, sheltered lagoons and clear, shallow bays. The surrounding Bacuit Archipelago scatters small islands and pocket beaches across a compact stretch of sea, giving the area an intimate, almost enclosed feel. Hidden lagoons accessible only by kayak reveal calm waters surrounded by towering karst formations, whilst secluded beaches offer quiet stretches of sand away from the main town. Snorkelling sites around Miniloc and Shimizu islands showcase healthy coral gardens and diverse marine life, from parrotfish to occasional sea turtles. Time here tends to unfold at an easy pace, with opportunities to appreciate the interplay of rock, sand and sea and the distinctive coastal scenery that has made this corner of the Philippines so admired.

Arrives On: 03 Mar 29

#### Day 24: Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Hong Kong, where steep green hills frame one of the world's most recognisable harbours, provides a fitting finale to your journey. Traditional temples, lively markets and historic tramways sit alongside towering skyscrapers contemporary galleries and an evolving dining scene.

Your Discovery Voyage comes to a close this morning. After a final sumptuous breakfast, farewell your fellow guests and the Scenic Eclipse II crew, taking with you memories of an unforgettable ultra-luxury journey through the Pacific.

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

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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.

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