Cruise Details

Name:	The Hidden Wonders of the Mediterranean
Reference:	SCENIC601M060727-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	06 Jul 27
Departs From:	Valletta
Arrives On:	16 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Lisbon
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Valletta (Malta)

Welcome to Valletta, Malta. Europe’s smallest capital was crowned the European Capital of Culture in 2018 for its brilliant mix of history and modernity. Amidst the cobblestone streets and ancient walls of this World Heritage-listed city, you’ll find a lively art, culinary and nightlife scene.

Step on board your Discovery Yacht this afternoon and begin your Mediterranean journey with a warm greeting from the Captain and the crew. Meet your butler and settle into your spacious suite, then join your fellow guests at the Sky Bar to toast the start of an unforgettable Signature Yacht Cruise. Scenic transfers are only available for flights arriving into Valletta prior to 02:00 PM.

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Day 2: Valletta (Malta)

On your second day in Malta, embrace the chance to further explore the city's rich history, picturesque streets, and lively ambiance. Whether you visit iconic landmarks, discover hidden treasures tucked away in the old town, or simply unwind and take in the local charm, the day is yours to enjoy.

Later, as Scenic Eclipse II sails out of Valletta’s historic Grand Harbour, take in the breathtaking views of the city’s golden limestone fortifications glowing in the evening light, an unforgettable farewell to this captivating destination. Scenic Freechoice:
Guided Tour of Mdina & Valletta: Discover Malta’s historic capitals, beginning in fortified Mdina with its medieval streets and panoramic views. Continue to Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to admire St. John’s Co-Cathedral, the Grand Master’s Palace and Upper Barrakka Gardens, while exploring the city’s remarkable Baroque architecture and heritage.

Panoramic Tour of Malta with Wine Tasting: Explore Malta’s colourful fishing village of Marsaxlokk and enjoy panoramic views of the Blue Grotto and Filfla Island. Continue through the countryside to a local winery for a guided tasting of Maltese wines and delicacies, followed by a scenic photo stop overlooking historic St. Paul’s Islands before returning.

Getting to Know Malta: Discover Malta’s rich history and distinctive character on a guided journey through some of the island’s most notable landmarks and landscapes. Along the way, gain insight into its cultural heritage, traditions and centuries of Mediterranean influence.

Yacht Sailing Experience: Enjoy a relaxing sailing experience along Malta’s east coast aboard a spacious catamaran, cruising towards the St. Paul’s Islands. Swim in clear Mediterranean waters, discover marine life and sandy or rocky seabeds, and savour lunch onboard while enjoying scenic coastal views and time to unwind on deck. Docked: Overnight – 16:00

Arrives On: 07 Jul 27

Day 3: Trapani, Sicily (Italy)

Trapani was founded as a port for the hilltop fortress town of Erice. As ‘the city between two seas’, it holds an important strategic position on a peninsula where the Mediterranean Sea meets the Tyrrenhian Sea.
Walk the narrow streets filled with refined baroque buildings with their typical wrought-iron balconies, picturesque restaurants and antique shops. Visit the unfinished Temple of Segesta, built in 424BC by the native Elymi tribe. Be sure to try Cassatelle, delightful deep-fried pastries filled with a sweet mixture of ricotta cheese and chocolate drops, often enhanced with a hint of lemon. Scenic Freechoice:
Marsala, Salt Panes & Wine Tasting: Discover Sicily’s historic Salt Road, visiting the Ettore Infersa salt pans and their centuries-old windmill. Explore Marsala’s historic centre, shaped by diverse civilizations, before visiting a renowned winery. Learn about the region’s famous Marsala wine and enjoy a guided tasting amid picturesque coastal landscapes.

Secrets of Sicilian Cuisine: Immerse yourself in Sicilian culinary traditions at Baglio Elena, a charming countryside cooking school near Trapani. Enjoy a welcome drink before learning to prepare authentic local dishes, including couscous, Busiate pasta with Trapani-style pesto and

dessert. Savour your creations and receive a certificate of participation.

Sagesta & Erice: Discover western Sicily’s ancient and medieval heritage with visits to Segesta and Erice. Admire Segesta’s remarkably preserved Doric temple and Greek Theatre, then explore Erice’s cobbled streets, historic churches, castle and panoramic views. Enjoy a traditional Sicilian lunch before returning to the port. Docked: 8:00 – 17:00

Arrives On: 08 Jul 27

Day 4: Cagliari (Italy)

Cagliari is the capital of the island of Sardinia, nestled between the rolling hills and the sea. It’s home to one of the longest beaches in Italy, Poetta Beach, and Molentargius-Saline Regional Park, known for its bright pink flamingo colonies. Try unique culinary experiences, such as the traditional dishes malloreddus (Sardinian gnocchi) and porceddu (roast suckling pig).

Back on board, step into the tranquil Senses Spa# on Deck 6 with its steam rooms, saunas, Salt Therapy Lounge and Vitality pool. Later, choose to dine in the comfort of your suite and have your evening nightcap brought by your butler. Scenic Freechoice:
Cagliari City Sightseeing & Archaeological Museum: Discover Cagliari’s rich heritage, exploring the medieval Castello district, National Archaeological Museum and magnificent Cathedral of Santa Maria. Admire ancient fortifications and archaeological treasures while enjoying panoramic views of Santa Gilla and Molentargius lagoons, famous for their flamingos, and passing landmarks such as San Pancrazio Tower.

Panoramic Drive & Cheese Tasting: Explore Cagliari by scenic drive, passing Via Roma, Poetto Beach, the Spanish Tower and flamingo-filled Molentargius marshland. Enjoy panoramic views from Monte Urpinu before visiting a traditional Sardinian farmhouse, where you’ll discover local cheese-making techniques and savour a tasting of handcrafted cheeses paired with regional wines. Docked: 8:00 – 13:30

Arrives On: 09 Jul 27

Day 5: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

This morning, enjoy the unforgettable experience of sailing into Mahón, where colonial-style houses, dramatic cliffs, and the charming old town create a spectacular panorama.

Known for its British-style Georgian houses and medieval streets filled with palaces, churches and fortresses, Mahon is truly Vella i Bella (‘Old and Beautiful’). As the capital of the laid-back island of Menorca, the slow and gentle waves that lap on the shorelines set the rhythm of life. Experience history during a walk through the old town and gain insight into the great past of the town, a charismatic centre with a charm all its own. Scenic Freechoice:
Villages of Menorca & Caves: Discover Menorca’s natural and cultural highlights with panoramic views from Monte Toro, a drink at the legendary cliffside Xoroi Cave and a relaxing stroll through the picturesque, whitewashed village of Binibeca.

Cultures of

Menorca: This tour blends scenic views, local flavour and historic charm. Stroll through the peaceful fishing village of Fornells, taste Mahón cheese at a traditional farm and explore Mahón's colonial streets and landmarks.

Old Market of Mahon & Gin Experience: Uncover the flavours and heritage of Mahón on this guided walking tour through its historic old town. Visit the vibrant Mercat des Claustre for tastings of local cheeses, meats and wine, then tour the iconic Xoriguer gin distillery and sample its famed spirits.

Kayaking in Menorca: Explore Menorca's northern coastline by sea kayak, paddling through secluded coves, sandy beaches and dramatic rocky cliffs. Enjoy the island's peaceful natural beauty and stop for snorkelling in a protected marine reserve, discovering pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters and local marine life accompanied by the sounds of nature. Docked: 9:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 10 Jul 27

Day 6: Ibiza (Spain)

Whilst Ibiza is known for its dazzling sunsets and thriving party scene, there is more to this island than meets the eye. Home to beautiful nature and superb beaches, you will also discover archaeological sites and small villages almost untouched by modern life. With a full day in port and a late departure, you'll have time to sample everything this glamorous island has to offer then watch the sun dip below the horizon over a glass of sangria. Scenic Freechoice:
Organic Farm, Hierbas Workshop & Santa Eulalia: Visit a family-run farm in Ibiza's countryside for a hands-on hierbas liqueur workshop, where you can craft your own liqueur, tour the farm and enjoy local delicacies.

Discover Bibo Park & Aloe Vera Secrets: Take a panoramic drive to Bibo Park for a guided tour of over 20,000 native plants. Then visit an organic Aloe Vera Plantation for an organic cultivation tour, aloe sampling, soap workshop and refreshing Aloe Vera mojito.

Ibiza 4 x 4 Adventure: Explore Ibiza's southern coast by 4x4, visiting the dramatic red cliffs of Sa Caleta and the legendary Es Vedrà. Continue to Cala Conta, renowned for its turquoise waters and beautiful beaches, where you'll enjoy free time to swim, relax or soak up the scenery before returning to the pier.

SUP & Snorkeling in Ibiza: Explore Es Figueral by stand-up paddleboard, following your guide along the coastline and spotting historic watchtowers built to defend against pirate attacks. Cool off with a swim in the crystal-clear waters before relaxing on the beach, with time for sunbathing, snorkelling and enjoying its beautiful sandy shores.

Kayaking & Snorkeling in Ibiza: Paddle along the scenic shores of Es Figueral by kayak, taking in the island's coastal beauty and historic watchtowers perched above the cliffs. Take a refreshing swim in the clear waters, then enjoy leisure time on the beach for snorkelling, sunbathing and relaxation. Docked: 8:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 11 Jul 27

Day 7: Cartagena (Spain)

A prized location with one of the world’s greatest natural harbours at its doorstep, Cartagena surprises and delights. Once inhabited by the Romans, Cartagena is recognised for the wealth of ancient sites in and around the city. Enjoy exploring this beautiful port today.

As dusk falls, choose from up to 10 dining experiences on board. There’s Elements, where the menu ranges from Italian to steak and seafood, or channel the spirit of Asian Fusion at Koko’s. Journey to France at Lumiere), or dine in the privacy of your suite, choosing from a comprehensive 24-hour menu. Scenic Freechoice:
Walking Tour of Cartagena with Visit to Roman Theatre: Discover Cartagena, exploring its historic centre, elegant modernist architecture and impressive Roman Theatre, dating from the 1st century BC. Enjoy free time in the Old Quarter before visiting three local restaurants or bars to savour traditional Spanish tapas accompanied by sangría, local wine or a soft drink.

Andalusian Horses Cartagena Spain: Discover the Pure Spanish Horse at a family-owned ranch near Cartagena, meeting mares and foals before watching demonstrations of these elegant animals. Learn about breeding and training, then enjoy traditional Spanish tapas and refreshments alongside a captivating performance featuring an Andalusian dancer and trained stallion.

Kayaking Alongside the Bahia of Cartagena: Enjoy a two-hour sea kayaking adventure along Cartagena’s southeast coast. After a safety briefing and paddling introduction, follow your professional instructor through an unspoiled landscape of dramatic cliffs, crystal-clear waters and secluded natural coves, discovering the area’s scenic beauty from the water.

Murcia City Tour: Explore the historic and cultural highlights of Murcia and Cartagena in southeastern Spain. Visit Murcia Cathedral, admire the ornate Royal Casino, and enjoy a panoramic tour of Cartagena, taking in its historic port, Roman ruins, and modern architecture. The experience combines history, architecture, culture, and coastal scenery. Docked: 8:00 – 14:00

Arrives On: 12 Jul 27

Day 8: Puerto Banús (Spain)

Known for luxury cars, expensive shops and impressive yachts, Puerto Banús sets the standard in exclusivity – so you'll feel right at home on board your Discovery Yacht. This small town was developed in the 1970s to be the perfect combination of Andalusian culture, reflecting the fishing villages of the area as well as a 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. Experience one of the many glitzy bars this evening before another late departure. Scenic Freechoice:
Ronda & Olives Heritage: Discover Ronda’s iconic sights, including Puente Nuevo and the historic bullring, then visit LA Organic for an olive oil tasting and lunch in the Andalusian countryside.

Hiking at Nieves Natural Park: Hike through the scenic Sierra de las Nieves Park, spotting native wildlife and rare Spanish firs, then rest and unwind with a local tapas and drink.

Kayak in Puerto Banús: Enjoy a guided kayak tour from Marbella’s marina, paddling along the beautiful coastline with views of the town and Sierra Blanca mountains, and a chance to swim in the clear

Mediterranean waters. Anchored: 8:00 – 23:00

Arrives On: 13 Jul 27

Day 9: Tangier (Morocco)

At the northwestern tip of the African continent lies Tangier, guarding the Strait of Gibraltar where the Mediterranean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. Known as the White City for its whitewashed houses lining winding streets, Tangier has been shaped by numerous cultures and civilisations over the centuries. The strong Spanish influence makes it a prime example of Spanish-Moorish architecture. Today, Tangier is a bustling modern port and the busiest in the Mediterranean. After departure, don't miss the stunning passage through the Strait of Gibraltar and a view of the iconic Rock of Gibraltar. Scenic Freechoice:
Cap Spartel Hercules Caves & Kasbah: Travel along the Atlantic Coast to the Cap Spartel lighthouse and explore the enigmatic Hercules Caves and discover the historic Kasbah.

Tangier City Tour with American Legation: Discover the magic of Tangier as you explore the Kasbah, vibrant souks, and the historic American Legation. Soak in the city's unique blend of cultures, lively markets and cinematic charm where Europe meets Africa.

Tetouan UNESCO Heritage Tour: Explore Tetouan's unique mix of Arab and Spanish heritage, from its royal gate to the white-washed medina and vibrant souks. Finish with a traditional tasting of mint tea in this culturally rich Moroccan town.

Asilah: Experience vibrant Asilah's Medina, with its historic gates and Palais de la Culture. Visit a public oven, view a Hammam and enjoy free time, immersing in this city's rich cultural heritage.

Cooking Class at the Blue Door: Stroll through the lively Medina and learn Arabic phrases as you explore the souks. Then, enjoy a hands-on cooking experience at a local culinary school, preparing and savouring your own traditional Moroccan tagine. Docked: 8:00 – 17:00

Arrives On: 14 Jul 27

Day 10: Portimão (Portugal)

On the western Algarve, Portimão is a small port with a bustling historic centre. Enjoy the day exploring this once well-known fishing port, now transformed into a breath-taking promenade with shops selling traditional lace, ceramics, and leather goods, and fantastic restaurants. Portimão is much loved for the steep limestone cliffs that surround its sandy beach of Praia da Rocha. Architectural masterpieces from the 19th and 20th century blend with colourful contemporary structures. Scenic Freechoice:
Cabo St. Vicente & Sagres Fort: Visit Sagres Fortress and Cape St. Vincent for dramatic ocean views and maritime history, then explore the historic town of Lagos at your leisure.

E-Biking to Praia da Rocha: Enjoy Portimão's beautiful views on a biking tour to the beach Praia da Rocha.

Silves & Wine Tasting: Explore the historic village of Silves, the former Algarve capital, discover the iconic Silves Castle and indulge in a wine-tasting experience at Villa

Alvor. Docked or Anchored: 8:00 – 16:00

Arrives On: 15 Jul 27

Day 11: Lisbon (Portugal)

Welcome to Lisbon, the colourful capital of Portugal and a city with a proud history of seafaring. Your journey into wonder ends here after one last breakfast in ultra-luxury on board Scenic Eclipse. Farewell the crew and your new friends as you depart, taking away memories to last to a lifetime. Scenic transfers are only available for flights departing out of Lisbon after 12:00 PM. Docked: 7:00 #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 Marocco. Submersible not operational in Europe. 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.

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