Cruise Details

Name:	Greek Isles, Turkey & The Pyramids
Reference:	SCENIC801G250627-1
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	25 Jun 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	06 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Valletta
Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Known as the birthplace of Western civilisation, Athens is a vibrant tapestry of history and modernity. Standing sentinel above the city is the famous Acropolis, a fortified hill dominated by the Parthenon, atmospheric ruins of a white marble temple built during the height of the ancient Greek Empire. Wander the charming Plaka district, which hugs the foothill of the Acropolis and is the city’s oldest neighbourhood.

This afternoon, step on board your Discovery Yacht. Explore your luxurious suite, then join your fellow guests at the Scenic Lounge Bar for champagne to toast the start of an unforgettable voyage. Scenic transfers are only available for flights arriving into Athens prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 25 Jun 27

Day 2: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Start your day relaxing in your suite. Ask your butler for breakfast in bed or choose to dine in the Yacht Club before arriving in Kusadasi after lunchtime.

Along Turkey’s western Aegean coast, this popular beach resort town offers beautiful beaches, a vibrant atmosphere and traditional markets. Kusadasi is also a remarkable destination for history buffs, as it is near several ancient ruins that include the World Heritage-listed ancient city of Ephesus and the well-preserved Temple of Artemis. A visit here offers a glimpse into the grandeur and sophistication of one of the ancient world's most important cities. Scenic Freechoice:
Guided tour of Ephesus: Explore Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, discovering its magnificent ancient ruins, including the Forum, Library of Celsus and Great Theatre. Visit the Terrace Houses to admire preserved mosaics and frescoes, then enjoy Turkish folklore, regional delicacies, local drinks and wine at a traditional cooperative.

Priene, Miletus and Didyma: Explore the ancient cities of Priene, Miletus and Didyma, travelling through the scenic Anatolian countryside. Discover Priene’s planned streets and views of the Meander River, explore Miletus’ philosophical heritage, and enjoy lunch overlooking the magnificent Temple of Apollo before exploring its ruins. Docked: 13:00 – 18:30

Arrives On: 26 Jun 27

Day 3: Santorini (Greece)

One of the most photogenic islands in the world, Santorini is an eye-catching place with whitewashed buildings clustered on top of soaring cliffs rising out of the ocean. Renowned for the beauty of its iconic architecture, domed rooftops, volcanic-sand beaches and world-famous sunsets. Scenic Freechoice:
Akrotiri Winery & Oia: Discover ancient Akrotiri, enjoy a wine-tasting experience at Venetsanos Winery and stroll charming Oia village with breathtaking caldera views.

Discover the Hidden Villages of Santorini & Perissa Beach: Experience Santorini’s charm as you explore Megalochori village, visit Fort Kasteli ruins, then relax at Perissa black-sand beach before returning via cable car.

Catamaran Along the Caldera: Embark on a private catamaran cruise around Santorini’s caldera with swimming, snorkelling and a traditional Greek lunch onboard. Enjoy stunning views and relax in style.

Clifftop Villages & Scenic Santorini with Lunch: Experience Santorini’s beauty on a scenic tour of Oia, Pyrgos, and Fira, with stunning views, charming villages, and a traditional Greek lunch with wine. Anchored: 7:30 – 19:00

Arrives On: 27 Jun 27

Day 5: Alexandria (Egypt)

Just hours from Cairo, Alexandria offers a relaxed Mediterranean vibe. Stroll the Corniche, explore the National Museum’s fascinating artifacts, and visit remarkable landmarks like ancient temples, an amphitheatre, and catacombs.

For an extraordinary experience,

journey to Cairo to marvel at the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx—timeless symbols of Egypt's grandeur. With its stunning promenade and rich architectural heritage, Alexandria is a captivating destination filled with romance and intrigue. Scenic Freechoice:
Giza Pyramids, & Grand Egyptian Museum: Discover Egypt's most iconic ancient treasures on a full-day journey to the Giza Plateau. Stand before the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx and explore the Grand Egyptian Museum's remarkable collection of artefacts revealing the enduring legacy of pharaonic Egypt.

Coptic Cairo: explore the spiritual and historic heart of Old Cairo on a guided visit through its important Christian heritage sites. Discover the Babylon Fortress, Coptic Museum, Hanging Church and historic churches of St George and St Sergius and Bacchus, gaining insight into the traditions, architecture and faith that have shaped this ancient district.

Saqqara Pyramids Journey to Saqqara, one of Egypt's most significant ancient necropolises, to discover the early development of pyramid building. Explore the vast archaeological landscape, including the celebrated Step Pyramid of Djoser and learn about the beliefs and achievements of ancient Egyptian civilisation.

Monasteries of Wadi Natrun: Travel into the desert landscape of Wadi Natrun, a region renowned as one of the birthplaces of Christian monasticism. Visit historic monasteries and their churches, where local guides share insight into the enduring religious traditions, sacred art and secluded desert setting of this remarkable spiritual centre. Docked: 6:00 - Overnight

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Day 6: Alexandria (Egypt)

Delve deeper into Alexandria's vibrant history and culture with a second day to explore this enchanting city. Choose from a selection of Scenic Freechoice activities, offering opportunities to uncover more of the region's wonders or enjoy tailored experiences.

Tonight, choose from up to 10 world-class dining experiences on board your Discovery Yacht. Opt for French cuisine at Lumière or dynamic Asian Fusion @ Koko's, or simply choose to dine in the comfort of your suite. Before bed, select a nightcap from a range of premium wines, beers and spirits, delivered by your butler. Scenic Freechoice:
Highlights of Alexandria: Discover Alexandria's rich blend of ancient heritage, Mediterranean character and modern Egyptian life on a guided introduction to the city. Take in its principal landmarks and coastal atmosphere while learning about the legacy of the great port founded by Alexander the Great.

Bibliotheca & Cultural Alexandria: Delve into Alexandria's intellectual and cultural legacy through a visit centred on the modern Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Discover a city shaped by centuries of scholarship, artistic exchange and Mediterranean influence, while taking in its contemporary waterfront setting and vibrant cultural character. Docked: Overnight – 14:00

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Day 7: Agios Nikólaos, Kríti (Greece)

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Day 8: Agios Nikólaos, Kríti (Greece)

Nestled on the shimmering Gulf of Mirabello, in Crete's northern coast, this charming village features whitewashed houses cascading down to a picturesque Venetian harbour. Explore the town’s charming streets, lined with restaurants, cafés, and shops, or simply relax by the waterfront. Scenic Freechoice:
Spinalonga Island: Discover Spinalonga, the “Island of Tears,” on a scenic boat ride across Mirabello Bay. Explore its Venetian fortifications and abandoned settlement, entering through Dante’s Gate to learn about the island’s history as Europe’s last leper colony and the resilience of its former inhabitants.

Mirabello Bay’s Kolokythia Hike: Hike along Crete’s scenic coast from Elounda towards Kolokytha, passing rugged landscapes, ancient olive groves and Mediterranean vegetation. Reach Saint Luke Beach, known for its white sands and turquoise waters, with time to relax, admire views of Spinalonga and, weather permitting, enjoy a refreshing swim.

4x4 Adventure Through the Katharo Plateau: Discover the heart of Crete on an unforgettable 4X4 adventure through the wild Plateau of Katharo and the timeless Lassithi Plateau, passing through rugged forests and mountain trails. Enjoy a refreshing stop at a local taverna with a lunch. With mythology, local traditions, wildlife and plenty of unexpected adventures, this is a day of exploration and excitement you won’t soon forget. Note: This is not a self driven tour.

A Taste of Crete: Visit Peskesi Organic Farm: Immerse yourself in the authentic flavours and traditions of Crete with a unique farm-to-table experience. Discover local ingredients, learn the secrets of traditional Cretan cuisine and enjoy preparing and sharing delicious dishes in the true spirit of Cretan hospitality. Docked or Anchored: 18:00 (previous day) – 17:00

Arrives On: 02 Jul 27

Day 9: Kapsáli (Greece)

Discover the serene beauty of Kapsali, a coastal gem on the island of Kythera. Framed by two tranquil bays, this seaside village captivates with its sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant nightlife. Wander through cobblestone streets, visit cultural landmarks, and enjoy breathtaking views of the Chora and its historic castle. The peaceful beaches and calm waters make Kapsali an ideal place to swim, relax, and take in the scenic charm of this enchanting destination. Scenic Freechoice:
Kythira Scenic Discovery & Kythira: Heritage, Art & Panoramic Views : Discover the timeless charm of Kythira on a journey through its rich heritage and captivating landscapes. Explore Byzantine treasures, meet local artisans and wander the picturesque streets of Chora before visiting its impressive Venetian castle, where breathtaking views stretch across Kapsali Bay and beyond. A wonderful blend of culture, history and authentic island beauty awaits.

Kythira: Island Charm & History:

Discover the charm of Kythira on a scenic journey through nice landscapes, picturesque villages and the island’s elegant capital, Chora. Explore its rich history, enjoy beautiful panoramic views and soak up the relaxed atmosphere of this enchanting Greek island. Anchored: 7:30 – 22:00

Arrives On: 03 Jul 27

Day 11: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Taormina has been one of Sicily’s most popular summer destinations since the 18th century. Dominating this small town’s landscape is Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Located above the Ionian Sea and boasting a rich artistic, historical and cultural heritage, Taormina is known for its stunning ancient theatre, pretty piazzas, elegant atmosphere and delicious arancini (Sicilian rice balls). Scenic Eclipse II will be docked here until late tonight, giving you ample time to explore this fabulous town as the city lights start to sparkle.
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.

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.

Cucina del Sole Cooking Class: Travel from Giardini Naxos to Viagrande, a charming village on Mount Etna, for a hands-on Sicilian cooking class in an 18th-century home. Prepare traditional pasta, fish and vegetable dishes with a local gastronomy journalist, then enjoy your creations before returning to Giardini Naxos. Anchored: 7:30 – 19:00

Arrives On: 05 Jul 27

Day 12: Valletta (Malta)

Today, sail into the spectacular harbour of the walled city of Valetta, capital of Malta. This fascinating city was built by the Knights Templar in the 1500s. Valetta’s captivating mix of history, architecture and natural beauty provides a fitting end to your grand exploration of the Mediterranean.

Enjoy a final breakfast on board before farewelling the crew and your fellow guests, taking stories for life with you. Scenic transfers are only available for flights departing out of Valletta after 12:00 PM. Docked: 8:00 #Senses Spa treatments and services at additional cost. Daily activities may be subject to change; please consult your Daily Wonder for updates. +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 are at additional cost, subject to regulatory

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