Cruise Details

Name:	Ancient Kingdoms and Natural Treasures: Chile to Panama
Reference:	SCENIC801L210327-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	South America
Departs On:	21 Mar 27
Departs From:	Valparaiso
Arrives On:	03 Apr 27
Arrives At:	Panama City
Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

Itinerary

Day 1: Valparaiso (Chile)

The World Heritage-listed city of Valparaíso welcomes travellers with its long and colourful history. This vibrant city is rich in music, street art and exquisite Victorian architecture.

Be warmly greeted by your crew as you arrive at your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht. Enjoy a glass of Champagne, meet your butler and get familiar with your spacious suite, admiring the city from your private verandah.

Be sure to check your daily program for scheduled Zodiac excursions, kayaking and hikes each offering a unique way to explore the wonders around you. Please book your flight to arrive into Santiago prior to 12:00 PM. Docked: 17:00

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Day 2: Pingüino de Humboldt National Reserve (Chile)

Start your day with a steaming barista-made coffee or tea delivered to your suite by your butler. As Scenic Eclipse II sails toward the Pingüino de Humboldt National Reserve, be sure to attend the Discovery Team's Zodiac briefing.

Covering 859.3 hectares (1,890 acres), this reserve is a stunning natural heritage site, boasting a rich and diverse ecosystem with unique features. It is home to an impressive variety of bird species. Wildlife enthusiasts might have the chance to spot remarkable creatures like the Humboldt Penguin and the Common Bottlenose Dolphin in their natural environment. Scenic Discovery:
Explore this exceptional reserve today through the exciting activities organised by the Discovery Team. In the previous evening’s recap, the Discovery Leader will go over the planned activities. Anchored: 12:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 22 Mar 27

Day 5: Paracas (Peru)

Arrives On: 25 Mar 27

Day 6: Paracas (Peru)

Paracas is a town on Peru’s west coast. It’s known for its idyllic beaches, rich heritage, and an abundance of wildlife, so much so that Paracas Peninsula has been declared a national reserve spanning desert, ocean, and islands.

This town is a launch point for the uninhabited Ballestas Islands, home to sea lions, pelicans and Humboldt penguins. Join a private vessel as you explore this coastline, including the mysterious Candelabro, a large geoglyph that stands watch over the Ica coastline.

Tonight, enjoy the ‘Somos Ebano’ group as they join us in the theatre. Formed by young people from the district of El Carmen, they demonstrate the rescue of Afro-Peruvian culture through the practice and experience of their dance and music. Ballestas Islands Wildlife Cruise
Cruise through the wildlife-rich waters of Paracas Bay to the spectacular Ballestas Islands, often called the "Galápagos of Peru." Along the way, view the mysterious Candelabro geoglyph before exploring this protected sanctuary, home to sea lions, Humboldt penguins, and thousands of seabirds. Enjoy outstanding wildlife viewing and photography opportunities as your guide shares fascinating insights into the islands' unique ecosystem. Please note: Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4.5 hours Docked: Overnight - 20:00

Arrives On: 26 Mar 27

Day 8: Salaverry (Peru)

Salaverry is a cultural treasure of Peru, home to the ancient wonders of the Chimú and Mochica civilisations. Step back in time at Chan Chan, the largest adobe citadel in pre-Columbian America and a World Heritage-listed Site.

The impressive Moche pyramids are adorned

with vibrant mythological frescoes that bring the ancient history to life. An unforgettable journey into Peru’s rich cultural heritage awaits. Scenic Freechoice:
Sun & Moon Temples with Peruvian Paso Show
Discover the rich heritage of northern Peru on a journey through history and tradition. Explore the remarkable Temples of the Sun and Moon, where colourful murals and towering adobe pyramids reveal the legacy of the ancient Mochica civilisation. Continue to Trujillo's elegant Main Square to admire its colonial architecture before enjoying a traditional lunch accompanied by a graceful Peruvian Paso horse exhibition and the vibrant Marinera dance.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 6.5 hours

Chan Chan & Trujillo Heritage with Peruvian Paso Experience
Uncover the cultural riches of northern Peru with a visit to the magnificent UNESCO-listed Chan Chan, the largest adobe city in the Americas and former capital of the Chimu Kingdom. Wander through its remarkable ruins before continuing to colonial Trujillo, where elegant architecture surrounds the historic Main Square. Complete your day with a traditional lunch, a graceful Peruvian Paso horse demonstration, and the colourful rhythms of the Marinera dance.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 6.5 hours Docked: 07:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 28 Mar 27

Day 10: Manta (Ecuador)

The dynamic coastal city of Manta greets you with its iconic tuna statue, a nod to its status as the tuna capital of the world and one of Ecuador’s most important fishing hubs. Ju Manta has a rich history dating back to pre-Columbian times, once home to the indigenous Manteño civilization, known for their advanced seafaring skills.

Just a short stroll from the port, the lively town centre buzzes with energy, where you can explore vibrant markets brimming with Panama hats—traditionally handwoven in Ecuador—along with exquisite silver jewellery and stylish apparel. Scenic Freechoice:
Ecuadorian Cultural Heritage & Manabita Artisans
Discover the traditions and craftsmanship of coastal Ecuador on a journey through Montecristi and Manta. Visit Ciudad Alfaro to learn about the nation's history before exploring Montecristi, famed for its artisan workshops and authentic Panama hats. Watch skilled craftsmen weave toquilla straw and create intricate tagua carvings, then enjoy Ecuadorian delicacies, local beverages, and a lively folkloric dance performance celebrating the region's vibrant cultural heritage.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4.5 hours

Fish Market, Cancebí Museum & Montecristi
Experience the authentic culture of Ecuador’s Pacific coast with visits to Manta’s bustling fish market, the fascinating Cancebí Ethnographic Museum, and the artisan town of Montecristi. Discover the traditions of the Manabita people, learn about their fishing and farming heritage, and watch skilled craftsmen weave the world-famous Panama hat from fine toquilla straw before browsing local shops for unique handmade souvenirs.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 40 minutes Docked: 12:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 30 Mar 27

Day 12: Utría National Park (Colombia)

Utría National Natural Park, nestled along Colombia's Pacific coast, is a true hidden gem. This lush, mountainous rainforest, one of the wettest places on Earth, boasts an incredible four distinct ecosystems. Dominated by dense rainforest, the park also features expansive mangroves lining its coastline. It teems with biodiversity, sheltering a vast array of flora and fauna, including more than 500 bird species.

Today, guests will explore this remarkable destination in staggered groups. Following a Zodiac beach landing, walk the pathways winding through the mangroves while learning about the unique flora, fauna, and local way of life from community members and local experts. During your visit, enjoy a captivating vocal performance by singers from a nearby village, showcasing the region's rich cultural traditions. In the afternoon, spend time at Playa Blanca, one of the area's few white-sand beaches, where you can relax, swim in the clear waters, or snorkel over the vibrant coral. Scenic Discovery:
Explore Utria National Park today through the exciting activities organised by the Discovery Team. During the recap, the evening before arrival, the Discovery Leader will go over the planned activities. Anchored: 08:00 - 18:00

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Day 12: Ensenada de Utria (Colombia)

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Day 13: Darién National Park (Panama)

Uncover World Heritage-listed Darién National Park, one of the most important heritage sites in central America. A natural bridge spanning the two Americas, it houses a myriad of habitats, ranging from rocky coastlines to sandy beaches and mangroves. A plethora of wildlife awaits as even endangered species of Night Monkey, Spotted Paca and Guatemalan Black Howler call these tropical forests home. Darien National Park remains one of the few examples of protected areas co-inhabited by humans in the world. Scenic Discovery:
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Day 13: Playa del Muerto (Panama)

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Day 14: Panama City (Panama)

Your unforgettable journey concludes in Panama City, the vibrant capital of Panama. This cosmopolitan metropolis is a captivating blend of old and new, where gleaming skyscrapers stand alongside 17th-century churches and beautifully preserved colonial buildings in the historic Casco Viejo district, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Savour one last indulgent breakfast on board your 6-star Discovery Yacht, reflecting on the extraordinary landscapes, cultural treasures, and unforgettable moments of your voyage. As you bid farewell to the crew and the new friends you've made along the way, carry with you the memories of this remarkable adventure. Please book your flight to depart out of Panama City after 12:00 PM. Docked: 08:00 #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 Panama and Colombia. Submersible not operational in Colombia. 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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