



## Cruise Details

Name:	The Chairman's Voyage: Japan's Southern Islands & Cultural Heritage
Reference:	SCENIC901A180425-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Asia
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Departs On:	18 Apr 25
Departs From:	Keelung (Chilung)
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Arrives On:	04 May 25
Arrives At:	Tokyo
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Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Keelung (Chilung) (Taiwan)

Your ultra-luxury exploration of this fascinating part of Asia begins today in the historic Taiwanese city of Keelung (Taipei). Be warmly greeted on board the ultra-luxury Scenic Eclipse II Discovery Yacht with a glass of Champagne. Then take some time to settle into your luxurious verandah suite. Your butler will be on hand to assist if you have any questions.

Afterwards, join Scenic Group Chairman and Founder Glen Moroney, his family and your fellow guests and crew for a sail away cocktail event.

Please book your flight to arrive into Taipei prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 18 Apr 25

### Day 2: Ishigaki (Japan)

This morning, wake up to find Ishigaki Island beckoning beyond your balcony in a dazzling spectrum of blue-green hues. Part of the Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park, the island is home to Japan's southernmost city and the gateway to the captivating Yaeyama Islands.

Revel in the sun, sea and vibrant coral reef of the island's southern coastline or stroll the fascinating city centre. Back on board, relax at the Scenic Bar and Lounge then choose from up to 10 dining experiences.

**Freechoice:**

Banna Park and Ishigaki Stalactite Cave: A half-day tour to the illuminated Ishigaki Stalactite Cave and Banna Park, a vast nature park centered around Mt. Banna.

History and Culture of Ishigaki: Discover Torinji, the oldest Buddhist temple in the Yaeyama region and one of the few buildings in Okinawa to survive WWII.

Easy Ishigaki: A relaxed tour of some of the best known sights of Ishigaki, including Yonekoyaki Craft Center.

Best of Ishigaki: Visit the popular Kabira Bay, known for its white sand beach and crystal clear water, and Minsah Kogeikan which features the textile craft known as "minsah".

Arrives On: 19 Apr 25

### Day 3: Naha, Okinawa (Japan)

Okinawa is rich with tradition and fascinating history. Known as a "Blue Zone" - a place recognised for its long-lived and health-conscious residents; the island has a captivating heritage enhanced by its breathtaking Pacific Island beauty.

Explore the prefectural capital of Naha to discover the former epicentre of the Ryukyu Kingdom. You may visit Kokusai Street to shop for mementos and absorb the vibrant local culture or perhaps learn more about the Shuri Castle and the historic precinct. Alternatively, enjoy a swim in the shimmering ocean before retreating to your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht.

**Freechoice:**

History of Naha at a Glance: Visit Shuri Castle, the symbol of Naha, and the Okinawa Prefectural Museum for an overview of the history and tradition of the island.

Southern Okinawa Panoramic: Drive by bus to the iconic Shuri Castle compounds which can be seen from afar, and then southeast towards the Niraikanai Bridge for spectacular views.

**Enrich**

Okinawan Culture at the Valley of Gangala Cave

Enjoy an enchanting and exclusive evening in the breathtaking Valley of Gangala. The natural ravine's incredible limestone caves provide a magical setting for cocktails and a curated program of Ryukyu classical dance and Okinawan pop music, an unforgettable homage to the island's rich heritage and culture.

Arrives On: 20 Apr 25

### Day 4: Naha, Okinawa (Japan)

After a restorative night of rest in your luxurious suite and signature Scenic Slumber Bed, wake on your own timetable. The day is yours to spend as you wish. Perhaps ask your butler to bring you breakfast in bed or dine with your new friends at the Yacht

Club. Today, discover Naha further, immersing yourself in its vibrant ambience, especially along Kokusai Dori, known as the "international street," and the charming Makishi Public Market, where you can find an array of vibrant fish, local delicacies, and aromatic spices.

**Freechoice:**

Battle of Okinawa: Learn about the somber history of Okinawa during WWII and visit the famous Peace Memorial Park and Museum.

Beauty of Ryukyu Kingdom: Immerse yourself in the culture of Naha. Visit some important sites in Ryukyu culture.

Karate Workshop and Shuri Castle: Learn about karate, a world-famous form of martial arts originating in Okinawa.

Gangala Valley Nature Walk: Enjoy a guided 90-minute walk through Gangala Valley, created when a stalactite cave collapsed.

Culture and Traditions of the Ryukyu Kingdom: Visit Shuri Castle, a local art studio and Seifa Utaki, the spiritual center of Okinawa. Enjoy traditional cuisine at a local restaurant.

Arrives On: 21 Apr 25

#### Day 5: Amami Ōshima (Japan)

Awaken to watch the sun dance across the crystalline waters of World Heritage-listed site Amami Oshima. The largest island in the Satsunan chain, Amami Oshima is an unspoiled haven for a diverse eco-system of endemic flora and fauna.

Stroll the soft-sand beaches and swim in the temperate waters of this natural gem. Uncover the immaculate beauty of the protected Kuroshio-no-Mori Mangrove Park. Be sure to take the opportunity to sample the local specialty of Keihan chicken rice, a dish whose origins can be traced back to the Edo period.

**Freechoice:**

Highlights of Amami: Visit Oshima Tsumugimura and learn the process of how the kimono is made. Travel to Amami Park for exhibits on the history and culture of Amami and the works of artist Tanaka Isson. Stop in at the Cape Ayamaru Observatory.

Amami Nature Walk: Visit the Amami Nature Forest for a 90-minute guided walk along a trail through the deep forest and its wildlife.

Mangrove Canoeing: Travel to Amami Mangrove Park for a pleasant canoe ride along a river surrounded by mangroves and visit the Amami-Oshima World Heritage Conservation Center.

Arrives On: 22 Apr 25

#### Day 6: Kagoshima (Japan)

Relish a morning coffee on your private verandah as you admire the dramatic landscape of Kagoshima. At the southern tip of Kyushu, the Mount Sakurajima volcano rises sharply from the ocean, keeping watch over Kagoshima and painting a handsome and attention-stealing backdrop.

Unearth the feudal history and explore the palm-lined streets of Kagoshima or opt to spend the day on board, appreciating the stunning aspects of Sakurajima from the elegant Sky Bar. Take in the sun in a secluded cabana, revive with a dip in the Vitality pool

and sip your favourite cocktail from the bar. </span></p><p><strong>Freechoice:</strong><span><br />Highlights of Kagoshima: Travel by ferry to Sakurajima Island to view spectacular lava fields. Visit Sengan-en, a serene landscape garden. <br /><br />Chiran Samurai Residence & Peace Museum: Visit the well-preserved residences and gardens of the Samurai and the Chiran Peace Memorial Museum. <br /><br />Ibusuki Sand Bath Experience: Discover one of Japan's most celebrated hot springs for a sand bath experience. <br /><br />Makurazaki Dashi Workshop: Tour the Bonito Flakes Factory and enjoy a workshop before a tasting.<br /><br />Kagoshima City History: Visit Sengan-en and delve into the history of Kagoshima at the Reimeikan museum. <br /><br />Satsuma Ware and Gold Mine Shochu: This tour showcases two of Kagoshima's specialties, shochu and satsuma-yaki. </span></p>

Arrives On: 23 Apr 25

### Day 7: Nagasaki (Japan)

<p><span>Arrive at the beautiful city of Nagasaki on the island of Kyushu. The second site to suffer the catastrophic effects of the atomic bomb in World War II, the city has been rebuilt with resilience and optimism. Learn more at one of the many moving museums and memorials, such as Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Peace Park, and National Peace Memorial Hall. Explore a deeper past at the Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture and the Suwa-jinja shrine.</span></p><p><span>This evening, enjoy views from the Sky Deck or Observation Deck as we sail under the glittering lights of the Megami Bridge. </span></p><p><strong>Freechoice: </strong><span><br />Panoramic Nagasaki: Get a spectacular panoramic view of the city from Mt. Inasa Observatory. Visit Nagasaki Peace Park, dedicated to world peace. <br /><br />Atomic Bomb Museum & Peace Park: Experience the Atomic Bomb Museum and Nagasaki Peace Park on a guided walking tour using the city tram or on coach. <br /><br />City Tram Ride & Walking Tour of Atomic Bomb Museum and Peace Park: Explore Nagasaki's iconic landmarks and powerful reminders of nuclear history on a walking tour, complemented by a scenic tram ride through the city. <br /><br />Historical Nagasaki: Immerse yourself in Nagasaki's rich history at the Museum of History and Culture, step into the past at Dejima, and find inspiration at the serene Nagasaki Peace Park. </span></p>

Arrives On: 24 Apr 25

### Day 8: Jeju Island (South Korea)

<p><span>Today your journey unveils the magnetic beauty of Jeju Island. A destination sure to pique the interest of nature-lovers, this is the largest island in South Korea and well-loved in the region for its enchanting sunrises and sunsets, magical coastlines, idyllic waterfalls and the majestic Hallasan Mountain.</span></p><p><span>Immerse yourself within the shimmering shallows of the turquoise ocean or explore the local culture at one of the many museums. </span></p><p><strong>Freechoice: </strong><span><br />Garden, Forest Park & Foot Bath Experience: Discover Spirited Garden's bonsai collection, Jeju's largest artificial waterfall, and

volcanic stone features. Stroll through Gotjawal Forest's unique lava-formed ecosystem, then unwind with herbal tea and therapeutic foot bath.   
Native Faces of Jeju: Visit Sangumburi Crater's diverse flora and Jeju Stone Cultural Park, showcasing traditional stone artifacts and island heritage.   
Taekwondo Performance & Market: Enjoy a dynamic Taekwondo performance blending martial arts, music, and culture, then explore Dongmun Traditional Market's vibrant stalls.   
UNESCO Heritages of Jeju: Trek Seongsan Sunrise Peak and visit the Haenyeo Museum to meet Jeju's iconic diving women preserving ancient traditions.

Arrives On: 25 Apr 25

#### Day 9: Kitakyushu (Japan)

Enjoy a relaxed and delicious breakfast in the privacy of your suite or share the inspiring views with your fellow guests at the Yacht Club.   
Arrive into the port of Kitakyushu this afternoon. The northernmost city of Kyushu, Kitakyushu has long been a significant hub of international trade. An enthralling medley of traditional culture and industry, the city is an important gateway between the islands of Kyushu and Honshu.   
**Freechoice:**   
Landmarks of Kitakyushu: Visit Kokura Castle, Fukuoka's sole surviving castle, for a photo stop before ascending Mt. Sarakura by cable car. Capture breathtaking views from one of Japan's top three night-view spots.   
TOTO Museum and Kokura Castle: Explore the TOTO Museum to learn about Japan's renowned restroom innovations. Then visit Kokura Castle and its serene garden, blending history and picturesque scenery.   
Akiyoshidai Limestone Plateau and Stalactite Cave: Marvel at Akiyoshidai Plateau's unique Karst topography and grasslands. Descend into Akiyoshido Cave to explore its dramatic stalactite formations on a one-kilometre sightseeing route.

Arrives On: 26 Apr 25

#### Day 10: Itsukushima (Japan)

Your day begins at the small island of Miyajima, which translates to 'Shrine Island' in Japanese. Miyajima is famous for its Itsukushima shrine and enormous torii gate which, at high tide, appears to float above the water.   
Enjoy lunch on board as you journey towards Hiroshima. Another city ravaged by the atomic bomb during WWII, Hiroshima has risen to become a living symbol of peace and rebirth. Visit the Peace Memorial Park and World Heritage-listed Atomic Bomb Dome, where you can reflect on the sombre history and admire the city's determination to endure and overcome.   
**Freechoice:**   
Miyajima and Hiroshima Full day with Japanese Lunch: Take a ferry to Miyajima Island, home to the Itsukushima Shrine. Visit Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park, Museum, and the Atomic Bomb Dome.   
Itsukushima Shrine Walk and Zen Meditation at Daishoin: Explore Miyajima

Island's Itsukushima Shrine before tranquil Zen meditation at Daishoin Temple.   
Local Sweets Cooking Class by Foot: Learn to make momiji manju, a traditional maple leaf-shaped confection, then explore Itsukushima Shrine.   
Simose Art Museum: Visit the 2023-opened Simose Art Museum, showcasing Shigeru Ban's visual arts and Seto Inland Sea views.   
Miyajima Walking Tour: Explore Itsukushima Shrine and its floating Torii Gate on this walking tour.   
Panoramic Hiroshima: Tour Peace Memorial Park, Museum, and the World Heritage-listed Atomic Bomb Dome before relaxing at Hiroshima's serene Shukkeien Garden.   
Peace Memorial Park and Museum: Reflect on Hiroshima's WWII history at Peace Memorial Park and Museum.

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#### Day 11: Matsuyama (Japan)

Greet the sun as it rises over the water this morning during a yoga class at PURE: Yoga & Pilates Studio. Then spend the day discovering the beauty of mountainous Matsuyama on the island of Shikoku.   
Set on the edge of the gentle Seto Inland Sea, this city is a historic delight, crowned by the hilltop Bitchu-Matsuyama Castle. One of Japan's 12 original surviving castles, visitors may ascend Mount Katsuyama via chairlift to admire the complex that includes two keeps, multiple turrets and cherry blossom-fringed grounds.   
**Freechoice:**   
Highlights of Matsuyama: Explore Matsuyama Castle atop Mount Katsuyama, visit Isite-ji Temple, and stroll through Dogo Onsen, one of Japan's oldest hot springs.   
Dogo Hot Spring Bath: Bathe at Asuka-no-Yu in Dogo Onsen, famed for 3,000 years of history. Admire its unique Asuka-style architecture and browse Haikara Street shops.   
Tobe Ware Pottery: Witness the creation of Tobe's distinctive, blue-patterned porcelain. Tour En-no-sato and Tobe Old Days Life & Art Museum.   
Ozu Walking Tour with Lunch: Discover Ozu's Edo-era charm on a guided tour. Visit historic sites like Garyu Sanso villa, enjoy local shops, and savor a traditional lunch.

Arrives On: 28 Apr 25

#### Day 12: Kochi (Japan)

Take advantage of Scenic Eclipse's unique open bridge policy to appreciate the sunrise alongside the crew, enjoying unrivalled access to the ship's ultimate viewing area.   
A place to unearth traditional Japanese culture, the small city of Kochi is a path less travelled for many, making it ripe for your discovery. Walk the streets downtown to observe daily life, explore Kochi Castle, visit Chikurinji Temple at Godaisan Mountain,

or perhaps stroll the promenade at Katsurahama Beach.

**Freechoice:**  
Chikurinji Temple and Makino Botanical Garden: Visit the serene 8th-century Chikurinji Temple, a renowned pilgrimage site, and explore the beautiful Makino Botanical Garden on Mt. Godai.  
Ryugado Cave and Ekingura Museum: Discover the stunning Ryugado limestone cave, followed by a visit to the Ekingura Museum to admire avant-garde artwork.  
Niyodo River, Washi Paper Making Workshop: Enjoy scenic views of the Niyodo River before learning traditional paper-making techniques in a hands-on Washi workshop.  
History of Kochi - Katsurahama and Kochi Castle: Explore Kochi Castle, one of Japan's original castles, and enjoy the breathtaking coastal views at Katsurahama.

Arrives On: 29 Apr 25

### Day 13: Kobe (Japan)

Arrive this morning in the harbour city of Kobe on the island of Honshu. Compact and condensed between the sea and the Rokko mountain range, Kobe has a long history of maritime trade. Despite this, beautiful Kobe is a modern-looking city, having been completely rebuilt following a devastating earthquake in 1995. You may choose to explore on your own to learn more about this event at the Earthquake Museum.

If you prefer to spend the afternoon in the ultra-luxury of your Discovery Yacht, retreat for a touch of tranquillity at the expansive Senses Spa#.

**Freechoice:**  
Cultural Gems of Ancient Kyoto: Discover Kyoto's rich heritage with a visit to the Golden Pavilion, a 14th-century marvel adorned in gold leaf, and Nijo Castle, a World Heritage site showcasing Momoyama architecture.  
Craftsmanship of Kobe: Explore the artistry of Japanese woodworking at the Takenaka Carpentry Tools Museum, then visit the Sawanotsuru Sake Museum.  
Himeji Castle & Koko-en Garden: Visit Himeji Castle, a World Heritage site famed for its white elegance and historical preservation. Enjoy the tranquil Koko-en Garden, featuring nine themed gardens.

Arrives On: 30 Apr 25

### Day 14: Shingu (Japan)

Lushly canopied, traversed with rivers and filled with hiking trails and religious sites, Shingu offers both active adventure and cultural immersion. Here, you'll find the must-visit World Heritage-Listed Kumano Hayatama Taisha shrine, one of the three Kumano Sanzan Shrines connected by pilgrimage routes and identifiable by their rich-red hue and traditional silhouettes.

Return to your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht for an evening of leisure. Indulge in 6-star culinary experiences before joining fellow guests for a musical performance in the state-of-the-art Scenic Theatre.

**Freechoice:**  
Nachi Shrine Walking Tour: Retrace the steps of ancient pilgrims to Kumano Sanzan, hiking Mount Nachi to visit the Kumano Nachi Shrine, Seigantoji Temple and stunning

Nachi Falls.   
Kumano Pilgrimage: Explore Kumano Hongu Taisha and Kumano Hayatama Taisha shrines. Admire the serene beauty of the blue-green Kumano River.   
Nachi Katsuura Half-Day and Cruise: Cruise Katsuura Bay, famed for its striking rock formations, and visit the local fish market to sample fresh tuna.   
Cape Shionomisaki and Hashiguiwa: Visit Kushimoto's Shionomisaki Lighthouse and Cape Shionomisaki for panoramic Pacific views. Explore Hashiguiwa's unique rock formations, shaped by centuries of seawater erosion.

Arrives On: 01 May 25

#### Day 15: Toba (Japan)

Awaken today in the pretty, pearlescent Toba on the Shima Peninsula in Mie Prefecture. This small city is enrobed by the Ise-Shima National Park and rotates through a seasonal spectrum of colours from the soft pink of cherry blossoms in spring, to the vivid greens of summer, and the red-and-gold hues of autumn. Toba is perhaps best-known for its oyster and pearling industries, particularly its female pearl divers, or 'ama'.  
Discover more about this tradition on Mikimoto Pearl Island, where you can learn all about the cultivation of pearls in the museum, watch ama demonstrations, and shop for exquisite mementos.  
**Freechoice:**   
Ise Shrine Pilgrimage: Visit Japan's most sacred Shinto shrine, Ise Shrine. Cross the Ujibashi Bridge into the tranquil sacred precincts.   
Ise Shima Skyline Scenic Route and Futami Okitama Shrine: Enjoy stunning views of Ise Bay along the Ise Shima Skyline. Visit Futami Okitama Shrine, known for the iconic "Couple Rocks".   
Ago Bay View and Mikimoto Pearl Island: Admire the beauty of Ago Bay from Yokoyama Observatory. Explore Mikimoto Pearl Island, birthplace of cultured pearls.   
Lady Fishing Divers of Toba and Ago Bay Cruise: Discover Toba's maritime culture at the Sea-Folk Museum, then relax on a scenic Ago Bay cruise.

Arrives On: 02 May 25

#### Day 16: Shimizu (Japan)

Set against the majesty of Mount Fuji, Shimizu is considered one of Japan's most beautiful ports. With a history dating back to the Nara Period of the 8th century and endowed with stunning natural scenery, Shimizu is brimming with inspiring sights. Discover rich Japanese culture and history at nearby shrines, stroll the centre of town to immerse in local life, and admire the World Heritage-Listed vistas of the mighty Mount Fuji.  
Return to your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht to dine with new friends and toast to new memories as you celebrate your last night on Scenic Eclipse II.  
**Freechoice:**   
Kunozan Toshogu Shrine & Mt. Fuji: Visit Nihondaira Park and enjoy panoramic views of Mt. Fuji. Board an aerial ropeway up the mountainside to the Kunozan Toshogu Shrine, the burial place of the first Tokugawa shogun.   
Mt. Fuji, Shrine and Nature: Soak up the beauty of Shiraito Falls,



ranked among the most beautiful in Japan. Visit Mt Fuji World Heritage Centre and Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha Shrine.   
Ukiyoe Art Museum & Miho-no-Matsubara: View more than 1,300 Ukiyo-e exhibits at the Tokaido Hiroshige Art Museum then relax with a cup of tea at Miyuki-tei, a traditional teahouse.

Arrives On: 03 May 25

### Day 17: Tokyo (Japan)

Your voyage ends in Tokyo (Yokosuka) a perfect fusion of vibrant culture and coastal allure. The final day of your exceptional journey demands a sense of occasion, so treat yourself to a Champagne breakfast served in your suite.   
Disembark after breakfast as you farewell the crew and take away memories of a truly unforgettable cruise.   
Please book your flight to depart out of Tokyo after 04:00 PM.   
#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.   
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