

Cruise Details

Name: Wine & Culinary Delights of Spain, Portugal and France

Reference: SCENIC901E090726-2
Operator: Scenic Ocean Cruises

Cruise Type: Ocean

Cruise Rating: Ultra Luxury

Ship: Scenic Eclipse II

Regions: Mediterranean

Departs On: 09 Jul 26
Departs From: Málaga

Arrives On: 20 Jul 26
Arrives At: Bordeaux

Cruise Nights: 11
Total Vacation Days: 12

Itinerary

Day 1: Málaga (Spain)

Welcome to Spain's famous Costa del Sol and the ancient city of Malaga, where sunshine, history, and artistry intertwine. Málaga is the birthplace of Pablo Picasso, and the streets are filled with architectural delights, from colourful baroque designs to a historic Roman theatre.
/p>This afternoon, embark on a journey of unparalleled ultra-luxury on board Scenic Eclipse II, your 6-star Discovery Yacht. Relax in your elegant suite, sip a drink on your private verandah, and toast to the beginning of an extraordinary voyage.
/span>Please book your flight to arrive into Malaga prior to 02:00 PM.Docked: 21:00

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Day 2: 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. Tangier's allure is timeless, inviting visitors to explore its rich history and vibrant present. It's known as the White City for the whitewashed houses strewn along winding streets, and many cultures and civilisations have left their mark here over centuries. A strong Spanish influence makes it an excellent showcase for Spanish-Moorish architecture and its celebrated café culture boasts over 1,000 establishments. Today, modernisation is in full swing and Tangier is the busiest port in the Mediterranean.Scenic Freechoice:
Cap Spartel Hercules Caves & Kasbah: Journey along Morocco's Atlantic Coast to the iconic Cap Spartel lighthouse. Explore the captivating Hercules Caves and 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 Palais de la Culture. Visit a public oven, view a Hammam and enjoy free time, immersing in this city's rich cultural heritage.
cbr />Cooking Class at Palais Zahir Riad: Stroll through the vibrant Medina, then join a cooking class at Palais Zahia Riad to prepare a traditional Moroccan tagine. Enjoy a mint tea ceremony and a delicious, shared meal.Docked: 08:00 -19:00

Arrives On: 10 Jul 26

Day 3: Seville (Spain)

The historic city of Seville is around 100 kilometres from the coast, yet its position on the banks of the Guadalquivir River means Scenic Eclipse II can sail inland and dock right in its heart. Dating back to the days of the Roman Empire, the elegant capital of Andalusia is an architect's dream with striking styles ranging from the Gothic design of Cathedral de Santa María de la Sede to the Baroque style Iglesia Colegial del Salvador and strong Moorish influences. Your Discovery Yacht spends the night in Seville, where you will enjoy an unforgettable Flamenco evening, experiencing the passion of live music and fiery dance that captures Andalusia's spirit in an intimate setting.Covernight

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Day 4: Seville (Spain)

On your second day in Seville, seize the opportunity to explore beyond the city limits. Choose from a day trip to Cordoba, where you can marvel at the Mezquita-Catedral, or discover the art of producing world-class extra virgin olive oil. Whichever experience you select, your day promises unforgettable experiences and lasting memories in southern Spain.Settle in at the spacious Scenic Lounge Bar tonight to enjoy your beverage of choice, reflecting on the day's discoveries.Scenic Freechoice:
The Alcazar & Palacio de Duenas: Immerse yourself in Seville's rich culture and history as you explore its grand architecture, noble palaces, and stunning gardens. Complete your journey with a traditional tasting of Iberian ham and cheese, savouring authentic Andalusian flavours for a true taste of the city's heritage.
 Tapas Lesson at Bodega Casa de Marquez: Visit Casa del Marqués in Jerez, a 19th-century noble home, where costumed hosts share local traditions. Enjoy sherry tasting, cook Andalusian tapas and savour a shared meal in a warm, authentic atmosphere.

- The Olive Oil Journey: Enjoy a scenic drive to Basilippo Olive Oil Mill, where you'll discover the art of producing world-class extra virgin olive oil. Savour a special tasting, including a unique chocolate and olive oil pairing and explore the boutique's finest Andalusian products.

Full Day Córdoba: Travel from Seville to the historic city of Córdoba to explore the Mezquita and stroll through the Jewish Quarter, home

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Day 5: Portimão (Portugal)

Overnight - 18:00

On the western Algarve, Portimão is a small port with a bustling historic centre. Spend the day exploring this former fishing town, where architectural masterpieces from the 19th and 20th century seamlessly blend with colourful contemporary structures, fronted by a breathtaking promenade. Visit the shops selling traditional lace, ceramics and leather goods, and dine in one of the many fantastic restaurants. Admire the steep limestone cliffs that surround its sandy beach of Praia da Rocha and swim in its turquoise waters.
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dramatic ocean views and maritime history, then explore the historic town of Lagos at your leisure.
for />spr />Ponta da Piedade: Discover the idyllic setting of Ponta da Piedade on a traditional boat tour to see the area's monumental cliffs and unbelievable tunnels and caves.
for />E-Biking to Praia da Rocha: Enjoy Portimão's beautiful views on a biking tour to the beach Praia da Rocha.
for />spr />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.
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Day 6: Lisbon (Portugal)

This morning, you'll arrive in the Portuguese capital of Lisbon, the second-oldest city in Europe. This legendary harbour has been the starting point for seafaring expeditions for more than 500 years. Wander through the narrow streets of the Alfama district, where the sounds of Fado music drift from cosy taverns. Marvel at historic landmarks like the Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery, testament to the city's rich maritime heritage. Indulge in local delicacies like pastéis de nata and fresh seafood at lively markets and quaint cafes. Embrace the city's artistic spirit at museums and galleries, or simply soak up the sun along the scenic waterfront.Scenic Freechoice:
Lisbon City Tour & Maritime Museum: Step into Portugal's seafaring past with a visit to Belém, the launch point of the Age of Discoveries. Explore maritime history at the museum and treat yourself to the iconic Pasteis de Nata from the original 1837 bakery.

- Views, Lift & Local Bites: Explore Lisbon's historic Alfama and Baixa districts, enjoy panoramic views from Bairro Alto, and savour traditional codfish pastries and custard tarts with local wine. Return to the pier passing through the elegant Avenida da Liberdade.

 Queluz Palace & Romantic Sintra: Escape to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, and explore the elegant Palace of Queluz on a guided tour. Bacalhoa Winery: Experience Quinta da Bacalhôa, a 15th-century palace, famed for its stunning architecture and gardens. Enjoy a guided cellar tour and wine tasting, discovering the art of winemaking and local terroir.

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Day 7: Leixões (Portugal)

Spend the morning getting to know your 6-star Discovery Yacht before we arrive in port around midday. One of Portugal's largest seaports, Leixões is just 8km from the heart of Porto. Located on the Douro River estuary, it's the commercial centre of northern Portugal and a World Heritage-listed city of baroque splendour. It dates back to pre-Roman times and is the source of both the name Portugal and of the famed port wine. Stroll through the winding alleys, admire grand gothic and baroque architecture, see the public street art, greet the friendly locals, hear the rickety tram, and feel the breeze of the Atlantic.Scenic Freechoice:
Porto City Tour & Visit to Gaia Wine Cellars: Explore Porto's historical and cultural charm, including the iconic Cathedral, UNESCO-listed Ribeira district and renowned port Palacio da Bolsa Visit: Enjoy an active walking tour of Porto's highlights, then visit the historical Discover Guimarães, considered the birthplace of Portugal, and visit the 15th-century Ducal Palace.

 Aveleda Winery - A Journey Through the Senses: Journey to Quinta da Aveleda, an historic estate since 1870 in the Vinho Verde region. Stroll its tranguil gardens, learn its winemaking heritage and savour signature wines paired with local delicacies.Docked: 11:00 - 18:00

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Day 8: Ferrol (Spain)

Enjoy another slow start this morning, perhaps with a luxurious breakfast in bed or a morning yoga class in the PURE: Yoga & Pilates studio. Scenic Eclipse II will arrive in Ferrol, on the northwestern tip of Spain, just after lunch.Part of the region of Galicia, it has a rich history as a fishing village and strategic naval port. Explore stylish boutiques and Galician-style houses in the Magdalena neighbourhood, then visit the 18th century San Felipe Castle, where bulwarks and cannons defended the city. Around an hour inland, you can visit the World Heritage-listed city of Santiago de Compostela.Scenic Freechoice:
Ferrol & Betanzos: Enjoy a walking tour of the medieval town centre, with sights like the 14th-century Igrexa de San Francisco and the 16th-century Igrexa de Santiago. After free time, return to Ferrol for a brief panoramic city tour.
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La Coruna & Tapas: Embark on a scenic drive, passing Riazor and Orzán beaches, the Tower of Hercules and more. Stroll through Plaza Maria Pita and visit a local bar for a traditional tapas experience, sampling Galician wine and journey from Ferrol to the enchanting city of Santiago de Compostela. Delight in a guided rooftop tour with sweeping views, then immerse yourself in the city's charm with time to wander, shop and soak up its historic ambiance before returning to Ferrol.Docked: 12:00 -19:00

Arrives On: 16 Jul 26

Day 9: Aviles (Spain)

Embark on today's journey to Avilés, nestled in the picturesque Asturias region of northern Spain. The historic town is something of a hidden gem, known for its cultural vibrancy and relaxed ambience. Explore the enchanting old town, with well-preserved medieval buildings and churches dating back to the 13th century, and locals enjoying a glass of cider in the leady squares. Then stroll through the vibrant Plaza del Carbayedo, which hosts a bustling weekly market filled with local delicacies and lively chatter.Scenic Freechoice:
Walking Tour of Avilés: Explore Avilés, an historic Asturian port with a beautifully preserved old town and the modern Niemeyer Centre. Enjoy a walking tour, sample Tour: Discover Gijón's coastal beauty and rich history, from the grand Universidad Laboral to the />Oviedo: Venture to Oviedo, for a panoramic tour and guided walk through its charming old town and iconic landmarks. Conclude with a tasting of local cheeses, cured meats and traditional Luarca and Cudillero, two picturesque fishing villages rich in maritime history. Enjoy scenic views, colourful streets and a taste of local seafaring culture.Docked: 08:00 -

18:00

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Day 10: Bilbao (Spain)

Welcome to Bilbao, one of the world's great foodie destinations. The largest city in the Basque Country, it's renowned for its incredible cuisine as well as its striking modern architecture, epitomised by the iconic Guggenheim Museum standing on the waterfront. Delve into its rich cultural heritage, discovering landmarks like the majestic 16th century Basílica de Begoña and Casco Viejo, Bilbao's compact and captivating old quarter.Indulge in the gastronomic delights and warm hospitality of pintxo bars and restaurants, showcasing traditional Basque fare. Bilbao offers a blend of contemporary allure and timeless charm, inviting you to immerse yourself in its vibrant atmosphere and cultural treasures. Scenic Freechoice:
Guernica, a Symbol of Peace: Visit Gernika, a symbol of resilience marked by the 1937 bombing and Picasso's famous painting. Explore its historic Assembly House and the town's commitment to peace.
 br /> Bilbao & the Guggenheim Museum: Explore Bilbao, the Basque Country's vibrant heart along River Nervión. Discover its transformation from industrial hub to modern marvel, blending heritage with innovation. Visit the iconic Guggenheim Museum, a contemporary art masterpiece symbolising the city's rebirth.

Visit to Rioja Wine Region: Visit Laguardia in La Rioja for premium wine tastings and a guided tour at a family winery, surrounded by scenic vineyards.

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Concert at the Chocolate Box Theatre: Step into the iconic Campos Elíseos Theatre, a historic 1902 masterpiece with a stunning art nouveau façade. Immerse yourself in the dynamic sounds of Korrontzi, a renowned group blending Basque music with Flamenco, Fado and Fandango for an unforgettable performance.Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

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Day 11: Bordeaux (France)

This morning, Scenic Eclipse II's elegant and sleek design takes you where other ocean cruise ships are unable to reach. Sail inland along the Garonne River, surrounded by lush vineyards while the sun casts a golden glow upon Bordeaux's elegant architecture. Look out for the spires of Saint-André Cathedral and the silhouette of the Grand Théâtre, icons of the city. The bustling quayside will be teeming with activity, from charming cafés and markets to street performers. The scent of freshly baked bread and aromatic coffee fills the air. An overnight stay means plenty of time to indulge in Bordeaux's gourmet delights.Scenic Freechoice:
br />Heritage City Tour of

UNESCO Classified Bordeaux: Discover Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed city famed for its elegant architecture and rich history. Enjoy a panoramic coach tour through iconic landmarks, followed by a guided stroll and free time to explore the charming Old Town.

brive of Bordeaux & Visit to the Bordeaux Wine Culture Museum: Tour Bordeaux's iconic sites on a panoramic coach ride, then visit La Cité du Vin for an immersive wine experience and tasting with city views.

br />st Emilion with Wine Estate Visit & Tasting: Explore the medieval village of Saint-Émilion on a guided walk, then enjoy free time to wander its historic streets. Continue to a nearby château for a cellar tour and tasting of local wines.

br />the Medoc-Margaux Wine District with Wine & Cheese Tasting: Enjoy a scenic drive through the Margaux vineyards and stop for photos at Château Margaux. Then, tour a classified estate and taste three wines paired with cheese and bread.

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Day 12: Bordeaux (France)

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