Cruise Details

Name:	Australia’s Top End, Indonesia & Kakadu - Cruise & Land Journey
Reference:	SCENICOOD2080528-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
Departs On:	08 May 28
Departs From:	Cairns, Queensland
Arrives On:	22 May 28
Arrives At:	Kakadu National Park, Northern Territory
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Cairns, Queensland (Australia)

Welcome on board Scenic Eclipse II, your 6-star ultra-luxury Scenic Discovery Yacht. Settle into your spacious all-verandah suite as your journey begins in Cairns, a relaxed tropical city and gateway to northern Queensland, framed by the Great Barrier Reef and the ancient Daintree Rainforest, setting the tone for the remarkable voyage ahead.

As you step on board, you’ll be warmly greeted by the Captain and crew with a glass of Champagne before being personally escorted to your ultra-luxury suite. From the Sky Deck, raise a toast to the oceanscape as you farewell Cairns and look ahead to the unforgettable journey to come. Please book your flight to arrive into Cairns prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 08 May 28

Day 2: Lizard Island National Park, Queensland (Australia)

Lizard Island, nestled in Queensland's Great Barrier Reef, offers unrivalled access to vibrant inner and outer reefs teeming with marine life. Fringed by 24 pristine beaches, this tropical haven blends adventure and tranquillity. Kayak~ across tranquil turquoise waters with your Discovery Team, uncovering hidden coves, or stroll along the soft sands of Watson's Bay, a beautiful stretch steeped in history.

When night falls and skies are clear, you may witness a spectacular celestial display from your Scenic Discovery Yacht's deck above this remote sanctuary — home to diverse wildlife and over 1,000 species of fish. Scenic Discovery:
Subject to weather conditions and local authorities' approval, you may enjoy opportunities for swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding~ and Seabobs. Snorkelling at the famed Giant Clam Garden could reveal its impressive marine life, while a guided hike to Cook's Look offers sweeping views across the reef and surrounding islands.

Arrives On: 09 May 28

Day 3: Cape York, Queensland (Australia)

Discover a truly unique location in Queensland and a travel wish list of many Australians as we arrive in Cape York, the northernmost point of mainland Australia. This experience is marked by the sight of the rocky headland overlooking startling aqua seas few people ever get to see. Toast your visit with a glass of Champagne from the Sky Bar or Observation Terrace as your ultra-luxury yacht cruises past the "Tip of Australia".

Tonight, indulge in refined French cuisine at Lumière+, where elegance meets exceptional culinary artistry. Savour exquisite dishes paired with fine wines in a sophisticated atmosphere, a perfect way to end your day. Scenic Discovery:
Subject to weather conditions and local authorities' approval, through a Zodiac landing with your Discovery Team, you might have the chance to photograph yourself with the sign marking the northernmost point of the Australian continent, followed by a hike to explore the cairns and take in the scenic views.

Arrives On: 10 May 28

Day 4: Thursday Island, Queensland (Australia)

Explore a captivating blend of cultures on Thursday Island. This Torres Strait gem reveals the influences of British settlement, the pearling industry, and Indigenous heritage. Immerse yourself in history at Green Hill Fort, where cannons and tunnels house the Torres Strait Historical Museum, and discover the rich heritage through historical artifacts and contemporary Indigenous art at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre.

Arrives On: 11 May 28

Day 6: Asmat, Papua (Indonesia)

Venture into the labyrinth of rivers and mangrove-lined channels that define Asmat Regency, one of Indonesia’s most culturally compelling and least-visited regions. Life here unfolds along tidal waterways, where villages stand on stilts above the mudflats and travel is by canoe rather than road.

The Asmat people are internationally celebrated for their powerful woodcarvings—intricate works that honour ancestors and embody stories passed down through generations. In this remarkable corner of South Papua, artistry, ritual and environment remain inseparable, offering a deeply authentic glimpse into a living cultural landscape shaped by water, forest and tradition.

This evening, step into Koko’s Asian Fusion for a vibrant dining experience inspired by the diverse flavours of Asia. From sushi to stir-fries, every dish is crafted with authentic ingredients and served in a stylish, modern setting.

Arrives On: 13 May 28

Day 7: Triton Bay (Indonesia)

Triton Bay, a remote and pristine corner of West Papua, offers a remarkable encounter with nature. Snorkel in the crystal-clear waters among vibrant coral reefs, tropical fish, and graceful manta rays. Towering limestone karsts rise dramatically from the shoreline, while lush rainforests, alive with birds of paradise and other endemic wildlife, stretch inland. Quaint coastal villages reveal the rhythms of local life, where traditional practices continue alongside breathtaking landscapes. Triton Bay blends exploration, natural wonder, and authentic cultural experiences, offering a rare glimpse into one of Indonesia’s most unspoilt and captivating regions.

Arrives On: 14 May 28

Day 8: Kai Islands (Indonesia)

There are thousands of beaches in Indonesia, yet the ones you’ll see today might be the country’s most beautiful. The Kai Islands are part of the Maluku Province and are made entirely of white sand and coral. These talcum powder-beaches are lapped by the strikingly blue waters of the Banda Sea and fringed with lush rows of palm trees. Despite their jaw-dropping beauty, these islands remain far off the tourist trail, and you’ll be unlikely to see another visitor. Scenic Discovery:
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Arrives On: 15 May 28

Day 9: Tanimbar Island (Indonesia)

Hidden in Indonesia’s southern Maluku province, the remote Tanimbar Islands offer a stunning mix of wild landscapes, rare wildlife, and white-sand beaches.

Beyond their natural beauty, the Tanimbar Islands invite you to discover a vibrant cultural heritage.

Later, unwind in Elements on Deck 4, where an à la carte menu of Italian favourites, premium steaks, and fresh seafood is served in a relaxed dinner setting. Scenic Discovery:
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Day 11: Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia)

Your voyage concludes in Darwin, where the tropical north offers a striking contrast to the remote islands and coral seas explored along the way. On arrival, farewell the Captain and crew of Scenic Eclipse II, carrying with you memories of an extraordinary journey through some of the region's most rarely visited landscapes.

From here, your journey continues on land. Settle into Darwin's relaxed coastal rhythm, where a vibrant harbourfront, open-air markets and a distinctly laid-back energy create an inviting introduction to the Top End. This evening, enjoy the first of two nights at your hotel, ideally located to explore the city at your own pace.

Arrives On: 18 May 28

Day 12: Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia)

Scenic Freechoice:
Today, expand your visit with your choice of a range of illuminating activities.

Jumping Crocs and Nature Adventure: Experience these reptiles in the wild on the beautiful Adelaide River, where crocs leap out of the water pursuing their prey. Your tour also includes a visit to Fogg Dam, a wetlands nature reserve teeming with wading birds and other unique wildlife. The wetlands of the Top End are of great international importance on account of their accessibility, splendour and cultural significance.

Litchfield National Park: Litchfield National Park abounds with permanent spring-fed waterfalls, remnant monsoon vine forests, unusual rock formations and interesting scenery. An hour easily becomes a day relaxing in this wonderful park, which reveals its considerable wonders the further you explore.

WWII Bombing of Darwin Tour: Learn about the history and significance of the Pacific Campaign of WWII; the largest attacks ever launched against Australia. Visit landmarks, view relics of the war and take a cruise on Darwin Harbour in this informative guided tour, which outlines the shocking extent of the damage suffered by the city during the war.

Darwin City Sights – Hop-on-Hop-off Tour: The perfect introduction to the Top End city of Darwin. Take in all of Darwin's main historical and cultural attractions with an opportunity to stop and visit during the tour.

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Day 13: Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia)

After breakfast, travel south to the charming township of Batchelor, gateway to the lush wonders of Litchfield National Park. Soak in sweeping views of Florence Falls from the lookout, where twin cascades tumble into a tranquil plunge pool below.

Continue to Wangi Falls, a tropical oasis framed by monsoon rainforest. Here you can take a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear water and savour a leisurely light lunch in a serene setting.

In the afternoon, cross the Adelaide River as the landscape opens into one of Australia's great wilderness regions: Kakadu National Park. Dual-listed by UNESCO for both its natural beauty and cultural significance, this remarkable destination promises ancient landscapes, rich Indigenous heritage and unforgettable sunset vistas.

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Day 13: Kakadu National Park, Northern Territory (Australia)

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Day 14: Kakadu National Park, Northern Territory (Australia)

Begin the day with an unforgettable 60-minute flight over Kakadu, soaring above rugged sandstone escarpments, vast floodplains and winding rivers that showcase the sheer scale and beauty of this ancient landscape. From the air, the patterns of wetlands and rock country unfold beneath you in a breathtaking tapestry of colour and texture.

Later, venture to the East Alligator River for a deeply enriching cultural cruise hosted by local Indigenous guides, who share stories, traditions and insights into caring for Country. Continue on to Ubirr, home to one of Australia's most renowned rock art sites, where two gentle walking options reveal remarkable Aboriginal artworks that date back thousands of years.

As the afternoon light softens, make your way back to your hotel to relax and refresh before dinner, with time to savour the day's experiences and lingering views of Kakadu's timeless horizons.

Arrives On: 21 May 28

Day 15: Kakadu National Park, Northern Territory (Australia)

Journey back along the Arnhem Highway this morning, travelling through the wetlands and woodlands of Mary River National Park. Here you will board a serene cruise across vast floodplains and glassy billabongs, a haven for prolific birdlife and one of the world's highest concentrations of saltwater crocodiles.

After your cruise, continue via the rural township of Humpty Doo, an important agricultural hub for the Top End. Arrive in Darwin in the afternoon, where your three-day Kakadu escape draws to a close, leaving you with lasting memories of timeless landscapes and rich cultural encounters. #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.
^Experiences on board our two helicopters and submersible are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather conditions.
~Kayak and stand-up paddleboard not available in all locations. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Scenic cannot guarantee the journey will operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information. Hotels are indicative and subject to change.

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