Cruise Details

Name:	Sydney, Uluru & the Great Barrier Reef - Cruise & Land Journey
Reference:	SCENICOOS3211028-1
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
Departs On:	21 Oct 28
Departs From:	Sydney, New South Wales
Arrives On:	10 Nov 28
Arrives At:	Sydney, New South Wales
Cruise Nights:	20
Total Vacation Days:	21

Itinerary

Day 1: Sydney, New South Wales (Australia)

Arrive in Australia’s iconic harbour city and check into the luxurious Capella Sydney, a heritage masterpiece reimagined as a world-class urban sanctuary. After settling into your elegantly appointed room, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers this evening for a welcome dinner and toast the start of your journey beneath the glittering lights of the city skyline.

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Day 2: Sydney, New South Wales (Australia)

Your morning unfolds with a guided exploration of Sydney’s fascinating colonial history and contemporary charms, from the sandstone buildings of The Rocks to the chic suburbs of the east. Pass through harbourside neighbourhoods of the rich and famous before taking a short coastal walk with sweeping ocean views. Feel the sand between your toes at legendary Bondi

Beach, then return to the city for an afternoon at leisure. Scenic Enrich
Private guided tour of Sydney Opera House: Step inside a Sydney icon to uncover the stories and secrets behind its remarkable architecture on a private tour. Your day concludes with dinner inside its sculptural sails at an acclaimed restaurant, a dining experience that epitomises Sydney sophistication.

Arrives On: 22 Oct 28

Day 3: Sydney, New South Wales (Australia)

Spend another full day in Sydney, exploring more of the city's world-famous sights. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose one of these excursions today:

Hop-on, Hop-off Bus Tour: Board an open-top double decker bus to explore Sydney at your own pace. Take in the beauty of the city as you listen to the pre-recorded commentary and disembark at any of the 15 stops, from the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Chinatown, Barangaroo and more.

Taronga Zoo: Catch the ferry across sparkling Sydney Harbour to visit Taronga Zoo. Perched on a headland overlooking the water, it's home to more than 4,000 animals from around the world, including many Australian natives.

Afternoon tea: Relax over a signature afternoon tea at Capella Sydney, featuring delicacies like lobster rolls, truffle chicken mousse, and raspberry and lemon myrtle bavarois. Afterwards, enjoy some free time.

Arrives On: 23 Oct 28

Day 4: Sydney, New South Wales (Australia)

Bid farewell to the coast as you fly to the spiritual heart of Australia, Uluru. On arrival, enjoy a signature warm welcome at Longitude 131°, an exclusive desert sanctuary offering unmatched views of the sacred monolith. Settle into your elegant, tented pavilion, its glass walls framing the shifting desert light.

As sunset approaches, enjoy chilled champagne and canapés during the Uluru Sunset Experience, watching as the iconic rock transforms through a spectrum of colours. Scenic Enrich
Field of Light: As night falls, wander among Bruce Munro's mesmerising Field of Light, a spectacular art installation of 50,000 illuminated spheres. Afterwards, sit down to an unforgettable dinner beneath the stars at Table 131°

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Day 4: Ayers Rock, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Northern Territory (Australia)

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Day 5: Ayers Rock, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Northern Territory (Australia)

Awaken to the tranquil desert dawn and venture with your expert guide through Walpa Gorge in the ancient domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas). Return to the lodge for a leisurely breakfast before visiting the Cultural Centre to learn about the land's traditional Anangu custodians.

This afternoon, journey around the base of Uluru on the Mala Walk, tracing stories of creation and local legend. As the sun sinks behind the desert horizon, savour fine wines and canapés in Kantju Gorge, where the rock's vibrant hues are mirrored in quiet pools of reflected light.

Evening brings time to unwind – perhaps a nightcap at the Dune House or rooftop lounge, gazing at constellations that map stories that stretch back millennia.

Arrives On: 25 Oct 28

Day 6: Ayers Rock, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Northern Territory (Australia)

Rise early for the Mutitjulu Meander, a walk around the base of Uluru while soft morning light paints the desert in gold. Learn of the sacred waterholes and Dreamtime story of Kuniya Piti before returning for breakfast. Capture your final photographs of this majestic landscape, then board your flight north to Cairns, gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

On arrival, settle in for a three-night stay at Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, blending five-star comfort with tropical charm.

Arrives On: 26 Oct 28

Day 6: Cairns, Queensland (Australia)

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Day 7: Cairns, Queensland (Australia)

Today you'll encounter one of the world's greatest natural treasures. Travel to Port Douglas and board a high-speed catamaran bound for the Outer Barrier Reef. Dive into a world of coral gardens and marine life – snorkelling, swimming or admiring it all from a semi-submersible vessel. Scenic Enrich
Helicopter flight over the Great Barrier Reef: See the world's largest living structure from a new perspective. On a helicopter flight over the Great Barrier Reef, swirling turquoise lagoons and coral atolls unfold far below, giving you a breathtaking view of this natural masterpiece (weather permitting).

Arrives On: 27 Oct 28

Day 8: Cairns, Queensland (Australia)

Journey inland to Rain forestation Nature Park and meet native Australian wildlife while learning about Indigenous traditions through a captivating cultural performance. Later, soar above the emerald canopy of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area aboard the Skyrail Rainforest

Cableway, gliding between Kuranda and Cairns in spellbinding silence.

Return to your hotel for a relaxing afternoon. Toast your final evening at a farewell dinner in tropical paradise, celebrating the journey you've shared.

Arrives On: 28 Oct 28

Day 9: Cairns, Queensland (Australia)

Your Australian adventure draws to a close this morning. Enjoy one final breakfast surrounded by the scents and sounds of the tropics before your departure. A private transfer takes you to Cairns, where you'll embark on your next journey aboard your ultra-luxury Scenic Discovery Yacht, the beginning of an unforgettable voyage along Australia's east coast.

Arrives On: 29 Oct 28

Day 10: Willis Island, Queensland (Australia)

The Coral Sea Islands Territory extends east and south from the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef, covering 51 islets and cays, alongside 30 separate reefs and atolls. Willis Island is the only permanently inhabited island, staffed by a small team at the weather monitoring station, which was established in 1921 to provide a cyclone early warning service for Queenslanders. Coral Sea Marine Park, one of the world's largest marine parks, protects 16 different seafloors, 15,000 km² of reef systems and an abundance of corals, fish, sea stars, clams and sea cucumbers.

Before arrival, this morning offers an opportunity to unwind in the serene surroundings of the Senses Spa, where you can enjoy the complimentary thermal loungers and infrared saunas, or join a class in the PURE Yoga & Pilates Studio.

Arrives On: 30 Oct 28

Day 11: Magnetic Island, Queensland (Australia)

Two-thirds national park and surrounded by 23 secluded bays and soft sand beaches, Magnetic Island is renowned for its natural beauty and serenity. Explore an untouched haven of eucalyptus trees with sleeping koalas, hiking trails and open roads. Enjoy panoramic views from the lounge on Deck 10 or relax on your suite's verandah for views of the dramatic coastline. Look for native wildlife including rock wallabies, possums and over 100 different bird species. Visit Horseshoe Bay, on the sheltered north side of the island, and discover a thriving local community sprinkled with eclectic art galleries.

This evening, savour the flavours of Asia at Koko's Asian Fusion or enjoy steak and seafood at Elements., then ease into the night with live music and enriching entertainment in the state-of-the-art theatre or Scenic Lounge Bar. Scenic Discovery:
Weather and local approvals permitting, there may be an opportunity for a Zodiac beach landing, with time to enjoy activities such as snorkelling, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding or exploring beneath the surface with a

Seabob. You may also choose to experience the landscape from above on an optional flightseeing excursion by helicopter^, or discover the marine environment below with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 31 Oct 28

Day 12: Airlie Beach (Australia)

Airlie Beach serves as the gateway to the iconic Whitsunday Islands and the Great Barrier Reef. Fringed by palm-lined beaches and set in a tropical climate, the town exudes a relaxed charm that complements the natural beauty of the surrounding islands. From the esplanade to Airlie Beach Lagoon, visitors can enjoy scenic views, gentle sea breezes, and the laid-back rhythm of this coastal town, offering a perfect introduction to the serene beauty of the Whitsundays.

After a morning of exploring Airlie Beach enjoy an al fresco lunch today at the Yacht Club with your fellow voyagers and spend the afternoon nestled into one of the cabanas on Deck 10. Scenic Discovery:
Soar above the stunning lagoon on an optional flightseeing tour with one of the two onboard helicopters^. Alternatively, explore beneath the surface with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 01 Nov 28

Day 13: Percy Isles, Queensland (Australia)

Scenic Eclipse II’s design and environmental credentials allow access to the remote Percy Isles, a rarely visited group of islands in the Coral Sea. Middle Percy rises as a densely wooded hilltop above the surrounding waters, offering dramatic natural scenery. On the island, West Beach features a unique collection of memorabilia left by past visitors. You may enjoy a walk to scenic viewpoints, swim or snorkel in the tropical lagoons, or, weather permitting, explore the surroundings by kayak or stand-up paddleboard~. Alternatively, relax on board in the temperature-controlled Vitality pool on Deck 10 whilst taking in the panoramic views. Later, treat yourself to an ESPA treatment# in the 550sqm Senses Spa, where holistic therapies promote deep relaxation. Scenic Discovery:
Today, weather conditions and local approvals permitting, you may enjoy exploring the underwater world with a Seabob, gliding across the waves on a stand-up paddleboard, or kayaking along the shore, all accessible from a Zodiac beach landing. Alternatively, admire the pristine eco-paradise from above on an optional flightseeing excursion on one of the two on board helicopters^, or explore beneath the surface with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 02 Nov 28

Day 14: Great Keppel Island, Queensland (Australia)

Great Keppel Island, often called Wop-pa, is a tropical island retreat surrounded by inviting coastal waters. Snorkel or swim from the yacht or the island’s white sand beaches, where marine life such as turtles, dugongs, and a variety of fish can often be seen. Explore the island’s natural beauty and learn about its rich Aboriginal heritage, whilst spotting native wildlife, including more than 90 bird species.

Later, relax on board with a cocktail in hand, taking in the island sunset from your private verandah, the Sky Bar, the Sky Deck’s outdoor seating, or one of the cabanas, enjoying the serene coastal surroundings. As evening falls, dine at Elements, where Italian, steak and seafood dishes are prepared using locally sourced ingredients. Scenic Discovery:
Weather and local approvals permitting, you may enjoy a Zodiac landing that brings the beach to life, with endless ways to explore the sea: paddleboard across gentle bays, kayak along sun-dappled shores, snorkel amid colourful reefs, or dive beneath the surface with a Seabob for a closer look at marine life. Alternatively, admire the pristine eco-paradise from above on an optional flightseeing excursion on one of the two on board helicopters^, or explore beneath the surface with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 03 Nov 28

Day 15: Lady Elliot Islands, Queensland (Australia)

Lady Elliot Island is your first stop at the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef. This lush island paradise is known for its giant manta rays and turtles as well as its commitment to sustainability through the use of renewable energy, invasive species eradication and other notable environmental initiatives. Here, the glittering white beaches are made entirely of crushed coral. The highly protected ‘Green Zone’ is a sanctuary for over 1,200 species of marine life and an extraordinary unspoilt coral reef. Walk around the island and take in the lush rainforest surroundings, the centre of the island’s life force.

Return to your Scenic Discovery Yacht to enjoy the diverse dining experiences or savour a quiet moment at Azure Bar & Café with a light meal and ocean views, then visit the open bridge on Deck 7 to meet the Captain and navigational team and gain first-hand insight into a Scenic Discovery Yacht’s state-of-the-art technology from one of the most inspiring vantage points on board. Scenic Discovery:
Today, weather and local approvals permitting, you may indulge in a range of exciting water sports, including snorkelling, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, or exploring the underwater realm with a Seabob. Alternatively, admire the pristine eco-paradise from above on an optional flightseeing excursion on one of the two on board helicopters^, or explore the marine life with the Scenic Neptune II submersible^.

Arrives On: 04 Nov 28

Day 16: Fraser Island, Queensland (Australia)

K’gari (Fraser Island) is the world’s largest sand island and a World Heritage-listed destination celebrated for its remarkable landscapes and unique wildlife. Stretching over 120 kilometres, the island features ancient sand dunes, secluded beaches, freshwater lakes and creeks, and pockets of lush rainforest. Its diverse habitats support a wide variety of native flora and fauna, offering a rare glimpse into one of Australia’s most extraordinary natural environments.

Check the Daily Wonder for Discovery Team lectures in the state-of-the-art theatre, where leading experts share rich insights into the wildlife, landscapes and culture of the region.

Arrives On: 05 Nov 28

Day 17: Brisbane, Queensland (Australia)

In the late afternoon, Scenic Eclipse II arrives in Brisbane for an overnight stay, offering a chance to experience the city at a relaxed pace. Brisbane, Queensland’s vibrant capital, is known for its modern architecture, lively riverside precincts, and diverse dining scene. Enjoy the atmosphere along the Brisbane River, admire the blend of contemporary and historic landmarks, or simply unwind on board as the city lights begin to illuminate the skyline.

Take advantage of the late evening to enjoy a relaxing drink at the Sky Bar on Deck 10 or explore the city's vibrant nightlife ashore.

Arrives On: 06 Nov 28

Day 18: Brisbane, Queensland (Australia)

Enjoy a morning discovering more of Brisbane’s highlights before Scenic Eclipse II departs later in the afternoon. From vibrant markets and cultural attractions to historic streetscapes and boutique shops, the city offers a harmonious blend of urban sophistication and relaxed Queensland charm. Take in the city’s lively precincts, explore galleries or cafés, and soak up the unique character of Brisbane before setting sail along the coast.

As you depart, consider a refreshing session in the POWER: Gym or join a Pilates class in the PURE: Yoga & Pilates Studio to rejuvenate after your city exploration.

Arrives On: 07 Nov 28

Day 19: Coffs Harbour, New South Wales (Australia)

Coffs Harbour is a laid-back coastal town set between the Great Dividing Range and the Pacific Ocean. Known for its expansive beaches and relaxed atmosphere, it offers a blend of scenic coastline, lush hinterlands, and local character. Explore the surrounding forests, enjoy the serene beaches, or discover the town’s playful side at the iconic ‘Big Banana’, a landmark that reflects the region’s fun-loving spirit.

Return on board to unwind with in-suite dining from the 24-hour menu, then bring the day to a close with a nightcap in one of the eight bars or lounges.

Arrives On: 08 Nov 28

Day 20: Newcastle, New South Wales (Australia)

Newcastle offers a compelling blend of coastal charm and cultural character, with sweeping ocean views, heritage architecture, and a growing contemporary arts scene. Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours was founded in Newcastle, giving the city a special significance for the company. Explore relaxed beachfront promenades, discover vibrant street art and galleries, or enjoy the city’s lively café and dining culture, all set against the backdrop of a beautiful natural coastline.

This evening, indulge in the Sushi & Saké Bar @ Koko's, or for one last time retreat to the Senses Spa for a deeply restorative experience.

Arrives On: 09 Nov 28

Day 21: Sydney, New South Wales (Australia)

Your Discovery Voyage concludes this morning in Sydney, Australia’s iconic harbour city. Enjoy a final breakfast on board, taking in the views from your suite or private verandah as the skyline comes into view.

Disembark and bid farewell to the Scenic Eclipse II crew and fellow guests, taking with you lasting memories of an exceptional voyage along Australia’s east coast. Please book your flight to depart out of Sydney after 12:00 PM. #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.
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