Cruise Details

Name:	Jewels of Raja Ampat, Papua New Guinea & Cairns - Cruise & Land Journey
Reference:	SCENICOTC9121028-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
Departs On:	12 Oct 28
Departs From:	Darwin, Northern Territory
Arrives On:	01 Nov 28
Arrives At:	Silky Oaks Lodge, Daintree Forest
Cruise Nights:	20
Total Vacation Days:	21

Itinerary

Day 1: Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia)

Arrive in Darwin, the Northern Territory’s tropical capital city. After embarking, settle into your spacious ultra-luxury verandah suite on board Scenic Eclipse II. Your butler will assist with unpacking and guide you through the pillow menu. Take some time to familiarise yourself with the unsurpassed amenities including the eight bars and lounges, up to 10 culinary experiences from casual to fine dining, the expansive Senses Spa# and the state-of-the-art theatre. Toast the beginning of your Discovery Voyage with a cocktail on the Observation Terrace. Please book your flight to arrive into Darwin prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 12 Oct 28

Day 3: 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. Powdery soft 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:
Subject to weather conditions and local permits, today may offer time to enjoy the beach, take a refreshing swim, or snorkel in the surrounding waters alongside your Discovery Team.

Arrives On: 14 Oct 28

Day 4: Triton Bay (Indonesia)

Triton Bay is a secluded and richly biodiverse corner of West Papua, renowned for its dramatic limestone karsts, sheltered bays, and thriving marine life. Beneath the surface, vibrant coral reefs support an abundance of tropical fish, with manta rays often seen gliding through these nutrient-rich waters. On land, dense rainforests echo with birdlife, whilst small coastal villages offer insight into traditional ways of life. Together, Triton Bay's striking landscapes and cultural depth create a deeply rewarding and memorable experience.

Arrives On: 15 Oct 28

Day 5: Mommon Peninsula, West Papua (Indonesia)

Located north of Triton Bay, KitiKiti Waterfall is one of West Papua's most dramatic natural features. Cascading directly into the sea, the waterfall is framed by dense tropical forest and dramatic coastal scenery. The cool, freshwaters create an inviting setting, whilst the surrounding reef system supports colourful marine life. This rare meeting of freshwater and ocean offers a peaceful and visually captivating experience in a truly remote environment.

Tonight, explore more of the up to 10 all-inclusive on board culinary experiences, sampling fine French cuisine at Lumière+ or vibrant Asian fusion at Koko's. Alternatively, choose to dine in the comfort of your suite and have your evening nightcap delivered by your butler, choosing from a range of premium wines, beers and spirits.

Arrives On: 16 Oct 28

Day 6: Misool, Raja Ampat (Indonesia)

One of the four largest islands of the group, known collectively as the Four Kings, Misool has a permanent population of around 5,000 scattered around a few villages. It is surrounded by one of the most remarkable reef systems left on earth and is one of the few places where biodiversity is improving, rather than declining. Misool also features intriguing ancient rock art and limestone caves.

Your Scenic Discovery Yacht will spend the night in the calm waters

off Misool Island. Enjoy a leisurely dinner and then head to the Sky Deck for breathtaking stargazing. Scenic Discovery:
Weather and local approvals permitting, there may be opportunities to view striking limestone karst formations, explore trails that give unique birds eye views of the area, and snorkel on the world's most diverse reefs.

Arrives On: 17 Oct 28

Day 7: Kri Island (Indonesia)

Today sail into the otherworldly splendour of the Raja Ampat Islands. With more than 1,500 sparsely populated islands peppered across the ocean north of West Papua, this isolated archipelago is the world's most biodiverse marine region; 75% of the world's known coral species can be found here and the waters are home to more than 1,600 species of fish. Its remote location means Raja Ampat is largely untouched by mass tourism. Scenic Discovery:
Weather and local approvals permitting, there may be an opportunity for a Zodiac wet landing to visit a local village, to witness traditional Raja Ampat drumming, meet community members and gain a glimpse into daily life in this island paradise.

Arrives On: 18 Oct 28

Day 7: Gam Island (Indonesia)

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Day 8: Manokwari, Irian Jaya (Indonesia)

Manokwari is a coastal town and the capital of West Papua, set between the Pacific Ocean and forested mountain ranges. It serves as a gateway to some of the region's most important natural areas, including the Arfak Mountains and nearby rainforest reserves known for their exceptional biodiversity. These habitats support a wide variety of endemic species, including Birds-of-Paradise, tree kangaroos, and rare butterflies. The surrounding landscapes of dense jungle, rivers, and hills offer insight into one of Indonesia's most ecologically significant and least explored regions.

Check the daily program on board to find out what the Discovery Team has planned coming up. Enjoy a lecture in the state-of-the-art theatre and gain insights into local culture and nature.

Arrives On: 19 Oct 28

Day 9: Cenderawasih Bay (Indonesia)

Cenderawasih Bay is a vast marine reserve located along the northern coast of West Papua, near the Bird’s Head Peninsula. As Indonesia’s largest national marine park, it is recognised for its remarkable biodiversity and extensive coral reef systems. The bay is one of the few places in the world where whale sharks are known to gather regularly, often around traditional fishing platforms. Alongside these gentle giants, the surrounding waters support a rich variety of tropical fish, reef species, and marine habitats, making this an exceptional location for observing life beneath the surface.

Meet new friends on the terrace of the Azure Bar & Café for a lazy lunch while you share stories. Visit the gelato fridge at the Yacht Club for an afternoon snack and perhaps make a dinner reservation at one of the specialty restaurants to indulge in exquisite cuisine from around the world as you celebrate this wonderful journey.

Arrives On: 20 Oct 28

Day 11: Jayapura, Irian Jaya (Indonesia)

Set between forested hills and sheltered bays on the northern coast of New Guinea, Jayapura offers a mix of natural scenery and cultural depth. As the capital of Papua Province, the city reflects both contemporary Indonesian life and longstanding indigenous traditions. Nearby Lake Sentani and the surrounding rainforest regions are known for their rich birdlife and striking landscapes, providing a window into the environmental and cultural diversity of this remote corner of Indonesia.

Arrives On: 22 Oct 28

Day 12: Kopar Village, Sepik River (Papua New Guinea)

A visit to the remote village of Kopar offers insight into the artistic traditions of the Sepik region, where wood carving and handcrafts remain an important part of daily life. A warm local welcome provides an opportunity to learn about community customs and view distinctive artworks shaped by generations of cultural heritage.

Later, as Scenic Eclipse II sails onward, unwind with sunset drinks whilst enjoying views of the active Manam Volcano rising dramatically from the sea, its volcanic silhouette creating a memorable backdrop.

Arrives On: 23 Oct 28

Day 12: Manam Island (Papua New Guinea)

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Day 13: Tami Island (Papua New Guinea)

In the heart of the Huon Gulf, the Tami Islands are renowned for their extraordinary woodcarving traditions. Local artisans craft intricate hardwood bowls, often adorned with stylised

spirit faces, a skill carefully preserved and passed down through generations. Visiting the islands offers a rare glimpse into this vibrant cultural heritage, where craftsmanship and community life remain closely intertwined, creating an experience that is both visually striking and culturally enriching.

Arrives On: 24 Oct 28

Day 14: Tufi (Papua New Guinea)

Tufi, often called the “Scandinavia of the tropics,” is known for its fjords, with steep cliffs rising above calm, sheltered waters. The region is also celebrated for its traditional tapa cloth, hand-crafted and intricately decorated by local communities. Surrounded by ancient mangrove forests, Tufi offers one of Papua New Guinea’s most colourful traditional performances, providing a rare opportunity to experience the island’s rich culture and enduring artistic heritage in a remarkable natural setting.

After a day of exploring indulge in an ESPA treatment# at the expansive 550sqm Senses Spa, where signature therapies and restorative rituals await.

Arrives On: 25 Oct 28

Day 15: Alotau (Papua New Guinea)

Situated at the eastern tip of Papua New Guinea, Alotau is framed by lush rainforest, quiet beaches, and colourful coral reefs. The surrounding islands and nearby villages provide opportunities to explore waterfalls, snorkel among vibrant marine life, and discover volcanic landscapes. Rich in both natural beauty and cultural heritage, the area offers insight into the traditions and daily life of local communities, making it a rewarding stop on this remote and scenic region of the country.

Arrives On: 26 Oct 28

Day 16: Doini Island (Papua New Guinea)

Doini Island lies within Papua New Guinea’s Milne Bay Province, a region known for its calm waters, coral-rich seas, and scattered tropical islands. Fringed by quiet beaches and backed by lush vegetation, the island offers a peaceful setting shaped by both natural beauty and a sense of seclusion.

Spend the day taking in the scenery, from the clear coastal waters to the island’s sandy shores, shaded groves, and gentle walking paths. As the day ends, return to Scenic Eclipse II for a relaxed dinner on board, surrounded by the stillness of this remote corner of the South Pacific.

Arrives On: 27 Oct 28

Day 18: Cairns, Queensland (Australia)

Enjoy a final morning aboard your Scenic Discovery Yacht, reflecting on the unforgettable experiences and ports you've explored. After farewelling your Captain and crew, disembark in Cairns, where a private transfer takes you to Silky Oaks Lodge to begin your next chapter in the Daintree. On arrival, you're welcomed with a refreshing elixir and guided through the lush grounds to your Treehouse Retreat, an elegant haven nestled above the Mossman River.

As the afternoon light softens, settle in with your complimentary in-suite mini bar, replenished daily for your enjoyment. Tonight, savour a seasonal three-course dinner in the open-air Treehouse Restaurant, paired with selected premium wines. The evening unfolds beneath a canopy of stars, accompanied by the soothing sounds of the rainforest.

Arrives On: 29 Oct 28

Day 18: Silky Oaks Lodge, Daintree Forest (Australia)

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Day 19: Silky Oaks Lodge, Daintree Forest (Australia)

Awaken to the calls of native birds and enjoy a tropical à la carte breakfast, served with sweeping views across the treetops. Begin your day with gentle morning yoga by the river or embark on a guided walk-through ancient rainforest trail, learning the secrets of this 135-million-year-old ecosystem.

Return for an afternoon at leisure, with either a refreshing swim in the river, or a tranquil moment on your private balcony. As dusk approaches, enjoy signature evening drinks and snacks before dining on a thoughtfully curated menu where local ingredients shine in artful simplicity.

Arrives On: 30 Oct 28

Day 19: Daintree Forest (Australia)

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Day 20: Silky Oaks Lodge, Daintree Forest (Australia)

This morning invites a deeper connection with the land. Join an Indigenous guide on a Dreamtime Walk through moss-carpeted rainforest paths, discovering the Daintree's spiritual stories and plant lore. After returning to the lodge, indulge in a chef's lunch experience that reimagines local produce into a tropical feast.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy. Perhaps unwind with a spa treatment inspired by the healing waters of the river or take a leisurely paddle along its calm currents using the lodge's stand-up paddleboards. Evening brings another memorable dining experience, with signature cocktails and a tasting menu celebrating the flavours of Far North Queensland.

Arrives On: 31 Oct 28

Day 20: Daintree Forest (Australia)

Arrives On: 31 Oct 28

Day 21: Silky Oaks Lodge, Daintree Forest (Australia)

Your final morning unfolds slowly. Begin with a peaceful rainforest stroll or a quiet yoga session, followed by a final tropical breakfast. Take one last moment to breathe in the cool, green air of the Daintree before check-out and private transfer back to Cairns. #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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Day 21: Daintree Forest (Australia)

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