

Grand European Discovery: Dublin to London



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Day 1 **Dublin (D)**

Sat, 23 May

Welcome to Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland. Named Dubh Linn by the Vikings, this city on the River Liffey is a heady mix of heritage, culture and craic (fun). Steep in 1000 years of history, the Dublin is resplendent with cobbled streets and Georgian architecture. It is known for its friendly locals, hedonistic pub culture and has a rich literary scene, producing four Nobel Laureates. Board Scenic Eclipse this afternoon and be warmly welcomed by the Captain and the crew. Enjoy a glass of Champagne, meet your butler and settle into your spacious suite. Then join your fellow guests on the Sky Deck as you cruise north towards Belfast. Please book your flight to arrive into Dublin prior to 02:00 PM.

Day 2 **Belfast (B,L,D)**

Sat, 24 May

Arrive in Belfast this morning, a city with a dynamic arts and music scene and a rich maritime heritage. It was the place where the Titanic was built, and you can learn more about the ill-fated ship at the iconic Titanic Belfast Museum. Beyond the city limits, discover the breathtaking landscape of the World Heritage-listed Giant's Causeway, some 40,000 columns lying at the foot of basalt cliffs. Your ship will stay in Belfast until later this evening, giving you the opportunity to wander through the city's charming streets lined with historic architecture as the lights start to sparkle.

Day 3 **Iona Island > Staffa (B,L,D)**

Mon, 25 May

Iona Island is a jewel of Scotland's Inner Hebrides. Explore the medieval Iona Abbey, known as the cradle of Celtic Christianity. Wander through the peaceful ruins of the nearby Nunnery, which overlooks the azure waters of the Atlantic. Follow the Nunnery Walk, a scenic path offering breathtaking views of the island's rugged coastline and pristine beaches. Relax in your spacious suite on board as you cruise to Staffa, an enchanting island off the coast of Scotland. Here you'll explore Fingal's Cave, a sea cave renowned for its dramatic basalt columns. Get up close to this geological marvel on a zodiac.

Day 4 Tue, 26 May	Oban > Scenic Cruise Sound of Mull (B,L,D) This morning you'll explore Oban and its charming harbour, dotted with colourful fishing boats and framed by lush hillsides. Oban is synonymous with whiskey and is known as the seafood capital of Scotland. Later in the day, cruise through the Sound of Mull, past towering cliffs, tranquil bays, and hidden coves. Head to the Observation Deck with the Discovery Team for the chance to spot playful seals, dolphins, and majestic sea eagles. Or curl up in a cabana on the Sky Deck with a refreshing drink to watch the magnificent scenery float by.
Day 5 Wed, 27 May	St. Kilda (B,L,D) St. Kilda is a World Heritage-listed site nestled in the remote Outer Hebrides. This pristine archipelago is home to one of Europe's most important seabird colonies, playful seals and dramatic cliffs that rise from the Atlantic Ocean. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the resilient inhabitants. Cruise through the Flannan Isles, where the disappearance of three lighthouse keepers at the turn of the 20th century is one of Ireland's greatest mysteries. Spot wildlife including puffins, whales and dolphins as you relax on your private verandah with afternoon tea delivered by your butler.
Day 6 Thu, 28 May	Portree, Isle of Skye (B,L,D) Welcome to Portree, a picturesque harbour town on the stunning Isle of Skye. Fishing boats bob gently in the harbour, which is lined with candy-coloured buildings. Explore the quaint streets and boutique shops, cosy cafés, and traditional pubs that offer a taste of local hospitality. Take in breathtaking views of the surrounding rugged landscape and majestic Cuillin Mountains. This afternoon, Scenic Eclipse will cruise to Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. Join the Discovery Team in the state-of-the-art theatre for a lecture about the upcoming ports. In the evening, choose one of up to 10 world class dining experiences or request a private meal delivered to your suite by the butler.
Day 7 Fri, 29 May	Stornoway, Isle of Lewis (B,L,D) Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Gaelic culture and heritage in Stornoway, which was originally a Viking settlement. Explore the historic Lews Castle, the mysterious Callandish standing stones, and delight in the warmth of traditional Hebridean hospitality. As we cruise towards the Shetland Islands, you may wish to unwind in the expansive Senses Spa. Book a luxurious massage# or facial# or try one of the alternative therapies, such as Japanese shiatsu, Indian Ayurvedic massage and Tibetan bowl sound healing.
Day 8 Sat, 30 May	Lerwick, Shetland Islands (B,L,D) Lerwick is the heart of the Shetland Islands. Be enchanted by this historic seaport, where Norse heritage meets Scottish charm. Explore the winding streets lined with colourful buildings, browse the bustling shops and sample local delicacies at the cafés. Discover the fascinating history of the islands at the Shetland Museum and Archives or pay a visit to the bustling market square. Enjoy dinner in town or return to the ship for a relaxed meal in the alfresco Yacht Club or fine French cuisine at Lumière. Visit the state-of-the-art theatre this evening for world-class musical productions.
Day 9 Sun, 31 May	Kirkwall, Orkney Islands (B,L,D) Welcome to Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands. Explore the iconic St. Magnus Cathedral, a masterpiece of medieval architecture, or wander through the charming streets lined with quaint shops and cosy cafés. Dive into Orkney's rich heritage at the Orkney Museum, housing artefacts dating thousands of years. Other highlights include the Neolithic sites of Skara Brae and the Ring of Brodgar, offering glimpses into Orkney's prehistoric past. Head to the Sky Deck this evening for a glass of Champagne as the ship departs Kirkwall or request your butler to deliver your favourite cocktail to your suite.
Day 10 Mon, 01 Jun	Aberdeen (B,L,D) Nestled on the northeast coast, Aberdeen is Scotland's Granite City, with more than half its buildings constructed with stone from the local quarry. Wander through the picturesque streets of Old Aberdeen, where medieval buildings stand testament to centuries of history, and visit Marischal College and St. Machar's Cathedral. Indulge in the city's fresh seafood at its bustling markets or savour local delicacies in its quaint pubs. While on board, you may wish to visit the gym for an invigorating workout or the PURE: Yoga & Pilates Studio for some guided stretching or aerial yoga.

Day 11 Tue, 02 Jun	<p>Leith (Edinburgh) (B,L,D)</p> <p>Arrive in Leith this morning, which was once Scotland's main port for trade and named one of the coolest neighbourhoods in the world. Explore the iconic Royal Yacht Britannia, once the floating residence of the British Royal Family. Wander along the historic Water of Leith Walkway, lined with pubs, galleries, and boutiques.</p> <p>Your Discovery Yacht will dock overnight, so you have time to head into the historic city of Edinburgh, to see its iconic castle perched atop an ancient volcanic rock and its bustling streets. Back on board, settle in at the spacious Scenic Lounge Bar to enjoy your beverage of choice, whether it be aged whiskey or a glass of wine, and share your journey's favourite memories with your new friends.</p>
Day 12 Wed, 03 Jun	<p>Edinburgh > Lisbon (B,D)</p> <p>Today, bid farewell to the luxurious Scenic Eclipse and take an included flight to Lisbon, where you'll spend the next three days exploring this vibrant Portuguese city.</p>
Day 13 Thu, 04 Jun	<p>Lisbon (B)</p> <p>Your first morning in Lisbon starts with a guided tour. The city has a long and fascinating history; founded in 1200BC, it was ruled by the Moors for more than 400 years, led the oceanic Age of Exploration and was almost completely rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 1755.</p> <p>Freechoice: Today's Scenic Freechoice options:</p> <p>High seas history: Visit the Maritime Museum and learn the nautical history of this once dominant seafaring nation. Set inside the Jerónimos Monastery, the museum is home to more than 23,000 pieces that chart Portugal's maritime triumphs across seven centuries.</p> <p>Visit Sintra & Palacio Nacional: Board your coach and visit the hilltop town of Sintra, around 45 minutes outside of Lisbon. Explore Sintra on an orientation tour and visit the national monument, Palacio Nacional. Perched high above the town, the palace is a glorious blend of Moorish and Portuguese Gothic architecture topped with twin conical chimneys. This well-preserved medieval palace was a favourite location of Portuguese Nobility and was a royal residence for nearly 500 years.</p>
Day 14 Fri, 05 Jun	<p>Lisbon (B,D)</p> <p>Today is yours to enjoy. Perhaps hop aboard the number 28 tram, which winds through the city's narrowest streets, up steep hills and incredibly close to buildings.</p> <p>Art lovers can head for the Museum of Art, Architecture, and Technology (MAAT), spread across an historic power station and a new futuristic building on the bank of the Tagus river. Inside, you'll find the country's most impressive collection of Portuguese contemporary art alongside regular rotation of visiting exhibitions. This evening you will join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a delicious dinner.</p>
Day 15 Sat, 06 Jun	<p>Lisbon > Porto (B,D)</p> <p>Your journey via Coimbra takes you to Porto where you'll board the luxurious Scenic Azure.</p>
Day 16 Sun, 07 Jun	<p>Porto (B,L,D)</p> <p>Wake in the city of Porto, a 2,000-year-old city that lent its name to the nation of Portugal. And while it is awash in history, it has a youthful vibe. Porto is both hip yet opulent, where street art adorns ancient city walls and historical buildings are decorated with intricate colourful tiles.</p> <p>Freechoice: Explore the region with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:</p> <p>Guided tour of Porto: Discover the rich culture and history of Porto on this guided tour, which includes a visit to the iconic Palacio da Bolsa. Located in the heart of the city, this 19th-century neoclassical building boasts stunning architecture and intricate detail, including the Arab Room, adorned with stunning Moorish-inspired decorations and with a ceiling made entirely of gold leaf. After your guided tour you have ample free time so why not explore the Bolhão Markets? This historic market has been in operation since 1914 and offers visitors a glimpse into the local food and culture. It's a great way to mingle with locals and enjoy the bustling atmosphere.</p> <p>Active tour of Porto including cable car: Walk from the ship to board a rabelo (a traditional wooden cargo boat). Travel from Porto to Gaia (or Vila Nova de Gaia) where you'll take a cable car ride to the Dom Luis bridge, which crosses the Douro River. Walk across the bridge towards Porto Cathedral, Sao Bento railway station, and the bustling street of Rua das Flores.</p> <p>Decorative blue tiles are synonymous with Portugal and this afternoon you will learn about their history while creating a masterpiece of your own during a tile painting workshop.</p>

Day 17
Mon, 08 Jun

Entre-os-Rios > Regua (B,L,D)

Your first port of call along the Douro is the quaint village of Entre-os-Rios. From here, you will set out to explore the verdant Douro Valley, with options to enjoy a hike, sample local wines, or visit a city known as the 'cradle of Portugal'.

Freechoice:

Choose from one of today's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Paiva Walkways: Explore nature at its finest on an active hike along the Paiva River. A wooden walkway snakes its way down a rocky hillside in Arouca Geopark, a UNESCO Global Geopark comprising a mountainscape carved by rivers, and the longest suspended pedestrian bridge in the world, at 520 metres long. This active tour requires a high degree of fitness due to a large number of stairs, uneven terrain and a walking distance of approximately 4 kilometres.

Quinta da Aveleda: Transfer by coach to this 150-year-old wine producer for a tour and tasting. Explore the fairytale-like property of Quinta Aveleda, a renowned sparkling wine producer set on an impressive estate. A highlight of this tour are the enchanting gardens.

Excursion to Guimarães: Fondly referred to as the birthplace of Portugal, Guimarães was the seat of the first King of Portugal and home to the impressive Ducal Palace. Visit the well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage-listed city and explore the palace, which dates to the 15th century and displays an historic collection of tapestries, furniture, ceramics, weapons and more. You will also have free time to explore the city on your own.

Relax on board this afternoon as you cruise to Regua, the largest of the riverside towns and an excellent base for exploring the Douro Valley. This region is famous for producing Port wine, with rolling vineyards on the terraced hillsides and wineries dating back to the 18th century. Upon arrival this afternoon you can enjoy a visit to the excellent Douro Museum.

Learn about the history, culture and traditions of the region of the Douro Valley at Douro Museum. It's set in a fully restored 18th century building that once housed The Company, which was responsible for the demarcation of Douro wines, as well as being a place where wines and winemaking tools were stored. After the museum visit, enjoy a drink of local port or port tonic on the terrace overlooking the magnificent Douro Valley.

Day 18
Tue, 09 Jun

Regua (B,L,D)

This morning join your fellow guests for an excursion to the Varosa Valley, the first demarcation region of sparkling wine. Visit the charming village of Tarouca where you'll explore the restored Monastery of Saint John of Tarouca. Walk the fortified bridge of Ucanha, Portugal's first toll bridge spanning the Varosa River which was built during the 14th and 15th centuries.

Freechoice:

Choose one of this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Excursion to Lamego: Take a coach to the town of Lamego, nestled among terraced vineyards that were the first to produce world-famous port wine. The city prospered in the 18th century and is a fascinating place to wander, with its many fine Baroque structures. Your tour will culminate at the stunning Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption, standing gracefully overlooking the town. The front of the cathedral is lined by a zigzagged staircase decorated in traditional blue and white tiled mosaics leading down to the town centre. You will have the option to take a self-guided tour of the museum and will be offered a tasting of local produce.

Mateus Palace: Transfer by coach to Mateus Palace, considered one of the best examples of Baroque civil architecture in Portugal. Built in the first half of the 18th century, the former family home features rooms with original furniture and ornately carved ceilings; a library that contains one of the first illustrated editions of Os Lusíadas, Portugal's most significant epic poem; and a manicured garden dotted with statues, hedges, a cypress tunnel and reflective ponds.

Port Wine Blending Class: Ever wanted to know how an oenologist creates their beautiful blends? Well today you will find out. Visit Quinta de Pacheca and marvel at the glorious vineyards and old cellar before taking a hands on workshop where you will learn about the blending process.

Day 19
Wed, 10 Jun

Regua > Vega de Terron (B,L,D)

Today you'll enjoy a relaxing day on board, as you sail towards Vega de Terron.

Spend the morning soaking up the sunshine on the Sun Deck as you enjoy the Douro scenery rolling during a full day cruise through the Douro Valley's Vinhateiro wine growing region. A World Heritage-listed Site, Vinhateiro has a history of wine production that stretches back for 2,000 years. In fact, its impeccable port wines have been world-famous since at least the 18th century.

Day 20
Thu, 11 Jun

Vega de Terron > Salamanca (B,L,D)

Wake this morning in the city of Vega de Terron, located on the border of Portugal and Spain and at the confluence of the Douro and Águeda rivers. This small town remains beautifully unspoiled, with quiet streets, lush landscapes and welcoming locals. It's a popular gateway to the university town of Salamanca, which you will have the opportunity to explore today.

Freechoice:

Explore your way with one of today's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Salamanca Full Day Excursion: Known as the 'golden city' for its honey-coloured sandstone architecture. Salamanca is home to two cathedrals, one dating to the 12th century and the other to the 16th century, which you will see on today's guided tour. You will also visit a market to taste local delicacies such as olives, cheese and smoked ham, and you'll have free time to explore and enjoy lunch at your leisure.

Freixo de Espada à Cinta with silk museum: Visit the village of Freixo de Espada à Cinta. Legend has it the Dinis King of Portugal founded the town in the 14th century. The town is also the only place in Portugal where handcrafted silk is still processed entirely by hand, and on this guided tour you will visit a silk museum.

Day 21
Fri, 12 Jun

Pocinho > Pinhao (B,L,D)

Wake in the village of Pocinho, established as the terminus of the Douro Railway in 1887, a great location to explore more of the Douro Valley.

Freechoice:

Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Côa Valley Museum: Transfer by coach to the Côa Valley Museum. The museum is a great introduction to the region's paleolithic rock art sites through original artefacts and digital technology; on your visit you'll enjoy a pre-historic workshop.

Tastes of the Côa Valley: Visit Casa Painova estate for a demonstration on how sweet almonds are produced and learn how these nuts are harvested and used in desserts and pastries. Enjoy a tasting of almonds, olives and fruit products.

This afternoon, relax as you cruise towards Pinhão.

Day 22
Sat, 13 Jun

Pinhão (B,L,D)

Wake this morning in Pinhão, set on one of the prettiest parts of the Douro River. This small village is surrounded by terraced vineyards and produces exceptional port wine.

This morning, transfer to the charming village of Provesende, located on a plateau with spectacular views of the region's fertile rolling landscape. Wander through the village and visit the church, discover the old bakery, learn how traditional handicraft is made, and look inside the historic manor house, Morgadio da Calçada, where you'll enjoy a tasting of delicious bola.

Freechoice:

Choose one of this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Kayaking along the Pinhão River: Explore this beautiful region as you glide past impressive landscapes of terraced vineyards, patchworked farmland and sprawling estates via kayak on the Pinhao River, a tributary of the Douro.

Quinta vineyard hiking: Take a guided hike through the breathtaking vineyards of Quinta in the Douro Valley. Enjoy stunning views across the Douro River, learn about the winemaking process and sample some of their wines.

Quinta tasting: Visit Quinta da Roêda estate for a tasting of the region's most famous export. On a guided walking tour, you'll learn the secrets of the vineyard. Finish in the estate's visitors' centre, housed in the old stables that have been restored in traditional Douro style, the perfect location for a tasting of port wines.

Day 23
Sun, 14 Jun

Pinhao > Porto (B,L,D)

Enjoy time at leisure as you continue to sail along the spectacular Douro River. Your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive back in Porto this afternoon, where you'll experience an exclusive classical concert tonight.

Enrich

This evening's Scenic Enrich:

Classical concert in Sao Francisco Church: From the ship, take a short walk (with some stairs) to Sao Francisco Church, which is one of the most iconic sites in Porto. Built in the 13th century, the Gothic church has an alter decorated with intricately carved wood swathed in gold. All guests will enjoy a performance of classical music.

Day 24
Mon, 15 Jun

Porto (B,L,D)

Wake in Porto, ready for a day of unique experiences, whether that be a ride on a traditional boat, playing a round of golf or sampling wine in one of the most famous cellars in the city.

Freechoice:

Explore your way with one of today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Excursion to Aveiro with a cruise: Take a coach to Aveiro, a city resplendent in Art Nouveau architecture and famed for its canals. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city and cruise the waterways in a brightly coloured moliceiros flat-bottomed boat.

Round of golf: Golfing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to tee off here in Porto, a city known for its top golf courses. Play 6 holes at the Quinta do Fojo Golf club, one of Porto's most popular courses. Quinta do Fojo is a spectacular course set in a walled estate which houses gardens, lakes, woods and a historical Manor House, founded in 1714. This activity is for experienced golfers only and to participate guests must bring their 'Golf Handicap Certificate'. If this is not provided you will be unable to participate in this Scenic Freechoice activity. It is recommended that participants bring sunscreen and a hat with them.

Wine tasting in Vila Nova de Gaia: Travel to Vila Nova de Gaia to visit one of Porto's most famous cellars, Cockburn's Port. Enjoy a guided visit and a tasting.

This afternoon you will have free time in Porto to explore the city at your own leisure. Return to your Scenic Space-Ship this evening for a farewell dinner.

This evening you will take an illumination cruise through Porto to see the city lit up at night, including the bridges that span the Douro.

Day 25
Tue, 16 Jun

Porto > Budapest (B,D)

From Porto, take an included flight to the vibrant city of Budapest, where you'll board your Space-Ship for a nine-night cruise along the majestic Danube.

Day 26
Wed, 17 Jun

Budapest (B,L,D)

The diverse city of Budapest is a cultural melting pot, renowned for its thermal baths and vibrant nightlife scene, peppered with Roman ruins, Gothic buildings, bohemian coffee houses, world-class operas, and an historical Jewish quarter where the scars of WWII can still be seen to this day.

Freechoice:

A range of Scenic Freechoice activities are on offer to choose from:

Budapest in Depth: Explore this magical city by coach. Visit both Buda and Pest, the two districts that are separated by the Danube that make up the city. Starting on the Buda side see the Várkert Bazár before crossing the Margaret Bridge to the Pest side where you will see Széchenyi square and Elizabeth square. End your tour with a mesmerising piano recital at the Institute for the Blind.

Budapest's Past & Present: This walking and coach tour will give insight on Budapest's communist past and life today as part of the European Union, including the 1956 Hungarian revolution and the significant Jewish events that have shaped modern culture.

Ancestry of the Kitchen – Goulash cooking class: Traditional recipes have long been passed down through generations. Today you'll be let in on the secrets of a family recipe as you learn how to make traditional Hungarian Goulash.

Your five-star Space-Ship doesn't depart Budapest until later this evening, allowing you to explore Budapest on your own. Pack your swimsuit and make your way to one of Budapest's thermal baths for a relaxing soak in the therapeutic waters, or perhaps set out to explore the Central Market Hall – the largest market in the city, built in neo-gothic style for a combination of shopping and sightseeing. Or check out the Jewish Quarter's famous ruin bars, which are housed in old and abandoned buildings that were left in decay after WWII.

Day 27
Thu, 18 Jun

Bratislava (B,L,D)

Spend the morning on board your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship. Wake up to a rolling tapestry of river life along the Danube as we sail towards the Slovakian capital, Bratislava.

Slovakia's capital since independence in 1993, Bratislava is a modern multicultural metropolis with an intriguing history. Its Old Town is glorious in medieval and Gothic architecture and its well-preserved hilltop castle, which has history dating back to the 9th century, still dominates the town. These charming historic sites contrast with its brutalist socialist architecture, which is evident around the city.

Freechoice:

As we dock in the city centre, today's Scenic Freechoice are just steps away.

Walking tour of Bratislava: Explore Bratislava with a knowledgeable local guide to see all the highlights of the city such as the Hlavné Námestie, the main square and the Old Town Hall while learning about the history of the city including what everyday life was like under the Iron Curtain era, the political boundary that divided Europe after WWII.

Coffee & Cake at Kormuth Bakeri: Immerse yourself in modern Slovak life with a visit one of the city's most famous and historic coffee houses, where you'll enjoy coffee and cake with friendly locals. Delight in the history of the building, which is decorated in Renaissance-style paintings and frescoes.

Ancestry of the Kitchen – Bryndzové Halušky – pillowy potato dumplings cooking class: Learn about the local customs and culture through taste with this cooking class, where you will make traditional Slovak dumplings using grated potato.

This rest of the day is at leisure to wander the city of Bratislava on your own. Or return to your Scenic Space-Ship and relax in the Panorama Lounge and Bar where you can sip on regional beer and wine while enjoying views of Bratislava before we set sail later tonight.

Day 28
Fri, 19 Jun

Vienna (B,L,D)

We arrive early in Vienna this morning. Also known as the City of Music, Austria's imperial capital fostered the musical geniuses Mozart and Beethoven, among others. The city oozes charm with magnificent Baroque buildings, ample green spaces from parks to vineyards, a vibrant coffee-house culture and masterpiece-filled galleries and museums.

Freechoice:

Spend the day exploring the city by taking your pick from a selection of Scenic Freechoice activities:

Schonbrunn Palace & Panoramic Vienna: Explore Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburg family, one of the most prominent dynasties in European history. As you wander its countless ornately designed rooms, hear family tales and see the impressive gardens before taking a coach ride to the city centre for a guided walking tour. You'll see the Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral and Belvedere Palace.

Viennese Wine Stories: Journey outside of Vienna's city centre to its acclaimed wine region, which has been cultivating vines since the 12th century. Hear about Vienna's long tradition of wine production and sample some of the famous drops.

Cycle to Klosterneuburg Monastery: This cycling tour will take you to one of the hidden architectural gems sitting a few kilometres away from Vienna, the Klosterneuburg Monastery. This monastery, with more than 900 years of history is surrounded by vineyards and flourishing nature.

Belvedere Museum: Visit one of Europe's most stunning Baroque landmarks and explore the greatest collection of Austrian art dating from the Middle Ages to the present day, complemented by the work of international artists such as Claude Monet, Vincent van Gogh, and Max Beckmann.

This afternoon is free to wander around Vienna, so perhaps join one of the provided shuttles to the city centre or simply relax on board your Scenic Space-Ship.

Enrich

In the early evening, join this unforgettable Scenic Enrich experience:

Classical concert at Palais Liechtenstein: Breathe in the opulence and luxury of Palais Liechtenstein this evening as you relish an exclusive private classical concert. Enjoy a glass of fine Austrian Sekt and listen to the timeless music of Strauss and Mozart performed by a renowned orchestra. An experience only shared with your fellow Scenic guests, you'll be seated in Vienna's largest secular baroque hall, an ornate space where royals and nobles have sat for centuries. Accompanied by ballet dancers and vocalists and surrounded by world-famous art, this will be a concert that you'll remember for a lifetime.

Day 29
Sat, 20 Jun

Krems > Dürnstein (B,L,D)

Freechoice:

Today arrive in the charming town of Krems, located in the spectacular Wachau Valley where we have a variety of Scenic Freechoice excursions to choose from:

Göttweig Abbey: Visit the magnificent Göttweig Abbey. Founded in the 6th Century, the abbey was burned down during the 18th Century and rebuilt to be one of the most magnificent in the Wachau Valley. Your local guide will take you through various rooms where you will see the magnificent frescoes that decorate the Abbey as well as its staircase, the largest Baroque Staircase in Austria."

Wachau Valley wine tasting: The Wachau valley is one of the prominent regions for wine growing in Austria. Today you'll visit a local winemaker and learn about the age old traditions of wine making while sampling delicious wines produced on site.

E-biking from Krems to Dürnstein: Join your guide on a bicycle tour along the Danube to the quaint village of Dürnstein. Pass by charming villages and scenic vineyard landscapes. You will have time to stop along the way to enjoy the breathtaking views of the Danube.

Day 30
Sun, 21 Jun

Linz (B,L,D)

Wake up in Austria this morning, where your Space-Ship will dock in the heart of Linz. This city is known for its vibrant music and arts scene and beautiful blend of traditional and contemporary architecture and lifestyle. The city's quaint old town and Main Square are resplendent in Baroque architecture; while its harbour doubles as an outdoor street art gallery.

Freechoice:

This morning choose to explore your way with Scenic Freechoice:

Explore Linz by foot: Join a local guide on a walking tour to discover the balance between the city's vibrant history and contemporary living.

Full day excursion to Cesky Krumlov: Journey via coach to the Czech town of Cesky Krumlov. This delightful UNESCO World Heritage town is brimming with charm. Sitting on the banks of the Vltava River, Cesky Krumlov is considered one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe with its vast array of well-preserved Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Wander this fairy-tale location with your local guide and explore the historic centre before delighting in a delicious lunch at a local restaurant and some time at leisure to explore.

Mauthausen WWII Concentration Camp: Venture out of the city to Mauthausen's former concentration camp that housed more than 190,000 people between 1938 and 1945, during the reign of the National Socialist party. Learn about the conditions and treatment that the prisoners lived under during this sombre tour.

Linzertorte Baking Class For something light-hearted, join a cooking class to make your very own Linzer Torte. Learn about the 400-year history of this iconic tart, baked using handmade short crust pastry, red currant jam and almonds.

This afternoon and evening are at leisure. If you're feeling adventurous, strap on your walking shoes to hike to Postlingberg Church, perched high above the city. Then re-board your Scenic Space-Ship where you may wish to relax in the exclusive Salt Therapy Lounge, which provides natural anti-viral, anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties.

Day 31
Mon, 22 Jun

Passau (B,L,D)

This morning you will be sailing towards the city of Passau. Enjoy a coffee in your suite, delivered by your butler, and have a leisurely breakfast in Crystal Dining. Join in an informative lecture to learn more about the culture and history found along this fascinating river.

Set on the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, Passau has been an important trading city since medieval times, particularly for salt, commonly known as 'white gold'. Each river is distinct in colour and some days you can clearly see the green, blue and black hues where the waters meet. At the centre of the Baroque city, the 13th century Italianate Old Town is packed with tight laneways tunnels and archways, including an 'Artist's mile' where old buildings are occupied by artist studios, workshops and galleries.

Freechoice:

This afternoon's Scenic Freechoice:

Highlights of Passau walking tour: Join your local guide on a walking tour, admiring the brightly coloured buildings that line the waterways. Visit St. Stephens Cathedral: originally built in the year 450, the church proudly stood in Passau's Old Town until a devastating fire ripped through it in 1662. It was rebuilt in its current form with an Italian-style exterior complete with a Baroque stucco interior, and nowadays houses the world's largest Catholic church organ, which boasts 17,974 pipes and 233 registers.

Paddling on the River Inn: Take in this region from a different perspective as you paddle down the Inn River in a kayak past charming villages, ancient castles and historic bridges, crossing between Germany and Austria.

Cross border cycling: Travel further afield on a guided e-bike ride along the Inn River, during which you will cross the border from Germany to Austria. Cycle through charming towns and admire the spectacular views of the region.

Passau Photography safari: The city of Passau has many picture-perfect locations and during this photography tour you will capture all its beauty. Visit some of the most beautiful places in Passau such as the picturesque streets, old Town Hall and the point where the three rivers meet.

Your Scenic Space-Ship departs late this evening allowing you an excellent opportunity to explore the city at your own pace this evening and see it by night. Perhaps, join the locals heading to Neue Mitte where you'll find high-end shops, and a plethora of drinking and dining options. As the city starts winding down, we will be sailing to our next destination.

Day 32
Tue, 23 Jun

Regensburg (B,L,D)

You will have another leisurely morning as your Scenic Space-Ship sails towards Regensburg. You may wish to take advantage of the state-of-the-art gym or relax with a massage[^] in the wellness centre.

Boasting a staggering 2,000-year history, Regensburg has one of Germany's best preserved medieval town centres, with more than 900 of its Romanesque and Gothic buildings UNESCO World Heritage listed. Within its narrow laneways, the city lays claim to having the highest concentration of bars in the country. Regensburg is also fringed by the Bavarian Forest, home to hundreds of kilometres of hiking trails and deer, wild boar, fox and otter.

Freechoice:

Enjoy a selection of Scenic Freechoice touring activities to choose from:

Walking tour of Regensburg: Join your local guide for an afternoon walking tour of the Old Town of Regensburg. You'll be in awe of the many perfectly preserved medieval buildings that have been standing sentinel over the Danube for centuries.

Traditional Sausage-Making Workshop: Learn how to make traditional regional sausage during a cooking class. The history of the famous Regensburger Wurst can be dated back to the 12th century, when it was used to feed the hungry workers who were building the impressive cathedral in the city centre.

Regensburg's Jewish heritage: Discover Regensburg's Jewish heritage – the city was the first documented Jewish community in Germany. Learn about the rich culture that has evolved throughout the century and the devastation caused by the Nazi regime.

After your Scenic Freechoice, you will return to the ship by coach.

Day 33
Wed, 24 Jun

Nuremberg (B,L,D)

This morning you will be sailing towards Bavaria's second-largest city, Nuremberg, arriving after lunch. The city is dominated by one of the most significant imperial forts of the Holy Roman Empire, the 12th century Imperial Castle, has an Old Town that is protected by an ancient city wall, and also hosts the most enchanting Christmas Markets every year.

Behind its enchanting façade, Nuremberg also has a turbulent history. During WWII the city was favoured by the Nazis for party rallies, the boycotts of Jewish businesses began here, as did the laws that denied Jewish people German citizenship – known as the 'Nuremberg Laws'. By 1945, the city was reduced to rubble, including large sections of the Imperial Castle and Old Town. Allied powers – the US, Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union – held the Nuremberg Trials here between 1945 and 1946, where Nazi Germany leaders were tried for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Freechoice:

This afternoon's Scenic Freechoice:

Walking tour of the Old Town: Explore this wonderful medieval city on foot with your local guide. Walk through the grounds of the Imperial Castle before making your way to the Old Town, where you will see St. Lawrence Church and the lively market square.

The Trials and Tribulations of WWII: Learn about the Trials and Tribulations of WWII with a visit to the Rally Grounds and Courtroom 600, where members of the Nazi Party were tried for war crimes, a poignant reminder of the terror caused by the National Socialist regime (on dates where Courtroom 600 is not available, this tour will visit the WWII Art Bunker instead).

Rock-cut cellars and beer tasting: Head underground to Nuremberg's rock-cut cellars for a unique beer tasting. Walk the labyrinth of corridors and cellars that are located under the city and learn about Nuremberg's beer production that dates back centuries, all while tasting some of the delicious brew.

This evening is at leisure to continue your exploration of Nuremberg. Return to your Space-Ship for a farewell meal and to toast to an unforgettable journey along the Danube.

Day 34
Thu, 25 Jun

Nuremberg > Prague (B)

Journey by coach to Prague, one of the truly magical cities of Europe. Complete your journey with a three night stay at one of our luxurious city central hotels.

Day 35
Fri, 26 Jun

Prague (B)

You'll take a guided tour this morning, led by an expert local guide who will reveal the city's secrets in all their Gothic glory. The red-roofed Old Town is a charming maze of cobblestone laneways, medieval buildings, bustling squares and elaborate statues. It's compact and almost completely flat, making it perfect for exploring on foot. Don't miss the Old Town Hall where you can hear the 14th-century Astronomical Clock chime, accompanied by a procession of the 12 Apostles.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps take a stroll through this magnificent city, situated on the Vltava River in central Bohemia. Prague is rich in history and home to some of the world's most striking architectural wonders. Your Tour Director is on hand to help you plan.

Day 36
Sat, 27 Jun

Prague (B)

You have the morning at leisure to explore this wonderful city, perhaps rise early and take a stroll along the Charles Bridge, without the crowds or relax and people watch in one of the many cafes around the picturesque Old Town.

Freechoice:

This afternoon choose from one of today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Communist Walk of Prague: Join an expert local guide for a walking tour of Prague, take in the city's most famous sites and hidden gems and learn how everyday life was under Communism. During the tour your local guide will take you to a local brewery where you'll taste local beers that have been produced here for generations, like pilsner larger and wheat beer.

Prague Castle tour: Journey to the hill overlooking the Vltava River and the city of Prague to explore the seat of Czech rulers at Prague Castle, a vast complex covering more than 70,000 square metres that's considered the largest castle complex in the world. The castle has its roots in the 9th century, though there are buildings dating from every period of history spread throughout the grounds. Visit St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest cathedral in the Czech Republic as well as the Old Royal Palace the former residence of Bohemian Royalty and the picturesque Golden Lane, the historic street lined with colourful houses, inhabited by soldiers, goldsmiths or alchemists in the past.

Terezin Memorial: Take an excursion outside of Prague to the nearby town of Terezin, a former Austrian imperial military fortress and location of the Theresienstadt Ghetto, which served as a concentration camp during World War II. Visit the Terezin Memorial sites including the small fortress and the Ghetto Museum to learn about the horrors committed during the Nazi occupation during World War II and pay your respects to those that lost their lives during this atrocity. (Please note due to the amount of walking involved, this tour is only recommended for guest with a good degree of fitness).

The remaining day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Day 37
Sun, 28 Jun

Paris (B)

Today you'll take an included flight from Prague to Paris, where you'll enjoy an overnight stay at one of the city's finest hotels.

Day 38
Mon, 29 Jun

Paris (B,D)

Board the Scenic Gem for your seven night river cruise.

Day 39
Tue, 30 Jun

Conflans (B,L,D)

Wake this morning in Conflans, a medieval town located at the confluence of the River Seine and Oise. Though it's just a short distance from the centre of the city, it feels a world away. A castle was built here by monks in the 9th century to protect the relics of Saint Honore, from whom the town gets its name. It became a popular pilgrimage site in the 11th century, a practice which lasted for more than 700 years. Wander the quiet streets and the riverside pathway, sip coffee at an open-air café, and admire the beautiful ancient church. From here, you can explore some of the outer regions of Paris.

Freechoice:

Today, choose one of our Scenic Freechoice activities:

Visit to Auvers-Sur-Oise: Transfer to the village of Auvers-Sur-Oise, the place where Vincent Van Gogh painted his final masterpieces, by coach. Throughout the town you will see landmarks that were immortalised by Van Gogh in some of his well-known artworks such as the famous Notre Dame de l'Assomption church. The tour includes entry to Van Gogh's room, an attic that he rented during his final months. The artist was the last occupant of this room, which has sat empty since 1890. Enjoy free time afterwards to wander through the village.

Chantilly Castle and Gardens: Chateau de Chantilly is a magnificent tribute to France's cultural heritage, built by Henri D'Orleans, the son of the last King of France. Take a guided tour of the castle and gardens, including some free time to explore the grounds. The chateau showcases some of the fine collections D'Orleans amassed during his life, which you can see displayed elegantly in the large gallery as well as the grand living areas used by this family.

This afternoon you'll spend time on board as your Scenic Space-Ship cruises back to Paris. Relax with a regional wine or beer in the Panorama Lounge & Bar; take some time out in the wellness centre, where you can enjoy a massage, or head to the state-of-the-art gym for an invigorating workout.

Day 40
Wed, 01 Jul

Rouen (B,L,D)

Rouen is the vibrant capital of the Normandy region. With a fascinating history of Roman and Viking settlement, it has also played a pivotal place in history as the town where Richard the Lionheart was crowned Duke of Normandy and Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. Much of Rouen was sadly destroyed in World War II, but much of the city has been faithfully restored, including the exquisite Old Town. It's an engaging and historically rich destination, packed with museums, stylish bistros and coffee shops, and a wealth of churches, including the famed 12th century Rouen Cathedral.

Freechoice:

Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Rouen city tour: Victor Hugo once described Rouen as 'the city of a hundred spires' – find out why on a guided tour of the city, which takes you to the cathedral district, the old marketplace and Saint Maclou Quarter, home to another striking church. Feel as though you've stepped into a fairytale as you walk the winding medieval laneways and admire the half-timbered houses. Learn about Joan of Arc and see where she was tragically put to death after being tried for heresy and sorcery in 1431. Enjoy free time afterwards to explore on your own.

Guided tour of Rouen with Rollo the Viking: Authentically dressed as Viking warlord Rollo the Walker – who was famously too tall to ride a horse – your guide will take you around the city to learn about the Viking raiders who made Rouen their capital. This tour focuses on the city's medieval past and you will enjoy some free time afterwards to explore.

Tastes of Normandy: The region of Normandy is as diverse as it is abundant. The dairy industry makes way for the numerous and delicious soft creamy cheeses that are popular in this area and often regarded as some of the best in France. The high number of quality orchards allow the production of Cider and Calvados. Try some of the best this region has to offer during this tour.

Back on board this evening, join a lecture about WWII to gain a better understanding ahead of your full-day excursions tomorrow.

Lecture on WWII: History comes alive tonight with an interactive lecture on the battles of WWII. Discover what life was like during the campaigns of D-Day; learn about Operation Fortitude, the plan created to deceive the Germany Army on the location of D-Day; and see how technology had evolved since WWI.

Day 41
Thu, 02 Jul

Honfleur (B,L,D)

This morning your Scenic Space-Ship will dock right in the centre of Honfleur, a colourful coastal town that has been described as having one of the prettiest harbours in France, Le Vieux Bassin. Over the years the town has captured the imaginations of countless artists and was the birthplace of Impressionism. The bustling harbour and cobbled streets are a confection of half-timbered houses, restaurants, gourmet shops and art galleries. It's an easy walk from the ship to explore the harbour area and network of laneways beyond. You can choose to explore Honfleur or take an excursion today to the Normandy Beaches to learn about the D-Day Landings, where tens of thousands of allied troops came ashore on June 6, 1944, to free north-western Europe from Nazi occupation. Six weeks of heavy fighting and losses followed, but this strategic campaign ultimately ended the war.

Freechoice:

Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Walking tour of Honfleur: From the ship, join a guided walking tour of Honfleur's harbour. You will see the Church of Sainte-Catherine, which dates to the 15th century and is France's largest church to be made entirely of wood with a separate belfry. Then visit the Garden of Personalities, a 10-hectare landscaped garden that features the busts of important French figures over time, including painters and navigators.

Excursion to the Normandy Beaches Including Omaha Beach (US Focused): Start at the memorial on Utah Beach, where more than 20,000 US troops landed, before a visit to Sainte-mere-Eglise, where 30 US Paratroopers landed during the invasion. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitor Centre before a short stop at the Omaha Beach Memorial. Omaha Beach is often referred to as 'Bloody Omaha', as it resulted in the most casualties during the operation, with 2,400 dead.

Excursion to the Normandy Beaches Including British Normandy Memorial (UK Focused): The small town of Bayeux was the first to be liberated after the D-Day Landings and became the French capital for the summer of 1944, until the liberation of Paris. Visit the Bayeux War Cemetery, the Museum of the Battle of Normandy and the new state-of-the-art Landing Museum at Arromanches, located across the artificial harbour that was built to dispatch reinforcements. After lunch at a local restaurant, you will visit the British Normandy Memorial, which records the names of 22,442 fallen servicemen and women; the Pegasus Bridge & Museum, site of an important battle; and the Ranville War Cemetery.

Excursion to the Normandy Beaches Including Juno Beach Centre (Canadian Focused): Begin at Abbey d'Ardenne, which was founded in the 11th century and is now a memorial to Canadian Prisoners of War from D-Day. Explore the Juno Beach Centre, a memorial to where 20,000 Canadian troops, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and then visit the poignant Bény-sur-Mer Canadian cemetery and Pegasus Bridge & Museum, site of an important battle.

Day 42
Fri, 03 Jul

Caudebec-En-Caux (B,L,D)

Your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive in Caudebec-En-Caux this morning. This small town is set on a curve of the Seine and the riverfront is lined with handsome homes, stately gardens and crumbling stone walls. Caudebec dates back to the Middle Ages and a handful of historic buildings survived the bombardments of WWII, including the ornate 15th century Notre Dame Caudebec-En-Caux. From where you'll set out to explore more of the Normandy region.

Freechoice:

Explore your way this morning with one of these Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Normandy Abbey Trail: Spiritual health and wealth have been important in the Normandy region since the Middle Ages, and evidence of this remains through the many abbeys in the region. Today you will travel via coach to see some set along the river, including the ruins of Jumièges Abbey, a Benedictine Abbey that dates to the year 654 and was once home to a thousand monks. It was rebuilt many times over the centuries but eventually met its demise during the French Revolution.

Rural e-bike cycling: Join your local guide as you ride through the spectacular scenery surrounding Caudebec-En-Caux. Cycle across historic bridges, pass traditional houses with straw roofs and get an insight into local life.

Normandy's secret Roman past: History tells us that William the Conqueror was in his castle at Lillebonne in 1066 when he made his decision to invade England. Visit the ruins of this castle during an interactive guided tour, led by one of Caesar's soldiers who will tell you about the secret Roman past of the region.

Fecamp and Benedictine Palace: Take a coach transfer to Fecamp, an historic seaside town surrounded by some of the tallest cliffs in Normandy. You will join a guided tour of the Benedictine Palace, an architectural masterpiece built in the 19th century, famous for the Benedictine liquor that is produced on site and is said to contain 27 plants and spices. Enjoy a tasting during your visit.

Return to your Scenic Space-Ship for an afternoon at leisure. You may wish to spend the afternoon in the exclusive Salt Therapy Lounge, which provides natural anti-viral, anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties.

Day 43
Sat, 04 Jul

Vernon > La Roche Guyon (B,L,D)

This morning your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive in Vernon, an historic border town between the Duchy of Normandy and the Kingdom of France. Today it's a great base to explore nearby Giverny, known for its most famous resident, artist Claude Monet, who turned this quiet riverside town into an artist pilgrimage.

Freechoice:

Monet's House and Garden: Claude Monet is renowned as the founder of French Impressionist painting and today you will visit his house and gardens. Built by Monet, the gardens comprise a Japanese-inspired water garden with lilies, which inspired his most famous works. On arrival in Giverny, you will enjoy a guided tour of the town and visit Monet's residence, followed by free time to explore at your own leisure. The town is surrounded by hillsides and features many walking paths that are fringed by wildflowers.

Self-guided cycle from Vernon to Giverny: Take a self-guided biking tour from the ship in Vernon to Giverny (approximately five kilometres each way). When you arrive, you may wish to visit Monet's House and Garden or wander about the charming town, before returning to the ship.

After this morning's touring, you will return to your Scenic Space-Ship and sail towards La Roche Guyon, where this evening's exclusive Scenic Enrich experience will take place.

Enrich

Chateau de La Roche Guyon: All guests will take a short walk from the ship to Chateau La Roche Guyon, which is built into a chalk hillside and dates to the 16th century. It features decorative walls and ceilings as well as tapestries, and during WWII was the headquarters for German field marshal Erwin Rommel, known as Desert Fox. On your way to the chateau you will pass through the manicured orchard and vegetable gardens, which are kept by nine on-site gardeners, then walk uphill and across cobblestones. On arrival you'll enjoy a drink and sit for a splendid classical concert that focuses on music by French composers.

Day 44
Sun, 05 Jul

Paris (B,L,D)

Welcome back to Paris. Spend the day exploring some of the hidden treasures of this city, like the trendy district of the Marais, or venture south-east of the city to an exquisite chateau. You will also enjoy some free time to tick off big name sites like the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral.

Freechoice:

Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice options:

Trendy Marais with a local Parisian: Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Marais district with a Parisian guide. A melting pot of cultures, fascinating history, opulent architecture, an eclectic arts scene and high-end fashion, the Marais is one of the most diverse districts in Paris.

Highlights of Paris city tour: Join your local guide as you coach through the city seeing many of its most famous sights. Marvel at Paris' most iconic landmark, the Eiffel Tower, drive the famous Champs Elysee as well as seeing the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral and Concorde Square. This is a great introduction to Paris for guests who have not been before.

Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte: Take a coach to the Chateau Vaux le Vicomte, located an hour's drive from Paris. This chateau is credited as the founding French formal garden that was the inspiration for Versailles. The property is laid out in a typical symmetrical fashion with its stunning gardens creating a theatrical setting.

Day 45
Mon, 06 Jul

Paris > London (B,D)

Board your included Eurostar train from Paris to London. Once you arrive in the vibrant, sprawling capital of the UK you'll transfer to your hotel for a 3-night stay. Once you've unpacked, enjoy a free afternoon to explore your surroundings at your leisure.

Day 46
Tue, 07 Jul

London (B,D)

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before you join a half-day tour of London with an expert local guide. Along the way, the city's historic landmarks unfold before your eyes: Trafalgar Square, Big Ben and the Tower of London, home of the famous Crown Jewels. Built as a fortress by William the Conqueror in 1070, the Tower has served as a palace and a prison, and is a fascinating window into London's storied past. The tour concludes at Buckingham Palace, London's iconic royal residence.

Afterwards, the afternoon is yours to discover London before dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow Scenic guests.

Day 47
Wed, 08 Jul

London (B)

After breakfast, choose between these Scenic Freechoice excursions to delve deeper into London.

Freechoice:

Kensington Palace: Prepare to be immersed in the world of royalty. Today, journey to Kensington Palace, the birthplace of Queen Victoria and home to young royals for over 300 years. On a four-hour guided tour, you'll walk in the footsteps of royalty in the magnificent King's and Queen's State Apartments, all while uncovering forgotten stories of those who've worked at the royal palaces over the centuries.

High tea experience: A signature high tea experience in London is a luxurious affair that celebrates tradition with elegance. This cherished ritual features an array of fine teas paired with delicate finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with clotted cream and jam and an assortment of exquisite pastries and cakes. Served in a refined setting, it transforms a simple afternoon into a delightful indulgence of sophistication and grace.

Day 48
Thu, 09 Jul

London (B)

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to your airport for the journey home, carrying with you memories that will last a lifetime.

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