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Scenic Eclipse Makes History with First Submarine Dive in South Georgian Waters in 40 Years

Scenic offers up to 20% off 2023/24 Antarctica sailings, including Fly & Cruise option

Hollywood, FL - February 2022 – [Scenic Eclipse](#), continuing to set the benchmark in ultra-luxury cruising, has also made history with the first submersible dive on South Georgia Islands in 40 years--since the 1982 Falklands War. On January 31, *Scenic Eclipse*'s six-guest submarine, [Scenic Neptune](#), took guests on an underwater exploration in Stomness, South Georgia. The historic moment—which aimed to increase guest knowledge and awareness of the region's delicate eco-system--took place during the 20-day [Antarctica, South Georgia & Falkland Islands](#) voyage which departed Ushuaia, Argentina on January 17, 2022. Scenic is the first commercial operator to be granted permission to dive submersibles on the islands after working closely with the authorities.

Captain James Griffiths, Director of Marine Operations, comments, “We’ve been eagerly awaiting this historic moment since the application process began over more than years ago. After working closely with the authorities to gain permission, we’d like to thank them for placing their trust in us to operate these dives. Seeing our plans become a reality and being able to offer our guests this incredible experience unrivalled by any other cruise line is an incredible moment for our team. As a brand, we are used to raising the bar, having only two years ago becoming the first operator to fly helicopters and partake in commercial submarine dives in Antarctica. Our Scenic team has worked tirelessly to make this happen and we’re grateful for their continued dedication and passion that allows us to provide our guests with a truly unique and unforgettable experience.”

Jason Flesher, Expedition Operations Manager, who led the first dive adds, “It was an extraordinary experience to be on board *Scenic Neptune*'s maiden submarine dive in South Georgia – and a moment that both myself and our guests will remember for a lifetime. To personally accompany our very first guests was truly remarkable. We witnessed a diversity of rich marine life unlike anywhere else in the world, including bioluminescent jelly fish, Pelagic Antarctic Krill and a vast array of marine benthic fauna.”

Select 2022/2023 Antarctica season itineraries offer up to 20% savings. The 2023/24 season brings even more opportunities as the company will have both Discovery Yachts, Eclipse I and II, in Antarctica, and will also be offering Fly and Cruise options. Guests booking sailings on a 2023/24 Antarctica season cruise can save up to 20% on selected suites when paying for their cruise in full 12 months prior to departure.

Small ship cruising with Scenic offers unrivalled exploration and sets the benchmark in ultra-luxury discovery voyages. The sleek design of Scenic's fleet of Discovery Yachts, allows for unparalleled access to some of the world's most remote regions. With just 228 guests (200 guests in Polar regions) and a 1:1 staff-to-guest ratio and butler service, a journey on board *Scenic Eclipse* ensures an extraordinary level of personalized service. The up-to 20-member, on board Discovery Team educates guests, provides expert lectures and guidance, and ensures a safe journey every step of the way.

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours has grown over its 36-year history to include award-winning, truly all-inclusive river and ocean cruises and handcrafted land tours that take participants to many of the world's most fascinating destinations. In 2019, Scenic introduced *Scenic Eclipse*, The World's First Discovery Yacht™. Offering an extraordinary ultra-luxury, truly all-inclusive experience for guests at destinations throughout the world. A second yacht, *Scenic Eclipse II*, is planned to launch in 2023. Scenic is part of Scenic Group, which includes Emerald Cruises, Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Evergreen Tours.

Scenic can be found on Twitter at @ScenicLuxury, on Facebook as @ScenicCruises and on Instagram as @Scenic.luxurycruisestours.

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