

Submarine Excursion – FAQs

An exciting range of submarine excursions are available on board Scenic Eclipse, taking you deep into the depths of the oceans. From the top of the world in the Arctic, to the bottom in Antarctica, from the Caribbean to the Mediterranean and the fjords of Norway to Greenland.

Our U-Boat Worx Cruise Submarine 7-300, named Scenic Neptune, is capable of diving to a depth of 300 meters (984 feet) with seating for up to six guests. Custom-built for optimal sightseeing, an excursion into the wide blue sea will be truly unforgettable.

Is it safe?

The safety and peace of mind of our passengers is absolutely paramount. Scenic Neptune is equipped with a multitude of safety systems and features. For example, the submarine is positively buoyant and will automatically float to the surface in the highly unlikely event of a power failure.

In addition to the above, Scenic Neptune is certified by world-leading classification society DNV GL after successfully completing a rigorous compliance and safety test program.

What will I see?

The possibilities are endless – witness wildlife in their natural habitats, explore kaleidoscopic coral reefs, discover majestic shipwrecks, navigate sheer walls and volcanic pinnacles, or throw yourself into the mysteries of the deep as you venture into uncharted submarine landscapes.

Will I get claustrophobic?

Scenic Neptune's acrylic spheres are constructed from a material which has the same refraction index as seawater, therefore it visually disappears underwater and provides a very open and spacious feeling. However if claustrophobia is of a real concern, we advise you not to participate.

What are the additional fees?

We offer the following excursions on selected voyages:

Dive time	Price from (USD)
20 minutes	\$250
40 minutes	\$475



Who can join?

- All submarine passengers must be over the age of 12.
- The combined weight of all six passengers shall not exceed 600kg (1322lbs).
- All submarine passengers must have the strength and ability to board the submarine without assistance. No mobility aids are allowed.
- All submarine passengers must have a full understanding of the English language, as all briefings and instructions will be given in English.
- Guests who are pregnant are not allowed to take part in the submarine excursion.
- Guests with claustrophobia are advised not to participate.
- Guests who are suffering from conditions such as epilepsy/seizures, fainting, etc, are not allowed to take part in the submarine excursion.



How do I join?

A briefing will be organized for all guests at the earliest opportunity after embarking Scenic Eclipse, during which the sign up procedures will be explained (guests will be required to sign a Waiver and Indemnity). Only after this briefing guests will limited slots be opened up for the submarine excursion.

Is there a minimum number of participants?

A minimum of five passengers per excursion is required for an excursion to be confirmed.

How many times will I get to go on a submarine excursion?

This is a hard question to answer; it will be determined by how many people are interested in joining the excursion and in the amount of opportunities that become available throughout the voyage. Chances to dive are dictated largely by the day's destination and by the weather and/or ice conditions.

We will do our best to ensure most voyages offer at least one day of submarine excursions.

If I sign up for the submarine excursion, do I have to go?

If you'd rather participate in any of the other activities on the day and time of the submarine excursion, your seat will go to the next guest on the waiting list. We'll place your name at the bottom of the list should you wish to be called for a later opportunity.

Bookings cancelled within 24 hours of a scheduled excursion are non-refundable.

What if the submarine excursion is cancelled?

We will do our utmost to offer you the opportunity to enjoy a submarine experience during your voyage. However, inclement weather conditions or other safety concerns may lead to cancelled excursions. Best efforts will be made to provide guests with advance notice of cancellations, where possible.

Who will be our pilot?

The safe operation of Scenic Neptune requires a pilot in the submarine and a surface officer, who is often also a trained pilot, aboard a dedicated support boat. The support boat tracks the submarine underwater and communication between the surface and submarine is maintained throughout the dive.

You will meet our submarine pilots on board Scenic Eclipse.

How does the submarine work?

Scenic Neptune is positively buoyant under all conditions, which means that she naturally floats. Her diving tanks are filled with air at the surface to provide stability and sufficient height from the waterline for safe boarding. To descend, the pilot releases air from these diving tanks such that they are filled with water. Only by using the sub's vertical thrusters (motors) will Scenic Neptune start to dive.

Throughout the dive, the air-conditioned environment in the submarine is maintained at the same atmospheric pressure as when at the surface so there are no effects of pressure change on the body, unlike in SCUBA diving.

Scenic Neptune's lithium-polymer battery technology ensures outstanding endurance, and no potential impact on the marine environment from burning fuel or fuel spills.

How do I get into the sub?

On the day of your submarine excursion, you will board a transfer boat after attending an all-important safety briefing on board Scenic Eclipse. The transfer boat will bring you to the dive location where Scenic Neptune is waiting for you. The pilot will assist you in stepping onto the top deck of the sub, from where you will climb down through the hatch opening and take a seat.

Don't worry about which seat to pick. There is no 'back seat' in Scenic Neptune. All passenger seats are equally well-placed for optimal viewing, thanks to the unique revolving interior.

What do I need to prepare?

In general passengers should avoid light-coloured clothing to minimize reflection on the acrylic spheres of the sub, and all metal and sharp objects such as watches and jewellery should be removed or covered. Guests will be briefed prior to each excursion on expected weather conditions and appropriate clothing.

Scenic Neptune is equipped with air conditioning to maintain temperature and humidity at a comfortable level, however the rule of thumb is to dress for the weather and to dress in layers depending on your personal needs.

Can I bring my camera?

Absolutely. You are welcome to bring your smart phone, photo or video camera with you during your submarine excursion. Please do set your electronic devices to flight mode, where possible.