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**Celebrity Chef Bryan Voltaggio Brings His Culinary Secrets
to Scenic Luxury Cruises on Ocean and River Special Sailings**

Hollywood, FL (July 2023) – *Top Chef* alumnus and James Beard Award semi-finalist Chef [Bryan Voltaggio](#) is bringing his culinary secrets and distinctive cooking style to [Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours](#) for a pair of specialty culinary cruises in 2023 and 2024. His first partnership with Scenic was on a South of France river cruise last fall and sold out. For 2023 he is joining the newly-launched ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht *Scenic Eclipse II* for a nine-day [Iconic Panama Canal](#) sailing departing Montego Bay on October 31, 2023. In 2024 Chef Voltaggio will bring his inspiring talent back to the rivers of France—this time in the storied wine region of Bordeaux—for the June 18, 2024 departure of the eight-day [Bordeaux Affair](#) itinerary aboard *Scenic Diamond*.

An evening welcome reception kicks off each sailing, where guests can sip a custom cocktail and rub elbows with Chef Voltaggio. This is just the start of multiple opportunities to interact and learn. During onboard cooking demonstrations, Chef Voltaggio will share his culinary secrets – tips, techniques, and even a recipe – with guests, who will also be able to sample his cooking. Afternoon Q&A sessions will detail the chef’s experiences as a restaurateur, celebrity chef, and culinary master. And the “main course” on both sailings is a special dinner designed by Chef Voltaggio to highlight each region’s ingredients and flavors.

“I am so happy to rejoin Scenic guests on two more sailings and add my culinary touches,” said Chef Bryan Voltaggio. “Discovering the world through food adds spice to the guest experience so I am looking forward to introducing the Scenic family to the bold flavors of the Caribbean, South and Central America and the refined offerings of Bordeaux’s fields, farms and vineyards.”

These sailings will unite two *Top Chef* power houses—Chef Voltaggio was a finalist on two seasons of *Top Chef* as well as *Top Chef Masters*, and Tom Goetter, Scenic’s Vice President of Ocean Hotel Operations, was a finalist on *Top Chef Germany* and the recent *Top Chef World All Stars*.

Guests booking the October 31, 2023 Iconic Panama Canal with Top Chef Bryan Voltaggio will experience a culinary program onboard *Scenic Eclipse II* that includes 10 unique dining experiences. And the action-packed itinerary offers several ways to work up an appetite. On Colombia’s remote Isla de Providencia, guests can snorkel, hike and explore the village of Santa Isabel, the island of Santa Catalina, and the Earth’s third largest barrier reef system. Stops in Panama’s Bocas del Toro and San Blas Islands provide ample beach time; opportunities to explore mangrove swamps and search for sloth, caiman and hundreds of bird species; and interact with Panama’s indigenous peoples. Finally, guests transit the storied

Panama Canal and explore the landscape and wildlife among the islands nestled in the Gulf of Panama. Add to this the options to explore above the land in one of two state-of-the-art helicopters or dive below the waves in *Scenic Neptune II*, the yacht's eight-guest all-electric submersible and the memories are sure to stay alive for years to come.

The June 18, 2024 departure of Bordeaux Affair with Top Chef Bryan Voltaggio winds its way through France's renowned wine region along the Dordogne, Garonne and Gironde Rivers. Chef Voltaggio's programming is accented by samples of Grand Cru Classé wines, strolls through charming Medieval villages, and a private concert at Château d'Agassac. In the village of Libourne, guests will choose between time surrounded by the quaint 16th-century architecture and a Gothic Church, exploring the eclectic town of Bergerac or calling on Château Siaurac for a wine tasting. Other opportunities include exploring the scenic Médoc wine region via a 30-km roundtrip e-Bike excursion along the Captain's Road, spending the day sampling red wine or focusing on the regions blend of 16th-century and World War II history. On the sailing's penultimate day, guests can explore Bordeaux on foot or bicycle, or chose to Shop with a Chef at Bordeaux's food markets before heading back to the ship for an oyster tasting and exclusive cooking lesson in Scenic Culinnaire.

Guests booking either sailing under Scenic's new "2-for-1 fare" program can take advantage of special savings of up to \$3,000 per couple or free air on the Iconic Panama Canal sailing, and up to \$2,000 per couple or free air on the Bordeaux Affair. All savings are capacity controlled and may require additional requirements.

Chef Bryan Voltaggio is the executive chef and owner of multiple restaurants including Thatcher & Rye and is the chef and partner at Voltaggio Brothers Steakhouse, Volt Burger, Vulcania, and Retro. Bryan is a finalist of the James Beard Foundation Award, Top Chef (season six), Top Chef Masters (season five), and most recently Top Chef All-Stars (season sixteen). He is the author of HOME and co-authored VOLT Ink with his brother, Michael. He lives in his hometown of Frederick, MD with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children Thatcher, Piper, and Ever Maeve.

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours has grown over its 37-year plus history to include award-winning river and ocean cruises and handcrafted land journeys that take guests to many of the world's most fascinating destinations. Since 2008, Scenic has set the benchmark for truly all-inclusive, five-star river cruises in Europe and Southeast Asia as well as luxury cruises on Egypt's Nile on board a private luxury charter. In 2019, Scenic introduced Scenic Eclipse, The World's First Discovery Yacht™, a 228-guest ultra-luxury ship, and in 2023, unveiled its sister, Scenic Eclipse II, continuing Scenic's commitment to raising the cruise industry standards to new heights, offering several new features. Scenic is part of Scenic Group, which includes Emerald Cruises, Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Evergreen Tours.

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