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# Triton Submarines delivers next-gen vessel for underwater voyages

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*Its inaugural voyage began on April 20. Image courtesy of Triton Submarines/Nick Verola*

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American manufacturing company Triton Submarines is introducing a new submersible for high-end audiences.

The nine-seat 660/9 AVA model, revealed earlier this month, grants guests a 360-degree panoramic view of the surrounding ocean environment through an acrylic enclosure. Available onboard the Scenic Eclipse II discovery yacht operated by global hospitality company Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours as an optional experience, voyages featuring the craft can be booked now.

“At Triton Submarines, we’re focused on developing safe, certified and fully accredited submersibles for a wide range of operational scenarios, which wouldn’t be possible without the support and collaboration of visionary clients like Scenic,” said Patrick Lahey, president and cofounder of [Triton Submarines](#), in a statement.

“In addition to delivering innovative, reliable, and safe products, Scenic is aware they can count on Triton’s unwavering commitment to the aftersales service and technical support aspect of the relationship, which has established us as a sector-leader for the last 17 years,” Mr. Lahey said. “We thank Scenic for their confidence in committing to additional Triton 660/9 AVA models for their growing fleet of unique vessels, and engaging us to provide ongoing technical support for their existing submersible asset from another manufacturer.

“We look forward to working together and contributing to the extraordinary experiences Scenic guests are fortunate to enjoy while ensuring profitability for the owners.”

## **Under the sea**

The 660/9 AVA’s maiden journey began April 20 on the east coast of Australia, as the Scenic Eclipse II continues its two-year trip through Oceania.

Those seated inside the luxury submersible can explore depths up to 660 feet with eight guests and a pilot onboard. Outfitted with leather seats, the craft aims to provide the most high-end underwater experience possible.



*Stops along the Scenic Eclipse II's trip include the Indonesian Archipelago, New Zealand and East Antarctica, among others. Image courtesy of Triton Submarines/Nick Verola*

Specialized configurations for private dives are available, with setups for dining or cocktail excursions, spa treatments and “subsea gaming experiences” offered to clientele. Custom layouts are prevalent in the luxury yachting space, with hospitality group Four Seasons rolling out tailored suites as part of its inaugural voyage ([see story](#)).

“Our collaboration with Triton Submarines on the custom design of our new submersible reflects our commitment to continuous innovation and leading the way in ultraluxury yacht cruising,” said Jason Flesher, director of discovery operations at Scenic, in a statement.

“The clarity of the acrylic hull once submerged is such that you feel at one with the water,” Mr. Flesher said. “Encountering the vibrant marine life of the South Pacific and Australia’s Great Barrier Reef within Scenic Neptune II will create memories to last a lifetime.”

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours will expand its partnership with Triton Submarines in the near future, as the hospitality company has agreed to procure two more 660/9 AVA models.

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