



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Mediterranean from Venice to Athens
Reference:	EMERALD2D01050725-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	05 Jul 25
Departs From:	Venice
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Arrives On:	19 Jul 25
Arrives At:	Piraeus
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Venice (Italy)

Your Croatian cruise begins in the romantic city of Venice. You'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on a compelling journey of history, art and natural wonders. Please book your flight to arrive into Venice prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 05 Jul 25

Day 2: Rovinj (Croatia)

The town of Rovinj on the Istrian Peninsula is threaded with Italian influence. Guests love the winding city streets, picturesque harbour and colourful building facades. It's a lovely, walkable town and there are plenty of art galleries, small squares and a harbour dotted with fishing boats. **Included Excursion**
Walking tour of Rovinj
Discover one of the most picturesque Istrian towns on a guided walking tour—the ideal way to

intimately experience local life. Rovinj, believed to be one of the most photogenic towns in the Mediterranean, evolved from a fishing village into a captivating tourist destination. The main Church of St. Euphemia showcases exquisite Baroque architecture, making it a highlight in Istria. Your guide will lead you through well-preserved medieval streets, offering insights into local life across different eras.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

2 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Pula and Roman Amphitheatre (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Enjoy a walking tour of the historic town of Pula to witness one of the world's largest Roman amphitheatres. Pula stands as one of Europe's oldest towns, shaped by Roman settlers who left behind a legacy of remarkable public buildings. Experience a taste of modern life in Pula with a visit to the open-air city market, where fresh produce, souvenirs, and handicrafts await.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

5 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Istria with truffle tasting (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Embark on a picturesque journey from the pier to the charming hilltop hamlet of Motovun. Explore the village's rich history, featuring landmarks from the 12th century. Rejoining your bus for a scenic journey along narrow roads to the small town of Groznan. Conclude your guided walk at an atmospheric tavern, indulging in Istrian delicacies.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 6 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 21:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 06 Jul 25

Day 3: Sibenik (Croatia)

<p><p>Today we visit Šibenik, nestled in a sea inlet on Croatia's Adriatic coast. The origins of Šibenik date back to 1066 and there is a plethora of architectural styles to admire. Don't miss the UNESCO World Heritage-listed St James' Cathedral, crafted from white stone – just take the stairs from the Riva, the seaside promenade. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Visit to Krka National Park (extra expense)
Immerse yourself in the splendour of Croatia with a visit to Krka National Park, enhanced by a tranquil boat ride. Witness the river's journey through a canyon, explore the highlight of the park, Skradinski Buk, featuring the largest waterfall at 147 feet. Conclude your adventure with a scenic half-hour boat ride along the Krka River to the charming town of Skradin. Enjoy some free time in Skradin before returning to the ship.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

4 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Visit to a falconry centre (extra expense)
Embark on a scenic journey to the Dubrava Falconry Center, the exclusive haven in Croatia showcasing a diverse array of birds of prey. Immerse yourself in a special program that allows you to witness the majestic falcons and come face to face with these incredible sky hunters.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

2 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 13:00 - 22:00</p></p>

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Day 4: Trogir (Croatia)

The tiny town of Trogir is a hidden gem, located on a small island between the mainland and Ciovo Island. For some of the most spectacular views of this photogenic town, climb the tower of the Cathedral of St Lawrence – it's the highest building in

Trogir. **DiscoverMORE**
A walking tour of Split (extra expense)
A panoramic drive through the town of Split brings you to the Mestrovic Gallery. Continue to the Old Town of Split that is built on and around the spectacular 4th-century Roman Palace of the Emperor Diocletian. Your walking tour starts with a visit to the Palace's cellars and the Cathedral of St Dujice, the charming Temple of Jupiter and view other landmarks such as the Golden Gate, the Silver Gate and Peristyle Square from the outside.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Dalmatia untouched (extra expense)
Our tour kicks off with a picturesque drive to the quaint town of Primosten. This delightful locale is an island linked to the mainland by a causeway and is renowned for its charming stone houses and narrow cobblestone streets. Next, head to the village of Burni, where many homes date back several centuries. Immerse yourself in the essence of this traditional Dalmatian village with a visit to the Jurlinovi Dvori family farmhouse where you will enjoy local treats.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 08 Jul 25

Day 5: Vis Island (Croatia)

The island of Vis, off the Croatian mainland, was closed to visitors until 1989. This has given Vis a rare sense of peace and authenticity. Its rocky coastline, azure waters and Venetian architecture made it the ideal backdrop of the film 'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again.' (2018). As the afternoon rolls in, it's time to set sail to Hvar.

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Komiza tour (extra expense)
Your island adventure kicks off with a scenic coach ride to a breathtaking viewpoint, where you'll be treated to stunning panoramic views. Next, visit the base of the hill that hosts Tito's Cave, a significant hideout and headquarters for Josip Broz Tito, the resistance leader and Yugoslavian President. Reunite with your coach for a drive to Komiza, one of Croatia's most charming island villages, renowned for its rich fishing traditions. Explore a small fishermen's museum nestled within a 16th-century Venetian tower and enjoy some leisure time to soak in the delightful atmosphere of this quaint town.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Blue cave on Bisevo Island (extra expense)
Enjoy a scenic 45-minute boat ride to the picturesque island of Bisevo. This island boasts a collection of caves that can only be reached by sea. Each day around noon, the waters become tranquil, allowing sunlight to stream into one of the caves through an underwater entrance. This phenomenon illuminates the cave's interior with a stunning blue glow, earning it the name Blue Cave. Hop aboard a local boat to access through a small natural opening and immerse yourself in its extraordinary beauty.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

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On board performance

Growing up in Hvar, a group of friends was inspired by the soothing melodies of traditional Dalmatian songs and founded Klapa Galešnik in 2002, with the intention of dedicating themselves more seriously to a cappella singing. Their debut performance took place at the Dalmatian Klapa Festival in Omiš in 2003. Since that time, their performances have consistently enriched the cultural landscape of Hvar and its surrounding regions. The group is led by Professor Tomi Domancic.
Duration: 1 hour
Offshore: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 09 Jul 25

Day 6: Hvar Island (Croatia)

The heart of island paradise Hvar is the Old Town – while it's become a modern-day hotspot, it's layered in history and architectural wonder. The town of Hvar is a photogenic jumble of whitewashed buildings with sun-kissed red roofs, and beyond the town are rolling hills peppered with lavender fields, olive groves, and

grapevines.
Uphill hike to the Spanish fortress
Begin your hiking tour with a stroll through the charming old town. Pass through the main city gate, known as the Porta di Datallo, and ascend the stairs into the historical heart of the city. Continue your journey towards Hvar's fortress, known locally as Fortica or Španjola. Once you cross the town walls, enjoy a gentle ascent along a tree-lined hillside leading to the fortress.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2 hours

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Hvar island tour (extra expense)
Explore the cultural and historical treasures of Hvar on a scenic drive that takes you from the vibrant town to the picturesque Stari Grad. Continue your journey to the charming village of Dol, where you'll indulge in local products and wine at a traditional farm. The excursion concludes at the main town square, where a knowledgeable guide leads you on a walking tour through Hvar's narrow, characteristic streets.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours
Offshore: 20:00 (day prior) - 23:00

Arrives On: 10 Jul 25

Day 7: Korčula (Croatia)

The sixth-largest island in the Adriatic, Korcula, is among the most beloved in Croatia. Its Old Town, referred to by the locals as 'Little Dubrovnik', is a delightful collection of medieval churches, palaces, and squares, while the villages of Cara and Smokvica produce the country's signature dry white wine. You will sail to Dubrovnik later in the

day.
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A walking tour of Korcula (extra expense)
Discover the rich historical tapestry of Korcula, traverse cobblestone streets through centuries of art and history, visiting 14th- to 16th-century fortifications, the Rector's palace, and the City Museum housed in a 16th-century mansion. Uncover Korcula's vibrant history in the small cathedral, Museum of Icons, and glimpse Marco Polo's believed birthplace.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours
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Buggy

tour (extra expense) Start your excursion with scenic journey by minibus to explore the captivating Peljesac and Korcula archipelago, reaching the buggy pick-up point. Set off on your two-seater convertible buggy, winding through gravel roads above Lumbarda village, surrounded by picturesque olive groves and vineyards. Discover hidden bays and coves, with the first stops at Lumbarda's renowned Pržina Beach and LaBannya Beach. Note: Participants must have their driver's license with them as they will be driving the buggies during the excursion. Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE Dalmatian family experience (extra expense, available on select departures) Travel by motorcoach to Cilipi, a quaint village near Dubrovnik. Our experience will begin with a brief stroll through the village alongside our hosts, allowing us to meet the residents and gain insight into their everyday lives. You'll also savor authentic, home-cooked Croatian dishes as we partake in a meal that reflects the daily culinary traditions of our host family. Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3.5 hours Docked: 08:00 - 14:00

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Day 7: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

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Day 8: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Dubrovnik, known as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', is a compelling city on Croatia's Dalmatian coast. With its medieval city walls and breathtaking views of terracotta rooftops and the Adriatic Sea, it offers the perfect blend of cultural exploration and a beach holiday. Docked: 20:00 (day prior) - 23:00

Arrives On: 12 Jul 25

Day 9: Kotor (Montenegro)

Enveloped by medieval walls, the fortified city of Kotor is a place of ancient stories and modern culture. Nestled between imposing mountains and the Adriatic Sea, this UNESCO World Heritage-listed setting is brimming with Venetian palaces, cobblestone lanes and café-hemmed squares. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option. EmeraldACTIVE Guided hike of Kotor's city walls Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979, the City Walls of Kotor stretch for almost 5 kilometers, encompassing the city and offering those who embrace the challenge of climbing them, wonderful views of the bay of Kotor and the Old Town. Step back in time as your knowledgeable guide brings to life the history of the fortifications and the important part they played in the protection of the city. Climb to the highest point, where you'll find the well-preserved fortress of St John and be rewarded with a magnificent view of the harbour and the red roofs of the

Old Town.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

2.5 hours

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Our Lady of the Rocks and walking tour of Kotor (extra expense, must be pre-booked) Your journey leads you to the islets of St. George and Our Lady of the Rocks. Explore the Baroque church, rich with history and legend. Discover the captivating story of how this islet came into existence over centuries, thanks to devoted seafarers who honoured a timeless oath, leaving behind a remarkable collection of paintings. After, proceed to the delightful town of Perast. Wander through its Baroque streets adorned with historic buildings and learn about its maritime legacy.
Activity Level:

Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

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An exclusive concert on board featuring a guitar duo
Embark on a mesmerizing musical journey with two of Montenegro's most celebrated guitarists, Srdjan Bulatovic and Darko Nikcevic. Known for their extraordinary talent and captivating performances, this dynamic duo will treat you to an unforgettable experience filled with soul-stirring melodies and vibrant rhythms.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour

Offshore: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 13 Jul 25

Day 10: Sarandë (Albania)

Sarandë is a popular coastal town on a crescent-shaped bay in Albania. The once sleepy fishing village has a bustling seaside promenade, pebbled beaches and ancient ruins. From Sarandë, you'll journey across the straight to Corfu – a large island with sandy coves and hills studded with olive, cypress and citrus trees.
Included Excursion

A guided tour of Butrint
Your adventure begins as you traverse the serene River Bistrica, meandering through the rocky channels of Cuka, and crossing the vast plains of Vurgu. Your ultimate destination awaits at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint, a testament to centuries of human civilization. Delve deep into the lower part of Butrint, unravelling its mysteries and stories. Gain insights into the significance of each ancient ruin, from temples to theatres, and envision the bustling life that once thrived within these ancient walls.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Docked: 12:30 - 17:00

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Day 10: Corfu (Greece)

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Day 11: Corfu (Greece)

This idyllic island is dotted with whitewashed houses, olive trees and edged with glimmering turquoise waters. The picturesque Old Town of Corfu has a rich history and magnificent architecture displaying Renaissance and Baroque influences. Explore fishing villages, swim in

crystal-blue waters and visit the largest square in Greece, the Spianada. **DiscoverMORE**
Guided walking tour of Corfu town (extra expense)
Commence your adventure by passing through the historic Bonati Arch, an entryway to Corfu's Old Town that sets the stage for a captivating exploration. Discover the Jewish Quarter, where a 300-year-old synagogue bears witness to the rich tapestry of Corfu's past. Marvel at the Venetian stylings of the Town Hall, a masterpiece from the late 1600s that stands as a testament to the island's historical significance. Behold the iconic view of the red-domed bell tower of St. Spyridon Church, a religious landmark dating back to the 16th century.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours
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4x4 adventure of the Corfiot countryside (extra expense)
Journey through charming seaside resorts such as Alykes, Kontokali, and Gouvia, where the beauty of the coastal landscape will captivate you. Continue your exploration to the village of Troubeta, where a mountain ridge provides a stunning backdrop showcasing the islands of Mathraki and Othoni. Indulge in the flavours of Greece with a typical Greek meze at Castellino restaurant in Lakones. Your journey culminates at the bay of Paleokastritsa.
This is a self-driving tour; a valid driving license is required and be over the age of 23 years old. For non EU guests an international driving license is required. Jeeps are equipped with manual gearboxes, not automatic.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours
Docked: 20:00 (day prior) - 23:00

Arrives On: 15 Jul 25

Day 12: Parga (Greece)

Parga, on mainland Greece, has a carefree holiday atmosphere. Enjoy the sunshine on one of the many beaches, explore traditional Greek villages, and marvel at the 11th-century Castle, which offers an incredible bird's eye view of the resort town and coastline.
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Full day sightseeing tour of Meteora monasteries including a Greek lunch (extra expense)
Enjoy the scenic drive to Meteora, where the landscape transforms into a breathtaking display of gigantic rocks etched by centuries of wind and weather. Explore two of these remarkable monasteries, each perched atop towering rocks, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. After exploring the Meteora Monasteries, journey to the charming Kalambaka Village and treat your taste buds to a traditional Greek meal.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 10.5 hours
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Acheron River Experience (extra expense)
Your day begins with a picturesque drive through the verdant countryside of the Epirus region. Begin your experience with a stroll through nature, following the path of the river for approx. 20 minutes. Under the guidance of experienced rafting guides navigate the cool waters of the Acheron River, manoeuvring through high-sided canyons and embracing the wild beauty of Epirus. After this experience, you will enjoy relaxing free time at a beach embedded in pure and remote nature surroundings.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours
Offshore: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 16 Jul 25

Day 13: Lefkáda Island (Greece)

Known as the 'Caribbean of Greece', Lefkada is connected to the mainland by a narrow bridge, making it one of the few islands here reachable by car. One of the most fascinating places in Lefkada is the Castle of Agia Mavra, dating to the 14th century and built to protect Lefkada from invasions.

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Kick off your journey at Nidri Port, where our friendly guides will greet you. Get ready to visit the tranquil Monastery of Faneromeni, a peaceful haven surrounded by lush landscapes. From the monastery, your adventure continues to the lively centre of Lefkada Town, where a gastronomic journey awaits. After your flavourful experience, enjoy some free time to stroll through the picturesque streets of Lefkada Town.

Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Set sail on a captivating exploration of Lefkada's rich cultural heritage. Your first stop is the Olive Museum in Sivros, a haven of time-honoured traditions and the esteemed olive cultivation methods that have defined the island for generations. Continue to the stunning Porto Katsiki, a gem of natural beauty celebrated for its unspoiled beaches and clear waters. Get ready to awaken your senses at the renowned Winery of Lefkas Earth, where the craft of winemaking harmonizes with the island's lush surroundings.

Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 6 hours

Offshore 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 17 Jul 25

Day 14: Itea (Greece)

Sail to the small port of Itea, then start the journey to the archaeological site of Delphi, regarded by the Ancient Greeks as the centre of the world. Next, it's time to pass through the 19th century Corinth Canal, a narrow waterway that crosses the isthmus of Corinth in Greece to the Saronic Gulf.

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Enjoy an extraordinary journey from the picturesque town of Itea to the legendary sanctuary of Apollo, where the renowned oracle once spoke. Step into the rich history of Delphi as you explore the ancient Sanctuary of Apollo and the Delphi Museum, a treasure trove of antiquities that transport you back in time.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 14:00

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Day 15: Piraeus (Greece)

Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes in the bustling capital of Greece, Athens. This cosmopolitan city was at the heart of Ancient Greece and was named after the goddess of wisdom and warfare, Athena. From the yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday.

Please book your flight to depart out of Athens after 01:00 PM.

Docked: 08:00

*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day.

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