



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Mediterranean from Athens to Venice
Reference:	EMERALD2D03260425-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	26 Apr 25
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	10 May 25
Arrives At:	Venice
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your Mediterranean cruise begins in the bustling capital of Greece, Athens, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on a tour of intriguing cities and extraordinary coastlines. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 06:00 PM. Docked: 23:00

Arrives On: 26 Apr 25

Day 2: Port information not found

It's time to pass through the 19th century Corinth Canal, a narrow waterway that crosses the isthmus of Corinth in Greece. Sail to the small port of Itea, then embark on a journey to the archaeological site of Delphi, regarded by the Ancient Greeks as the centre of the world. **DiscoverMORE** Guided tour of Delphi (extra expense, must be pre-booked) 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
Docked: 13:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 27 Apr 25

Day 2: Itea (Greece)

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Day 3: 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.

DiscoverMORE Lefkada tour with Faneromeni Monastery (extra expense)
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.

DiscoverMORE Drive to Porto Katsiki, wine tasting and olive museum (extra expense)
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: 28 Apr 25

Day 4: Parga (Greece)

Parga, across from Corfu 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.

DiscoverMORE 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

DiscoverMORE
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

Arrives On: 29 Apr 25

Day 4: Corfu (Greece)

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Day 5: 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

DiscoverMORE
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 Troubetta, 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: 23:30 (day prior) - overnight

Arrives On: 30 Apr 25

Day 6: Corfu (Greece)

It's time to rise early in the morning and leave Corfu for Sarandë, a popular coastal town perched on a crescent-shaped bay in Albania. The once sleepy fishing village has a bustling seaside promenade, pebbled beaches and ancient ruins with intricate mosaics and historical artefacts.

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: departure 06:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 01 May 25

Day 6: Sarandë (Albania)

Arrives On: 01 May 25

Day 7: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Arrives On: 02 May 25

Day 7: Kotor (Montenegro)

Enveloped by medieval walls, the fortified city of Kotor is a place of ancient history and modern culture. Nestled between imposing mountains and the Adriatic Sea, this UNESCO World Heritage-listed setting has Venetian palaces, cobblestone lanes and café-hemmed squares. As the sun is setting, it's time to sail to the city of Dubrovnik. 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

DiscoverMORE

Our Lady of the Rocks and walking tour of Kotor (extra expense)

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

EmeraldPLUS

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

Docked: 09:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 02 May 25

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.

Arrives On: 03 May 25

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Included Excursion

Walking tour of Dubrovnik

Embark on a captivating walking tour of Dubrovnik, starting with a scenic coach journey from the pier to Pile Gate. Explore the Franciscan Monastery, where the mesmerizing cloister and Europe's oldest operating pharmacy, dating back to 1317, await your discovery. Admire the exterior of other notable sites, soaking in the rich history and architectural beauty of Dubrovnik. After the guided tour, take advantage of some free time to further explore the town at your own pace, perhaps wandering through charming alleyways or pausing to indulge in local cuisine.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

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Dalmatian family experience (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

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 - 18:00

Arrives On: 04 May 25

Day 10: Split (Croatia)

Croatia's second-largest city, Split, is visually stunning and rich with culture, history and architecture. Take a stroll along the Riva past beautiful terraces, palm trees and busy eateries with harbour views. Diocletian's Palace, built in the 4th century AD, dominates the city centre and houses a myriad of buzzing bars and cafes.

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Marjan hill
Explore the natural beauty and rich history of Split with a leisurely walking and hiking excursion through Marjan Park Forest. Pass by the quaint fishing port and venture through the oldest neighbourhood, immersing yourself in the city's centuries-old charm. Ascend Marjan's winding trails, shaded by majestic pine trees. Learn about the hill's rich heritage and the efforts of the Marjan Association to preserve its pristine beauty since the 19th century.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

2.5 hours
DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Trogir (extra expense)
Embark on a picturesque drive to the town of Trogir, situated on a small island between the mainland and Ciovo. Experience the charm of narrow streets, offering a glimpse into life in days gone by. Join a guided walking tour to explore Town Loggia, the Town Hall, and the Cipiko Palace, culminating in a visit to the highlight—the Cathedral of St. Lawrence.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours
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 Duje, 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: 2 hours
EmeraldPLUS
Klapa performance on board
Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of the Dalmatia region with an enchanting Klapa Performance on board. Delight in the harmonious melodies of traditional Dalmatian songs as the Klapa ensemble serenades you with their captivating vocals. Typically performed by male singers, klapa music is celebrated for its rich sound and cultural significance, captivating audiences with its timeless beauty.

Duration: 1 hour

Docked: 08:00 - 05:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 05 May 25

Day 11: Split (Croatia)

Get ready to set sail in the morning from Split to Zadar. A historic city set on a peninsula; Zadar boasts relics from various eras. Explore the churches, Roman ruins, and unique modern attractions: the Sun Salutation and Sea Organ, which are inventive sound, surf and sun-activated art

pieces.

DiscoverMORE
A walking tour of Zadar (extra expense)
Embark on a journey through time as you stroll along the ancient streets of Zadar. Commence from the Seafront Promenade, where you'll encounter two of the city's most renowned modern attractions: the mesmerizing Sea Organ and the captivating Greeting to the Sun. Visit The Gold & Silver Exhibition and the Museum of Ancient Glass, where you'll discover fascinating artifacts that further illuminate Zadar's storied past.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Docked: 14:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 06 May 25

Day 11: Zadar (Croatia)

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Day 12: Opatija (Croatia)

On the western peninsula of Croatia, southwest of the city of Rijeka, is Opatija, with alluring views across the Adriatic towards the Kvarner Islands and the distant Istrian mountains. Known as the Nice of Croatia, Opatija has lovely seaside promenades and fairy-tale villas.

DiscoverMORE
Hilltowns of Istria (extra expense)
Depart from the pier and take in the stunning scenery as you journey to the charming hilltop village of Motovun. Immerse yourself in the rich local history, with landmarks dating back to the 12th century, including the Romanesque Municipal Palace. Stop in Oprtalj, once fortified by city walls before proceeding to the third hilltop town of the day, Groznjan, a vibrant cultural hub, particularly in the summer when it comes alive with music academies, workshops, and artistic performances.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 7.5 hours

DiscoverMORE
Hiking to Kamacnik Spink (extra expense)
Board your motor coach for a scenic one-hour journey to Gorski Kotar, specifically the Vrbovsko area, where your hiking adventure begins in the breathtaking Kamacnik Canyon. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty that surrounds you, walking alongside the creek and crossing sturdy wooden bridges that elegantly arch over the small rapids or stretch over the water's edge. The trail leads you through a lush valley, creating a truly enchanting scene.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 07 May 25

Day 13: Piran (Slovenia)

Piran is a pretty town of red-tiled, white-washed buildings clustered on the tip of the Piran peninsula. Part of the Venetian empire from the late 13th century to the end of the 18th century, its esteemed for its gothic-style Venetian architecture.

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Postoina cave and

Predjana Castle (extra expense)
Set off on an awe-inspiring journey through the natural beauty of Postojna Cave, a stunning geological gem that has fascinated visitors for centuries. Then, make your way to the iconic Predjama Castle, an impressive fortress built into a cliffside cave, where captivating stories of medieval intrigue await. Conclude your delightful adventure with a scenic drive back to Piran, where you can reflect on the day's wonders amidst the coastal charm of this delightful seaside town.

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Slovenia's alluring Lipica Stud (extra expense)
Embark on an unforgettable journey to the prestigious Lipica Stud Farm, renowned for its rich equestrian heritage and majestic Lipizzaner horses. Immerse yourself in the splendour of the stud farm with a guided walking tour, where you'll discover the elegant stables and lush pastures that have bred these noble creatures for centuries. Enjoy the added charm of a horse carriage ride through the picturesque surroundings.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours
Offshore: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 08 May 25

Day 14: Venice (Italy)

Venice is an enchanting city that exudes an atmosphere not found anywhere else in the world. Established in the 5th century, the city stretches across 118 small islands in the marshy Venetian Lagoon along the Adriatic. Admire the grandeur of the canals and see St Marks Basilica.

DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Venice with Doge's Palace (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Depart from the pier and take a scenic 20-minute ride in a private motorboat to the Saint Mark's district, navigating along the stunning Canale della Giudecca. Marvel at the impressive Marciana Library, the towering belltower and the clocktower. Adjacent to the cathedral stands the magnificent Doges' Palace with its exquisite façade and intricate loggias. Next, you'll see the iconic Ponte dei Sospiri, or Bridge of Sighs, which connects the palace to the former ducal prison, steeped in legend and history.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours
Docked: 09:00 - overnight

Arrives On: 09 May 25

Day 15: Venice (Italy)

Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes in the grand, historic city of Venice. From the yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday.

Flight to depart out of Venice after 11:00 AM.

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Arrives On: 10 May 25

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