Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Eastern Mediterranean
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Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Raiya
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	17 Jul 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	31 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Dubrovnik
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your unforgettable voyage begins in Greece and its ancient capital, Athens. The birthplace of democracy and western civilisation, this enthralling city presents a remarkable blend of rich traditions and modern dynamism. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald luxury yacht to begin an incredible odyssey along the coasts of Greece and Turkey. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 19:00

Arrives On: 17 Jul 27

Day 2: Delos (Greece)

This morning, step ashore on Delos, one of Greece's most significant mythological and archaeological treasures. According to legend, this sacred island was the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Wander among remarkably preserved ruins, grand mosaics and ancient temples that paint a vivid picture of classical civilisation. Later, sail to glamorous Mykonos, where Cycladic

charm meets cosmopolitan flair. Lose yourself in the maze of narrow lanes lined with whitewashed houses and chapels. Discover chic boutiques, waterfront tavernas and the island’s iconic windmills overlooking the Aegean. As evening falls, Mykonos reveals its vibrant energy, offering
the ideal blend of tradition and modern
sophistication. DiscoverMORE
Guided Tour of Delos (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the extraordinary archaeological treasures of Delos, one of the most important sacred sites of the ancient Greek world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For more than a thousand years, Delos was one of the Mediterranean's most revered religious sanctuaries. According to Greek mythology, it was the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, attracting pilgrims from across the ancient world and becoming a prosperous centre of religion, commerce, and culture. Join a guided walking tour through this remarkable open-air archaeological site, where exceptionally preserved ruins reveal the island's rich history from the 3rd millennium BC through the Hellenistic and early Christian periods. Explore ancient temples, sanctuaries, marketplaces, theatres, and elegant residences while gaining insight into the civilizations that shaped this sacred island and the wider Aegean.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Explore Mykonos Town Highlights on Foot (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the timeless charm of Mykonos on a leisurely walking tour through the island’s enchanting capital, where traditional Cycladic architecture, rich history, and stunning coastal scenery come together. Explore the maze of whitewashed streets in Mykonos Town (Chora) as your guide shares fascinating insights into the island’s culture and history. Along the way, admire the iconic Panagia Paraportiani, one of Greece’s most photographed churches, and the charming Church of St. Nicholas, overlooking the old harbour. Continue through the picturesque waterfront district of Little Venice, where elegant historic houses line the sea, before reaching the famous Mykonos Windmills, offering panoramic views across the town and the sparkling Aegean. Pause to enjoy a traditional Greek cheese pie at a local bakery and a refreshing drink before free time to browse the boutiques, relax at a café, or continue exploring Mykonos Town at your own pace.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 07:30 – 11:00 | 12:30 –22:00

Arrives On: 18 Jul 27

Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

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Day 3: Pátmos (Greece)

Often referred to as the ‘Island of the Apocalypse’, tranquil Patmos holds deep spiritual significance. In a cave overlooking the sea, Saint John is believed to have received the visions described in the Book of Revelation. Its historic centre, Chora, is a World Heritage Site made up of whitewashed buildings and narrow cobblestone streets lined with traditional Greek tavernas,

shops and some 40 chapels. The island has a wild and rugged volcanic landscape that rolls down to deserted pebbled beaches and the sparkling Aegean Sea. Spend time soaking up the beauty, spirituality, and cultural significance of this island. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option. Included Excursion
Chora, Monastery of St John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse
Discover the spiritual and cultural heritage of Patmos, one of Greece's most sacred islands and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin with a visit to the revered Cave of the Apocalypse, where, according to tradition, St. John the Theologian received the visions that inspired the Book of Revelation. Continue to the hilltop town of Chora, where a guided walk through its narrow cobbled streets reveals elegant mansions, panoramic views, and timeless island charm. Visit the impressive Monastery of St. John the Theologian, founded in the 11th century, and explore its museum housing priceless manuscripts, religious icons, and ecclesiastical treasures. Complete your experience at the beautifully preserved Simandiris Mansion, offering a fascinating glimpse into traditional Patmian life, before enjoying free time to browse Chora's boutique-lined streets.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes EmeraldACTIVE
Downhill Hike to The Monastery of St. John and Cave
Journey through the spiritual heart of Patmos, one of Greece's most sacred islands and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, exploring its most revered religious landmarks and centuries of monastic tradition. Travel to the hilltop village of Chora, where whitewashed houses surround the imposing Monastery of St. John the Theologian, founded in 1088. Explore the monastery's peaceful courtyards and remarkable museum, home to rare manuscripts, ancient icons, religious treasures, and priceless ecclesiastical artefacts. Continue on foot through the atmospheric streets of Chora to the revered Cave of the Apocalypse, where, according to tradition, St. John received the visions recorded in the Book of Revelation. Along the way, admire the island's timeless architecture and experience the tranquil atmosphere that has drawn pilgrims for centuries.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Local folklore performance on board
Step into the vibrant world of Greek culture with a lively presentation of traditional dances from across the country. A talented dance troupe takes you on a colourful journey through rhythm, history, and island spirit. Enjoy iconic favourites such as Zorbas and Sirtaki, along with regional dances including the playful Dodecanese Sousta, the energetic Ikariotikos, the elegant Roditiko, and the popular mainland dances Kalamatianos and Syrtos. In the second part, you are invited to join the celebration as the dancers encourage everyone to learn a few simple steps. Whether experienced or new to Greek dance, this interactive finale transforms the performance into a joyful and memorable celebration of music and community.
Event duration: 1 hour Anchored: 08:00 – 23:00

Arrives On: 19 Jul 27

Day 4: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Set along Turkey’s western Aegean coast, Kusadasi is a lively Turkish coastal town rich in history and culture. Its strategic location has made it a crossroads of civilisations for thousands of years. From here, you may explore the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved classical cities in the Mediterranean. Wander along marble streets lined with grand columns, temples, and the magnificent Library of Celsus. Back in Kusadasi, vibrant bazaars and seaside promenades offer a colourful taste of Turkish hospitality. DiscoverMORE
Priene, Miletus and Didyma (extra expense)
Discover the Treasures of Ancient Anatolia: Priene, Miletus, and Didyma. Embark on a journey through time as you explore the captivating ancient cities of Priene, Miletus, and Didyma, each brimming with rich history and architectural marvels. Join us for an unforgettable day of discovery and exploration. Board your comfortable coach and set off on a picturesque drive through lush fields and vineyards, immersing yourself in the natural beauty of Anatolia. Relax as you journey for approximately 40 minutes to the ancient city of Priene, a true gem of Ionian civilization. Step back in time as you wander the streets of Priene, one of the first cities to be meticulously planned with a grid system. Admire the stunning mountain backdrop and panoramic views overlooking the Meander River, soaking in the ambiance of this ancient Ionian settlement. Continue your odyssey with a 45-minute drive to the ancient city of Miletus, once a thriving metropolis on the Anatolian trade routes. Explore the legacy of renowned philosophers and architects such as Thales, Anaximandros, and Hippodamos, whose brilliance shaped the city's destiny. Indulge in a delicious lunch at a local restaurant with panoramic views of the magnificent Temple of Apollo in Didyma. Marvel at the awe-inspiring scale of this sacred site, where ancient worshipers sought divine guidance and inspiration. Explore the grandeur of the temple, rebuilt with the assistance of Alexander the Great after destruction by the Persians in 494 BC.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 6 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Ephesus with folkloric show and tasting (extra expense)
Step back in time at the extraordinary ancient city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved classical cities in the Mediterranean and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel along the scenic Aegean coastline before entering Ephesus through the historic Magnesia Gate. Follow your guide through magnificent ruins, including the grand Forum, the iconic Library of Celsus, and the impressive Great Theatre, while learning about the city's importance as one of the greatest centres of the ancient world. Continue to the remarkable Terrace Houses, where beautifully preserved mosaics, frescoes, and luxurious private residences provide a fascinating insight into the lives of Ephesus' wealthy citizens. Before returning, enjoy a visit to a local cooperative featuring a traditional Turkish folklore performance, accompanied by a selection of regional delicacies, local drinks, and wine in a relaxing garden setting.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00 – 22:30

Arrives On: 20 Jul 27

Day 5: Kos (Greece)

Kos welcomes you with glorious landscapes and remarkable historical heritage. Known as the birthplace of Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, the island offers a fascinating journey into the ancient world. Explore the Asklepion, once a renowned healing sanctuary, along with Roman villas, ancient agora and medieval fortifications. The main town is a mishmash of architectural styles, and you'll find whitewashed dwellings side by side with Muslim mosques, 1930s Italian-style buildings and the medieval Neratzia Castle. Kos also boasts beautiful beaches and relaxed island charm, perfect for leisurely exploration. DiscoverMORE
Walking Tour of Kos (extra expense)
This walking excursion introduces you to the living history of Kos, an island shaped by antiquity, Byzantine heritage, and medieval rule. After a short walk from the ship, you arrive in Kos Town, where layers of history unfold through monuments and architecture spanning thousands of years. Stroll among the excavated ruins of the ancient town, discovering temples and public buildings that reveal Kos' classical past. Admire the imposing Castle of the Knights, a medieval fortress guarding the harbour, and observe the elegant contrasts of mosques and Byzantine churches that reflect later chapters of the island's story. A highlight of the walk is the legendary Tree of Hippocrates, where tradition holds that the great physician once taught his students beneath its branches. In the heart of town, pause at a local café to enjoy a refreshment before some free time to wander independently, browse small shops, or simply soak up the atmosphere of this vibrant harbour town. Afterwards, meet your guide for the return walk.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes Docked: 07:30 –19:00

Arrives On: 21 Jul 27

Day 6: Santorini (Greece)

Arriving by sea at Santorini offers a breathtaking first impression, with whitewashed villages perched dramatically atop volcanic cliffs above the Aegean. Stroll through Oia's narrow lanes, where blue-domed churches and cascading bougainvillea create postcard-worthyscenes at every turn. Relax on distinctive volcanic-sand beaches or sample crisp local wines cultivated in mineral-rich soil. As you sail away, the sun sinks into the Aegean and Santorini's legendary sunset paints the sky in hues of gold and crimson – a moment to cherish forever. Included Excursion
Round Trip Cable Car Ticket to Thira
Experience one of Santorini's most iconic journeys with a roundtrip cable car ride between the Old Port of Gialos and Fira, offering spectacular views over the island's dramatic caldera. After tendering from the ship, proceed to the Old Port of Gialos, where the Santorini Cable Car (Teleferico) provides a quick and scenic ascent up the steep caldera cliffs, connecting the port with Fira, the island's lively capital. As the gondola rises, enjoy sweeping views of volcanic rock faces, whitewashed villages perched high above the cliffs, and the deep blue Aegean Sea below. Upon arrival in Fira, time is available to explore independently—stroll along the caldera rim, browse local shops, enjoy panoramic viewpoints, or relax at a café overlooking the breathtaking scenery. When ready, use the return

cable car ticket to descend comfortably back to the Old Port and tender back to the ship.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: At your leisure DiscoverMORE
Akrotiri, Winery & Oia (extra expense)
Journey through the history, flavours, and iconic landscapes of Santorini as you discover one of the Aegean's most captivating islands. Begin with a visit to the remarkable archaeological site of Akrotiri, often referred to as the "Greek Pompeii." Buried beneath volcanic ash following the island's great eruption, this exceptionally preserved Bronze Age settlement reveals sophisticated multi-storey buildings, advanced drainage systems, and fascinating insights into one of the ancient Mediterranean's most advanced civilisations. Continue to a traditional Santorini winery, where you will learn about the island's unique volcanic viticulture and enjoy a tasting of locally produced wines while overlooking the spectacular caldera. Complete your excursion in the picturesque village of Oia, famous for its whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches, and breathtaking views across the volcanic caldera and Thirassia Island. Afterwards, continue to Fira, where you may either return with the group or remain to explore the island's capital independently before taking the cable car back to the Old Port at your convenience.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 07:30 –22:00

Arrives On: 22 Jul 27

Day 7: Páros (Greece)

The paradise island of Paros rose to power and prosperity in the sixth century BC for its high-quality marble, Parian marble, used for the construction of many temples and public buildings. It’s home to ancient ruins, Venetian castles and traditional Greek architecture,and draws in visitors to its stunning beaches, crystal-clear azure waters and charming local villages. The main town, Parikia, is nestled on a hill overlooking the port. Its cobbled lanes are bustling with activity, lined with shops, cafés and restaurants serving delicious local Greek cuisine. It also has a historic Frankish castle built in the 1200s. The island’s other town, Naoussa, is a picturesque harbour wherewooden boats sway and waterside restaurants grill freshly caught seafood. DiscoverMORE
Lefkes and Naoussa with wine tasting (extra expense)
Journey through the timeless landscapes of Paros, where traditional villages, picturesque harbours, and local winemaking showcase the authentic character of the island. Begin in the charming hillside village of Lefkes, once the island's capital. Enjoy free time to wander its whitewashed alleyways, admire elegant neoclassical houses, and soak up the peaceful atmosphere of one of the Cyclades' most picturesque villages. Continue to the beautiful fishing village of Naoussa, where colourful boats, waterfront cafés, and narrow streets invite you to explore at a relaxed pace. The excursion concludes with a visit to a local winery, where you'll discover the island's long-standing winemaking traditions during a guided tour of the cellars, followed by a tasting of three locally produced wines served with fresh bread and cheese.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 23 Jul 27

Day 8: Piraeus (Greece)

This morning, enjoy time at leisure exploring Athens, the ancient capital of Greece. The historic birthplace of democracy and western civilization, this enthralling city offers a remarkable array of architectural wonders and storied Greek heritage, such as the iconic Acropolis. You'll also find yourself charmed by Athen's modern dynamism and vibrant Greek lifestyle. In the afternoon, you'll be welcomed back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second half of your journey, memorable for its explorations of the stunning Adriatic coastlines. DiscoverMORE
Athens City tour with Acropolis (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Experience the timeless wonders of Athens, where ancient history and authentic Greek flavours come together in an unforgettable journey through the city's most iconic landmarks. Begin with a guided visit to the magnificent Acropolis, ascending the sacred hill to admire the Parthenon, Erechtheion, Temple of Athena Nike, and Propylaea, while enjoying panoramic views over Athens and nearby landmarks including the Odeon of Herodes Atticus. Continue into the charming neighbourhood of Plaka, where narrow streets, neoclassical houses, and family-run shops create the perfect setting to experience traditional Athenian life. Stroll through the lively market streets while sampling a variety of authentic Greek specialities, including local cheeses, olives, savoury pies, pastries, olive oil, wine, and regional spirits, as your guide shares the story behind Greece's celebrated culinary traditions.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours Docked: 06:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 24 Jul 27

Day 9: Port information not found

Today you'll cruise through the 19th-century Corinth Canal. A feat of engineering, this narrow waterway was cut from solid rock and is more than six kilometres long with walls rising to about 79 metres (260 feet) at their highest point. It crosses the isthmus of Corinth in Greece, linking the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf and shortening the sea route between the Ionian and Aegean Seas. Cruise 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. This well-preserved World Heritage site is nestled within the mountainside and was a sacred space where pilgrims could hear prophecies believed to come directly from the Gods. DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Delphi (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Follow the scenic slopes of Mount Parnassos to Delphi, one of Greece's most important archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, once regarded as the centre of the ancient world. Visit the legendary Sanctuary of Apollo, where the famous oracle Pythia delivered her prophecies to pilgrims from across the ancient world. Walk along the Sacred Way, admire the impressive Temple of Apollo, the ancient Theatre, and the sacred Castalian Spring,

where visitors once purified themselves before consulting the oracle. Continue to the Delphi Archaeological Museum, home to an exceptional collection of ancient treasures, including the famous Bronze Charioteer, one of the finest surviving masterpieces of classical Greek sculpture, and the Omphalos, believed by the ancient Greeks to mark the centre of the world. After exploring this remarkable sanctuary, depart for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 13:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 25 Jul 27

Day 9: Itea (Greece)

Arrives On: 25 Jul 27

Day 10: Lefkáda Island (Greece)

Known as the ‘Caribbean of Greece’ for its lush landscape and crystal-clear waters, Lefkada is connected to the mainland by a narrow bridge, making it one of the few Greek islands accessible directly by road. One of the most fascinating places in Lefkada is the Castle of Agia Mavra, which dates to the 14th century and was built to protect the island from invasions. The island’s modern marina has a thriving drinking and dining scene, while the town centre has many churches and museums. DiscoverMORE
Lefkada tour with Faneromeni Monastery (extra expense)
Sample the flavours and traditions of Lefkada while exploring the island's spiritual heritage and vibrant capital. Begin with a visit to the peaceful Monastery of Faneromeni, Lefkada's most important religious site, beautifully set amidst pine forests overlooking the Ionian Sea. Discover its fascinating history, admire the traditional architecture, and enjoy time to explore the tranquil grounds. Continue to Lefkada Town, where you will savour a selection of local specialities showcasing the island's rich culinary traditions. Afterwards, enjoy free time to stroll through the charming streets, browse local boutiques, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Flavors of Lefkada (extra expense)
Escape into the peaceful countryside of Lefkada for an authentic farm-to-table experience, where sustainable farming, traditional flavours, and hands-on cooking celebrate the island's rich culinary heritage. Travel to the island's only regenerative organic farm, a proud member of the Slow Food International network. During a guided walk, discover how traditional farming methods combine with modern sustainable practices before enjoying a guided tasting of the farm's award-winning extra virgin olive oil. Learn how to recognise premium-quality olive oil and gain practical tips for selecting and using it at home. Continue with a hands-on Greek cooking experience, preparing classic local dishes under the guidance of your hosts. Afterwards, relax and enjoy a delicious meal prepared with fresh seasonal ingredients, accompanied by locally produced wine. Before departing for the return journey, take time to explore the farm, browse local products, or simply unwind in the tranquil surroundings.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours 15 minutes Anchored: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 26 Jul 27

Day 11: Parga (Greece)

Located on the north-west coast of mainland Greece, Parga is built like an amphitheatre around a tranquil bay, its buildings vibrant in pastel colours and its waterfront home to a host of tavernas and bars. The 11th-century Parga Castle was built by the Venetians on a hilltop, boasting views across the resort town and the Ionian Sea. The coastline has a string of postcard-worthy beaches, and the Ionian islands are a short boat excursion away. DiscoverMORE
Sightseeing tour of Meteora monasteries including a Greek lunch (extra expense)
Travel through the scenic landscapes of mainland Greece to the extraordinary Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where centuries-old monasteries crown towering sandstone pillars in one of the world's most remarkable cultural landscapes. Enjoy a scenic drive to Meteora, where monks first settled in the caves during the 11th century before establishing the first monasteries in the 14th century. Visit two monasteries, admiring their remarkable frescoes, gilded icons, intricate wood carvings, and priceless religious treasures while learning about the monastic way of life that continues today. Following your visits, continue to Kalambaka for a traditional Greek lunch before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 10 hours DiscoverMORE
Kayaking Adventure (extra expense)
Paddle along the spectacular coastline of Parga, discovering hidden coves, crystal-clear waters, and dramatic sea cliffs on an unforgettable sea kayaking adventure. After a short transfer to Ai Giannakis Beach, receive your safety briefing and equipment before setting off by kayak. Paddle through the turquoise waters, passing secluded bays and towering limestone cliffs while taking in views of Aphrodite's Sea Cave and the picturesque harbour of Parga, overlooked by the small green island of Panagia. Pause for a short break to enjoy refreshments before continuing your journey through the area's beautiful islets and returning to Valtos Beach.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 27 Jul 27

Day 12: Corfu (Greece)

One of Greece’s most beloved and beautiful islands, Corfu lies in the Ionian Sea and has a rich history and magnificent architecture displaying Renaissance and Baroque influences. Its World Heritage-listed Old Town has roots dating back to the 8th century BC and features architecture shaped by later Venetian and European influences. It is a labyrinthine maze of alleyways, home to the impressive Spianada – the largest square in Greece – a leafy space with gardens and historical monuments. The island is home to authentic Greek villages, as well as

beaches lapped by aquamarine waters. Your luxury yacht will spend the evening in Corfu, allowing you to wander the atmospheric Old Town after
dark. DiscoverMORE
Guided walking tour of Corfu town (extra expense)
Wander through the timeless streets of Corfu Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Venetian elegance, rich history, and vibrant local life combine to create one of Greece's most enchanting historic centres. Pass beneath the historic Bonati Arch before exploring the atmospheric Jewish Quarter, home to a synagogue that reflects centuries of Corfu's multicultural heritage. Admire the elegant Town Hall, a fine example of Venetian architecture, and continue to the iconic Church of St. Spyridon, recognised by its distinctive red-domed bell tower and dedicated to the island's patron saint. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to browse local boutiques, relax at a café (own expense), or continue exploring the charming streets and hidden squares before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
4x4 adventure of the Corfiot countryside (extra expense)
Take the wheel and discover the hidden landscapes of Corfu on a self-drive 4x4 adventure through mountain villages, scenic viewpoints, and spectacular coastline. Drive through the seaside resorts of Kontokali, Gouvia, and Alykes before climbing winding mountain roads to the traditional village of Sokraki, one of the island's oldest settlements. Surrounded by olive groves and pine forests on the slopes of Mount Korakio, enjoy breathtaking views across the Ionian and Adriatic Seas. Continue through the picturesque villages of Troubetta, Vistonas, and Makrades, where traditional Corfiot life remains largely unchanged. Pause at a local restaurant in Lakones to enjoy a selection of traditional Greek meze while taking in panoramic views over the island. Your adventure concludes at the beautiful Paleokastritsa Bay, where you may enjoy a swim in the crystal-clear waters or simply relax beside one of Corfu's most picturesque bays before departing for the return journey.
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 hours 30 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Performance on board featuring Traditional Greek Dances
Experience the vibrant spirit of Greek culture during this lively onboard excursion celebrating both tradition and modern expression. The performance begins with authentic traditional dances from Corfu and the Ionian Islands, including Lefkada, Ithaca, and Kefalonia. Performed in colourful traditional costumes, each dance reflects the rhythm, history, and character of island life, offering genuine insight into local customs and heritage. The program continues with energetic modern Greek favourites, such as Syrtaki, Zorba, and Zeibekiko, bringing a contemporary flair to the celebration. You are warmly invited to participate in a short and enjoyable Syrtaki lesson, making it easy for everyone to join the fun — no prior experience required.
Duration: 40 minutes Docked: 23:30 (day prior) - 06:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 28 Jul 27

Day 13: Sarandë (Albania)

Your yacht will leave Corfu early this morning and cruise towards Sarandë, a coastal town perched on a crescent-shaped bay in southern Albania. The once sleepy fishing village comprises a bustling seaside promenade, pebbled beaches and ancient ruins, including the ruins of an ancient synagogue thought to date from the fifth or sixth century, adorned with intricate mosaics and historical artefacts. Included Excursion
Butrint UNESCO Ruins & Lekursi Castle Views
Follow the scenic coastline of southern Albania to discover the remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint, where ancient history and unspoilt natural beauty combine in one extraordinary setting. Travel through the fertile Vurgu Plain, passing Lake Butrint, a protected wetland renowned for its rich birdlife and biodiversity, before arriving at the ancient city of Butrint. Once a thriving Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Venetian settlement, this remarkable archaeological site invites you to explore its fascinating ruins, including temples, theatres, and ancient city walls, while your guide reveals the story of more than two thousand years of history. Continue to Lekursi Castle, a magnificent 16th-century Ottoman fortress perched high above Sarandë. From its commanding position, enjoy spectacular panoramic views across the Ionian Sea, Sarandë, and the island of Corfu. Relax with refreshments at the castle before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 09:00 - 13:30

Arrives On: 29 Jul 27

Day 14: Kotor (Montenegro)

Encircled by medieval walls, the fortified city of Kotor is an enthralling place of ancient history and modern culture. Nestled between imposing mountains and the Adriatic Sea, this World Heritage-listed setting is a blend of Venetian palaces, a 12th-century cathedral, cobblestone lanes and café-hemmed squares. Climb the 1,350 steps up to St John’s Fortress, where you’ll have spectacular views over the Bay of Kotor. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option. EmeraldACTIVE
Explore Historic Kotor on foot
Join a small group for an exhilarating adventure climbing the formidable city walls of Kotor, accompanied by an experienced guide. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979, the City Walls of Kotor span nearly 5 kilometers, encircling the city and offering adventurous souls breathtaking vistas of the Bay of Kotor and the historic Old Town. Meet your guide at the pier and set out on foot towards the entrance of the walls, adorned with a blend of well-preserved ramparts, gates, churches, and fortresses. As you commence your ascent along the rugged paths, delve into the past as your knowledgeable guide animates the history of these formidable fortifications and their pivotal role in safeguarding the city during numerous sieges. Take a well-deserved break midway to capture stunning photos of the panoramic views below. Then, resume your climb to the summit, where the impeccably preserved fortress of St. John awaits, offering a breathtaking panorama of the harbor and the charming red rooftops of the Old Town. Take a moment to marvel at the awe-inspiring scenery before beginning your descent back to the Old Town, filled with unforgettable memories of your ascent.
Activity

Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Our Lady of the Rocks and walking tour of Kotor (extra expense)
A relaxing boat ride carries you across the breathtaking Bay of Kotor to the legendary island of Our Lady of the Rocks, a man-made islet steeped in maritime tradition. Visit the charming church and learn about the centuries-old custom of seafarers who gradually created the island by sinking stones and ships in honour of a sacred icon. Continue to the elegant town of Perast, known for its well-preserved Baroque architecture and picturesque waterfront. Stroll along cobblestone streets and enjoy the timeless atmosphere before visiting the Maritime Museum, where exhibits reveal the rich naval heritage of Montenegro and the strategic importance of the Bay of Kotor in European trade and naval history. The journey then returns to Kotor for a guided walking tour of its UNESCO-listed Old Town. Explore narrow medieval lanes, visit historic churches, and uncover the stories that shaped this fortified coastal city nestled between mountains and sea.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 09:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 30 Jul 27

Day 15: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Your time on board comes to an end in the dazzling city of Dubrovnik, along Croatia’s stunning Dalmatian Coast. Coined the ‘Pearl of the Adriatic,’ this World Heritage-listed city is renowned for its breathtaking architecture, with red terracotta-tiled roofs and pale stone walls striking against the turquoise waters lapping below. From your luxury yacht, you’ll be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. DiscoverMORE
Dubrovnik & Cavtat (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Explore two of Croatia's most enchanting coastal towns, where medieval history, magnificent architecture, and Adriatic scenery create an unforgettable experience. A scenic drive brings you to Pile Gate, the grand entrance to Dubrovnik Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Follow your guide along the famous Stradun, discovering the city's rich history and architectural treasures. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, home to a beautiful cloister and one of Europe's oldest working pharmacies, founded in 1317, while admiring the elegant exteriors of Dubrovnik's most celebrated landmarks. Continue with a panoramic drive to the charming seaside town of Cavtat, nestled on a picturesque bay between two peninsulas. Enjoy free time to stroll along the waterfront promenade, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey. A brief stop will be made at the airport for guests ending their cruise.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 45 minutes

Note: This excursion is available for guests continuing on to the next cruise and for disembarking guests with flights departing after 4:00 pm. Luggage will be stored on the coach. Please book your flight to depart out of Dubrovnik after 12:00 PM. Docked: 08:00 The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will be operated unaltered from the itinerary states above.

Arrives On: 31 Jul 27

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