



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Eastern Mediterranean
Reference:	EMERALD2D08190725-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	19 Jul 25
Departs From:	Dubrovnik
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Arrives On:	02 Aug 25
Arrives At:	Piraeus
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Your Mediterranean cruise begins in the historic city of Dubrovnik, 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 Dubrovnik prior to 06:00 PM. Docked: approximate departure 23:00

Arrives On: 19 Jul 25

Day 2: 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
Discover MORE
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
Emerald PLUS
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: 20 Jul 25

Day 3: 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

Arrives On: 21 Jul 25

Day 3: Corfu (Greece)

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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 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: 20:00 (day prior) - 23:00

Arrives On: 22 Jul 25

Day 5: 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: 23 Jul 25

Day 6: 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 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.

Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 4 hours
DiscoverMORE 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: 24 Jul 25

Day 7: 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.

DiscoverMORE DiscoverMORE Guided tour of Delphi (extra expense)
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

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Day 8: Piraeus (Greece)

After breakfast, set off to explore Athens and uncover the hidden gems of this Greek hotspot. In the afternoon, we'll welcome you back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second half of your journey, where you'll explore Greece and Turkey even further.

Arrives On: 26 Jul 25

Day 9: Delos (Greece)

Delos, a small rocky island in the heart of the Cyclades archipelago, is one of the most important mythological and archaeological sites in Greece. In the afternoon, you will venture to Mykonos. The island's allure lies in its blend of traditional Greek culture and cosmopolitan flair. Whitewashed houses with vibrant blue doors line the winding streets of Mykonos Town.

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Guided tour of Delos (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Set foot on a journey to the sacred island of Delos, a cradle of ancient Greek mythology and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delos holds a unique place in history, believed to be the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Unveil the layers of mythology and history as you explore the extensive archaeological site that spans millennia. Delos served as a holy sanctuary for a millennium before it became the mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis in Olympian Greek mythology. Pilgrims from across Greece flocked to Apollo's sanctuary, transforming Delos into a prosperous trading port. The island is adorned with traces of civilizations that shaped the Aegean world from the 3rd millennium BC to the paleo-Christian era. Embark on a guided walking tour that takes you through the archaeological wonders of Delos. Explore the extensive site, where each step reveals the layers of history, from ancient sanctuaries to the remnants of prosperous civilizations. Delos has earned its place as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a testament to its cultural and historical significance.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.4 hours

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Island tour of Mykonos, Ano Mera Monastery and wine tasting experience (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Welcome to the jewel of the Cyclades, Mykonos – Greece's cosmopolitan paradise. Immerse yourself in the allure of this stunning island, celebrated for its vibrant lifestyle, rich history, and captivating landscapes since 1960. Mykonos beckons with its unparalleled charm, from pristine beaches to picturesque villages. Dive into the heart of Greek lifestyle, exploring enchanting locales that have played a significant role in history and cinema. Begin your adventure in the traditional

village of Ano Mera, a haven of authenticity. Explore the 16th-century Monastery of Panagia Tourliani, dedicated to Mykonos' patron saint. Admire intricate icons depicting scenes from the New Testament and unravel the monastery's rich history. Indulge your senses in the flavours of Greece with a wine tasting experience at a Mykonian Farm. The sommelier will guide you through the tasting of three prestigious local wines, sharing insights into basic tasting techniques and uncorking Greece's most distinct blends. Conclude your tour in the iconic Mykonos town, a labyrinth of whitewashed buildings and narrow streets. Wander through the charming village, where 16th-century windmills stand tall as timeless symbols overlooking the breathtaking landscape.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Day 10: Pátmos (Greece)

Patmos is a small Greek island in the Aegean Sea steeped in religious history. The Monastery of Saint John the Theologian, a UNESCO World Heritage site, towers over the island's capital, Chora. Nearby you'll find the Cave of the Apocalypse, where, according to tradition, Saint John the Theologian wrote the Book of Revelation. The local cuisine of Patmos is a delightful mix of traditional Greek dishes and fresh seafood. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

Chora, Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse

The tour begins with a visit to the Cave of the Apocalypse, the site where the Book of Revelation, the final book of the Holy Bible, was conceived. In 95 A.D., during a time of Christian persecution, Saint John was exiled to the Island of Patmos, where he received the vision that inspired Revelation in this small cave, which has since become a revered place of worship and a significant pilgrimage destination. After leaving the Cave, you will drive to the historic village of Chora, perched atop a hill, where you'll have the chance to capture breathtaking panoramic views of the island and explore the stunning architecture of homes dating back to the 15th to 18th centuries. Chora, the island's capital, is home to the 11th-century Monastery of Saint John the Theologian. Here, you can gain insight into monastic life and immerse yourself in the rich history showcased by the magnificent ecclesiastical artifacts in its museum. The monastery boasts treasures such as frescoes depicting its founder, Christodoulou, and the miracles of St. John, along with ancient documents dating back to the 6th century, sacred vestments, silverware, and numerous icons, including a piece attributed to El Greco. From the Monastery, stroll through Chora's charming winding cobbled streets to the house of Simandiris. Here, you will enjoy a unique experience, exploring the interior of a traditional Patmian home filled with antique furniture, exquisite embroidery, and paintings collected by eight generations of the Simandiris family.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

3.5 hours

EmeraldACTIVE

Downhill hike

Embark on a transformative journey to the enchanting Sacred Island of Patmos, nestled within the stunning Dodecanese archipelago. This remarkable experience weaves together a rich tapestry of spirituality, history, and breathtaking landscapes that will leave a lasting impression on your heart. Start your adventure with a scenic drive to Chora, a picturesque village that unfolds like a beautiful painting. Adorned with radiant white houses, Chora provides a striking contrast to the imposing Monastery of St. John, built in 1088 by the revered Christodoulos—a true testament to centuries of unwavering spiritual devotion. Step inside the Monastery of St. John, a bastion of faith featuring thick walls, battlements, and eight chapels. The charming courtyard, paved with pebbles and framed by graceful arches, leads you to the museum where you can admire an extraordinary collection of jewelled chalices, crowns, crosses, and religious artifacts. Delight in the intricate frescoes and explore historic writings from 1073, alongside icons and original works by the masterful El Greco. Stroll through the Old Town of Chora, a maze of narrow streets and delightful squares. As you wander the paths once trodden by locals, feel the echoes of history surrounding you. The tour also includes a visit to the Cave of the Apocalypse, the sacred site of the Revelation's origin—the final book of the Holy Bible. In 95 A.D., during a time of persecution, St. John was exiled to Patmos, where this humble cave became the backdrop for his visionary revelations. Today, it stands as a revered site of worship, attracting countless pilgrims. As you return to the port, retrace the footsteps of those who came before you, discovering Patmos's authentic charm with every step, which offers a unique glimpse into its cultural heritage.

EmeraldPLUS

Local folklore performance on board

Experience a classic evening infused with the enchanting aromas of Greece. A talented Patmian band, featuring both musicians and dancers, will treat you to an unforgettable evening of traditional music and dance. This folkloric ensemble will take you on a journey through the island's rich culture and history, performing to the captivating rhythms of Greece. Following the performance, you'll have the opportunity to join a brief dance lesson and immerse yourself in the joy of dancing.

Duration: 1 hour

Arrives On: 28 Jul 25

Day 11: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Visiting Kusadasi offers a fascinating blend of history, beautiful beaches, and vibrant markets. Its history dates to ancient times, with early settlements by the Lelegians and Carians around 3000 BC. The town has seen many rulers, including the Byzantines, Venetians, and Genoese.

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Priene, Miletus and Didyma (extra expense)

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. Continuing 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: Strenuous, **Duration:** 6.5 hours

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Guided tour of Ephesus (extra expense)

Embark on an extraordinary excursion to the legendary city of Ephesus, a treasure trove of ancient wonders and archaeological marvels that have stood the test of time. Join us as we delve into the rich tapestry of history and culture that awaits within the hallowed halls of this magnificent ancient site. Wind your way along the picturesque coastal road, soaking in the stunning vistas that unfold before you, before arriving at the ancient city of Ephesus. Step through the Magnesia Gate and into a world of ancient splendor as you explore the awe-inspiring ruins of Ephesus. Marvel at the grandeur of the Forum, the elegance of the Library of Celsus, and the majesty of the Great Theatre, where echoes of the past still linger in the air. Venture to the slopes of Bulbul Mountain and discover the Terrace Houses, once home to the wealthy elite of Ephesus. Step inside these beautifully preserved dwellings and marvel at the intricate mosaics, ornate wall sections, and original floors that offer a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of ancient Ephesians. Before returning to the port, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Ephesus at a local cooperative. Witness a captivating folklore show performed by talented folk-dance students and indulge in a delectable array of local delicacies prepared with fresh, local ingredients. Sample exquisite mezes and savor the rich flavors of local wine and drinks amidst the serene beauty of the garden surroundings.

Activity Level: Moderate, **Duration:** 5 hours

Arrives On: 29 Jul 25

Day 12: Kos (Greece)

Kos is a Greek island just four kilometres off the coast of Bodrum, Turkey. It's the birthplace of Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, and home to several historic ruins, including an ancient agora, a Roman Odeon, and the Asklepion, an ancient healing temple.

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Asclepion and Zia village with winery visit (extra expense)

Embark on a fascinating journey as we explore the heritage of Hippocrates, often hailed as the father of modern medicine, in his native land of Kos. Our adventure begins at the Asklepion, an extraordinary sanctuary established in 460 B.C. in honour of Asclepius,

the God of Medicine. Amidst the timeless ruins and sacred groves, the principles of Hippocratic Medicine were practiced, establishing the groundwork for contemporary healthcare. Wander through this historic site, where the intersection of healing and spirituality set the stage for one of the earliest hospitals in the world. Next, we'll venture into the charming village of Zia, perched on the slopes of Mount Dikaion. With its narrow winding streets and traditional houses, Zia captures the authentic essence of rural Kos. Pause to enjoy a traditional Greek coffee and indulge in delicious local delicacies while soaking in breathtaking views of Turkey and the neighbouring islands. The highlight of your excursion awaits at Winery, where you'll savour a wine tasting experience unlike any other. Delight in a curated selection of four exquisite wines, each reflecting the island's rich viticultural heritage. From crisp white wines to robust reds, every sip is a story of dedication and craftsmanship waiting to be told.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Arrives On: 30 Jul 25

Day 13: Santorini (Greece)

One of the most photogenic islands in the world, Santorini is an eye-catching place with whitewashed buildings clustered on top of soaring cliffs rising out of the ocean. Santorini is renowned for the beauty of its iconic architecture, domed rooftops, volcanic-sand beaches and world-famous sunsets.

Discover MORE Akrotiri, Oia and winery visit (extra expense)

Start an extraordinary voyage through Santorini, a land steeped in ancient history and blessed with mesmerizing landscapes. Explore the remnants of the prehistoric city of Akrotiri, often hailed as the "Greek Pompeii," and witness the island's remarkable resilience in the face of cataclysmic events. Step back in time as you venture into the ruins of Akrotiri, a city frozen in time by layers of volcanic ash. Discover the advanced structures of this ancient civilization, featuring multi-story buildings with intricate drainage and water supply systems. Marvel at the resilience of Akrotiri and its mythical connections to the legendary Atlantis, a city that miraculously spared countless lives from the wrath of volcanic eruption. Embark on a sensory journey at one of the most famous wineries, perched above the port of Athinios and overlooking the breathtaking Santorini caldera. Immerse yourself in the family's rich winemaking tradition that dates to 1947. Explore the unique architectural design that utilized gravity for energy efficiency, showcasing Santorini's innovative spirit in winemaking. Indulge in a wine-tasting experience, savouring the distinct flavours of Santorini's renowned wines. Conclude your adventure in the charming village of Oia, celebrated for its iconic whitewashed houses adorning rugged cliffs that overlook the sprawling caldera. Navigate through labyrinthine alleys and revel in the timeless beauty of Oia's Caldera, offering breathtaking vistas of the volcanic landscape and the picturesque Thirassia island. After a brief drive from Oia, you'll arrive at Thira, the capital of the island. Once you've finished exploring, a quick five-minute walk will lead you to the cable car for your return trip to the pier.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.5 hours

Arrives On: 31 Jul 25

Day 14: Páros (Greece)

Paros is one of the prettiest Greek islands in the heart of the Aegean Sea. Its verdant green landscape is adorned with vineyards and orchards laden with citrus fruits and pomegranates. Wander the winding streets of the capital Parikia, to see the quintessential Cycladic architecture and quaint white houses with bright blue doors and window boxes full of blooming bougainvillea.

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Lefkes and Naoussa with wine tasting (extra expense)

Our adventure begins in the picturesque village of Lefkes, a hidden gem nestled amidst the breathtaking beauty of Paros and once the island's vibrant capital. Stroll through its charming streets, where you'll be captivated by the rich history and traditional architecture that define this enchanting locale. From there, make your way to the quaint fishing village of Naoussa, where you can meander through its inviting alleyways and lively harbour. Immerse yourself in the laid-back atmosphere of this coastal gem, soaking up its authentic charm. The highlight of your journey awaits at a century-old winery, where you'll embark on a guided tour that offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the art of winemaking on Paros. Wander through the underground cellars and organic vineyards, gaining valuable insight into the unique characteristics of the island's terroir and the meticulous winemaking process. As the tour concludes, settle into the atmospheric surroundings of the underground cellars or on the terrace for a private tasting experience unlike any other. Indulge in a selection of three exquisite wines, each sip a celebration of Paros' rich winemaking heritage. Accompanied by artisanal Cycladic cheese and charcuterie platters, this local produce tasting promises to tantalize your taste buds and leave you yearning for more.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Arrives On: 01 Aug 25

Day 15: Piraeus (Greece)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Athens, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday.

Flight to depart out of Athens after 01:00 PM.

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Arrives On: 02 Aug 25

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