Cruise Details

Name:	Discover Mediterranean Rivieras: Italy, France & Corsica
Reference:	EMERALD2D19230928-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	23 Sep 28
Departs From:	Venice
Arrives On:	11 Oct 28
Arrives At:	Nice
Cruise Nights:	18
Total Vacation Days:	19

Itinerary

Day 1: Venice (Italy)

Your cruise begins in Italy and the romantic city of Venice. Founded in the fifth century, it stretches across 118 small islands of the marshy Venetian Lagoon. The grandeur of this city needs no introduction, from its legendary canals to magnificent St Mark’s Basilica. Here, you’ll be transferred to your Emerald luxury yacht to embark on a compelling journey of history, art and natural wonders. Please book your flight to arrive into Venice prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 23 Sep 28

Day 2: Zadar (Croatia)

Zadar is something of a hidden Croatian gem, a captivating blend of ancient history and modern charm. As you stroll through its cobbled streets, you'll encounter spectacular Roman ruins, including the well-preserved Roman Forum constructed between the first century BC

and third century AD, and the majestic St Donatus Church, a symbol of the city's rich heritage. You'll be mesmerised by the Sea Organ, stone carvings along the promenade designed so that the lapping waves create natural and hauntingly beautiful melodies. As the sun disappears, you'll be captivated by Sun Salutation, a dazzling solar-powered installation that lights up at night.

Arrives On: 24 Sep 28

Day 3: Hvar Island (Croatia)

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

Arrives On: 25 Sep 28

Day 4: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

At the southernmost point of Croatia on the Dalmatian Coast, World Heritage-listed Dubrovnik is known as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. The city is renowned for its breathtaking architecture, its red terracotta-tiled roofs and white stone walls making a striking contrast against the turquoise waters that lap below. Stroll through the iconic Old Town, where cobbled streets lead you past magnificent baroque buildings; enjoy a drink on the Stradun, the main thoroughfare through the city; and take a walk along the ancient city walls for panoramic views over the rooftops and Adriatic Sea. The impressive Rector's Palace, a 15th-century Gothic-Renaissance palace that was once Dubrovnik 's administrative centre, is also a must-visit.

Arrives On: 26 Sep 28

Day 5: Otranto (Italy)

On the tip of Italy's Puglia region, Otranto has a charming old town of narrow cobblestone streets, ancient stone walls and stunning medieval architecture. Don't miss the Otranto Cathedral, built by the Normans in the 11th century and renowned for its frescoes and an intricate mosaic floor from the 12th century. The bones of 813 martyrs are displayed in a glass case behind the altar. Otranto's lovely waterfront affords breathtaking views of the turquoise Adriatic Sea. Spend time soaking up the sun on one of its sandy beaches that line the coast and indulge in delectable Apulian dishes at one of the many quaint trattorias, such as focaccia, burrata and fresh seafood.

Arrives On: 27 Sep 28

Day 6: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Nestled along the eastern shores of Sicily, Giardini Naxos was one of the earliest Greek settlements on the island, traditionally dated to 734 BC. Today, it’s a charming resort town known for its sandy beaches and vibrant waterfront promenade. It also commands views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna. Giardini Naxos serves as the launchpad for glamorous Taormina, which is called the ‘Pearl of the Ionian Sea’. Just a short journey away, you can immerse yourself in Taormina’s posh Corso Umberto (pedestrian-friendly centre) and see its ancient Greek theatre and enchanting medieval architecture.

Arrives On: 28 Sep 28

Day 7: Valletta (Malta)

Declared a World Heritage site in 1980, the fortified city of Valletta is one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world, with a staggering 320 monuments. Built on a narrow one-kilometre-long (0.62-mile-long) peninsula in the 16th century by the Knights of St John, the pocket-sized capital of Malta is, today, a blend of rich history, culture, and breathtaking architecture. Stroll through its narrow, cobblestone streets, where every corner reveals a treasure, such as the 16th-century Baroque chapels of St John’s Co-Cathedral.

Arrives On: 29 Sep 28

Day 8: Porto Empedocle (Italy)

On Sicily’s southern coast in the province of Agrigento, the charming town of Porto Empedocle welcomes you with its golden beaches, laid-back atmosphere, and fascinating history. A major port for grain shipments in the 1400s, it later became known for its sulphur and rock salt mining, industries that helped shape the region. The town is named after the ancient philosopher Empedocles, who lived near here in the fifth century BC. Today, Porto Empedocle is the ideal gateway to explore southern Sicily, offering easy access to the remarkable Valley of the Temples while inviting guests to enjoy its vibrant harbour, local seafood and coastal charm.

Arrives On: 30 Sep 28

Day 9: Trapani, Sicily (Italy)

Set on the western tip of Sicily, Trapani is a historic port city with a dramatic coastline. The fortified town has been at the centre of the fishing and salt trade for thousands of years. The coastal salt pans make up part of a unique landscape that comprises windmills, flat-topped pastel-coloured buildings and domed churches. The narrow streets of the picturesque old town are lined with historic Baroque buildings in warm colours, vibrant markets, and eateries offering local delicacies such as fresh seafood and the famous Sicilian cannoli. You can reach the hilltop medieval village of Erice, located 751 metres (2,464 feet) above sea level, via a cable car

ride. Wander the rabbit warren of cobblestoned laneways past crumbling castle ruins and enjoy breathtaking vistas over the town of Trapani below.

Arrives On: 01 Oct 28

Day 10: Amalfi (Italy)

The stunning Amalfi Coast, designated a World Heritage site, has been a much-loved holiday destination since ancient times. Located in southern Italy's Campania region, just south of Naples, the Amalfi Coast boasts idyllic beaches and seaside towns that are home to grand Italian villas and glitzy beach clubs hugging the craggy cliffs that rise from the sparkling sea.

Arrives On: 02 Oct 28

Day 11: Ischia Island (Italy)

Awaken to a serene morning and enjoy a lavish breakfast on deck as you cruise past the stunning Amalfi Coast and the glamorous isle of Capri, before reaching your next destination. Casamicciola Terme, nestled on the northern coast of the island of Ischia, is renowned for its wealth of natural thermal springs – so much so that the word 'thermal' (terme) is part of its name. Known for its rejuvenating waters and wellness culture, it has long been a destination for those seeking relaxation, healing and a touch of luxury amid picturesque surroundings. The town's thermal heritage is deeply woven into its identity, offering everything from historic spas to modern wellness retreats.

Arrives On: 03 Oct 28

Day 12: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Welcome to the ancient port of Civitavecchia, the gateway to the Eternal City, Rome. Explore Rome and its world-renowned sites from the Colosseum and Roman Forum to the Vatican City before re-embarking to continue your voyage.

Arrives On: 04 Oct 28

Day 13: Calvi, Corsica (France)

Your first port of call is Calvi, on the northwest shore of the French Island of Corsica. Local legend claims Calvi was the birthplace of Christopher Columbus, although historians generally believe he was born in Genoa. While the true origins of the famed explorer remain debated, the natural beauty and rich culture of Calvi are undisputed. Calvi's gorgeous beach presents a crescent-shaped bay of powdery white sand fringed by maritime pines. The town has evolved to become Corsica's cultural capital, hosting several music festivals and art exhibitions during the idyllic summer months.

Arrives On: 05 Oct 28

Day 14: Livorno (Italy)

Along the western coast of Italy’s beautiful Tuscany region, the bustling city of Livorno boasts a modern seaport, but is best known for its scenic beauty, picturesque views of the azure Mediterranean Sea and delicious fresh seafood. Not surprisingly, the city's renowned culinary scene is heavily influenced by its seaside location, tempting with signature dishes such as 'cacciucco' a traditional fish stew that is a must-try for anyone who visits here. Livorno is also the gateway to the city of Florence, cradle of the Renaissance, and famed for its art, architecture and history.

Arrives On: 06 Oct 28

Day 15: Carrara (Italy)

Further along the Tuscan coast, arrive in Marina di Carrara. This lovely seaside town is famous for the pale and premium Italian marble that is mined and quarried from nearby mountains. The highly prized Carrara marble not only ranks as one of Italy’s most celebrated artisan products but has been used for centuries to create some of the world’s most important artistic wonders, including Michelangelo’s iconic Statue of David. These shimmering mountains of purest marble contrast beautifully with Marina di Carrara’s coastal scenery. Your yacht will remain docked here overnight, giving you time to explore the lively seafront promenade packed with bars and restaurants after the sun goes down.

Arrives On: 07 Oct 28

Day 16: Porto Venere (Italy)

Arrive early this morning in Porto Venere on the Italian Ligurian coast. This ancient town dates back to Roman times and is now a World Heritage site. It harbours a romantic history, thanks to its penchant for attracting famous poets and artists over the centuries. Porto Venere’s wonderful swimming spots were beloved by, amongst others, the legendary English poet, Lord Byron, who regularly swam and meditated here in the early 1800s. One of Porto Venere's most striking features is its Gothic-style Church of St. Peter, dating back to the 12th century and resting atop a rocky headland overlooking the sparkling sea.

Arrives On: 08 Oct 28

Day 17: Santa Margherita Ligure (Italy)

Welcome to Santa Margherita Ligure, a pretty Italian resort town with panoramic views that’s revered for its timeless elegance and style. For those seeking ‘la dolce vita`, you’re sure to find it in abundance here. Stroll the Santa Margherita promenade, or the pebbly beachfront,

admiring the gleaming yachts and sailing boats. Marvel at an impressive Baroque-era church along the cobbled streets and savour succulent red shrimps, the local fishermen’s catch of the day.

In the early afternoon, you’ll sail on to delightful Portofino. Nestled along the Italian Riviera, the eternally popular Portofino boasts a rich gastronomic scene, a picturesque harbour and narrow streets lined with charming pastel-hued houses, high-end boutiques and restaurants specialising in freshly caught seafood.

Arrives On: 09 Oct 28

Day 17: Portofino (Italy)

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Day 18: Monte-Carlo (Monaco)

Officially known as the Principality of Monaco, this sovereign city-state is famous for its opulence and glamour, boasting high-end casinos, a glitzy harbour lined with superyachts and the exclusive Monte Carlo district, a jetsetter’s haven. This dazzling gem of the Côte d'Azur is the official residence of Monaco’s royal household – the palace has been home to the Grimaldi family since the late 13th century – and boasts several museums. Monaco is also the host of numerous cultural events throughout the year, celebrating everything from music to the visual arts, as well as the annual Monaco Grand Prix, a prestigious Formula One motor racing event.

Arrives On: 10 Oct 28

Day 19: Nice (France)

Your unforgettable yacht cruise concludes this morning on the French Riviera, in the alluring port city of Nice. After bidding farewell to your crew and fellow guests, you’ll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your travels. Please book your flight to depart out of Nice after 01:00 PM. 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 stated above.

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