



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover Ancient Wonders of the Mediterranean & Red Sea
Reference:	EMERALD2G03181025-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	18 Oct 25
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	10 Nov 25
Arrives At:	'Aqaba
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Cruise Nights:	23
Total Vacation Days:	24

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Fly from the UK to Athens. Your mesmerising journey of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus begins in Athens, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht. Athens, the capital city of Greece, is a remarkable blend of ancient history and modern dynamism. Flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 18 Oct 25

Day 2: 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. **Discover MORE**
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</p><p>DiscoverMORE
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</p>

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Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

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Day 3: Milos (Greece)

<p><p>Milos is a Greek island known for its unique natural beauty. It's often referred to as the 'Island of Colours' due to its diverse soil shades, including yellow, orange, red, and dazzling white – even more vibrant against the backdrop of turquoise waters. It's also the original home of the iconic marble statue of Venus of Milo. Unearthed in 1820, the statue is now on display at the

Louvre Museum in Paris, but Milos's archaeological museum houses a replica.

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Landscapes of Milos (extra expense)
Discover the incredible volcanic island of Milos, one of the most beautiful places on earth. Starting from the harbour along the dramatic Milos coastline toward Papafranga, a cluster of deep-sea inlets and sea caves at the base of a pristine ravine which was shaped by volcanic activity. Explore Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. This startlingly beautiful, otherworldly spot is one of the island's many geological wonders and perhaps one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades. Stroll through the village to admire its traditional architecture and its stunning view of the sea, and we'll sample some homemade sweets at a few of the village's local pastry shops. Visit the ruins of ancient Melos and its Roman amphitheatre, which is cut into the rocky slope of the hill near the ancient agora. The marble amphitheatre includes seven intact rows of seats and offers a lovely view of the bay. Stop at the site where the Venus de Milo was discovered in 1820 before strolling around the Plaka, the traditional capital of Milos. Enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view over the entrance of the port and learn about the history of this amazing place.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.5 hours

Arrives On: 20 Oct 25

Day 4: 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.

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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: 21 Oct 25

Day 5: 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.
Activity Level:

Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours

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: 22 Oct 25

Day 6: 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: 23 Oct 25

Day 7: 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 Asklepieion, 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: 24 Oct 25

Day 8: Rhodes (Greece)

The Medieval City of Rhodes, known as the 'Island of Knights', is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Encircled within a four-kilometre length of wall, the city's medieval buildings, the Street of the Knights, and the Palace of the Grand Master make you feel like you're in the Middle Ages. Rhodes is also famous for delicious local dishes – try the melekouni (a traditional sweet) and pitaroudia (chickpea fritters).

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Guided tour of Lindos (extra expense)
Embark on a captivating journey along the enchanting east coast of Rhodes, where the sweet fragrance of citrus groves, flourishing vineyards, and ancient olive trees set the stage for an extraordinary exploration. The iconic Acropolis, a symbol of Lindos, stands proudly, overlooking the picturesque town and the azure bay below. Immerse yourself in the allure of Lindos as you ascend to the Acropolis on foot for the intrepid explorers. At the summit, unlock the secrets of the past as you explore the remnants of ancient civilizations. Marvel at the Doric Temple of Athena Lindia, a testament to architectural brilliance dating back to the 4th century BC. Wander through the remains of a Byzantine church and trace the steps of the Knights of Rhodes along their fortifications. Descend to the idyllic St. Paul's Bay, a serene haven where the Apostle Paul arrived in AD 51. Let the charming ambiance of whitewashed houses and narrow streets transport you to a bygone era, creating a perfect backdrop for exploration and relaxation.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

4.5 hours
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Walking tour of Medieval Rhodes and the Grand Masters Palace (extra expense)
Embark on a captivating stroll from the quayside to the heart of Rhodes' medieval city centre, where the echoes of history come alive. Let the cobbled streets and towering structures transport you to a bygone era, where tales of knights, palaces, and fortresses unfold. Commence your exploration at the awe-inspiring Palace of the Grand Masters, a fortress with roots tracing back to the 14th century. Your knowledgeable guide will unravel the palace's fascinating history, from its origins as the residence of the Knights of St. John to its transformation into an Ottoman fortress. Discover its later role as a royal retreat for the Italian kingdom and its status as a museum, preserving the stories of centuries past. Follow the enchanting Knight's Street, flanked by 15th and 16th-century 'Inns,' each representing a distinct nationality of the knights. Wander through the medieval essence of the old town, as the cobbled street unveils the stories and heritage of these noble warriors. Immerse yourself in the unique atmosphere of this esteemed World Heritage site.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Arrives On: 25 Oct 25

Day 9: Antalya (Turkey)

The cityscape of Antalya is a mesmerising blend of azure skies, dense forests, and the blue Mediterranean Sea. The Taurus Mountains provide a contrast to the city's sun-soaked beaches, making Antalya a paradise for nature lovers. Antalya's rich history unfolds in its well-preserved old town, Kaleiçi, where Roman-era harbour walls, Hellenistic gates, and Ottoman-era houses pay homage to the city's storied past.

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Walking tour of Antalya and visit to the Mosque (extra expense)
Begin your adventure with a picturesque drive from the harbour to the enchanting old town of Antalya, also known as Kaleici. Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed by narrow cobblestone streets, ancient walls, and traditional Ottoman architecture. One highlight of your visit is the Sehzade Korkut Mosque, a remarkable example of Seljuk and Ottoman design. After your guide shares insights into its historical importance, you'll have a chance to soak in the serene ambiance. After experiencing the rich culture and history of the old town, you can take a refreshing break at a local restaurant, where you can sip on freshly squeezed orange juice while gazing out at the captivating Mediterranean Sea. This lovely location offers an ideal moment to unwind and appreciate the stunning vistas. Your tour will conclude with a leisurely drive back to the harbour, providing a delightful mix of history, culture, and natural beauty that will leave you with lasting memories.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours
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Perge & Aspendos (extra expense)
Set off on a delightful excursion from the harbour to Perge, an ancient city renowned for its rich historical heritage and remarkable ruins. Along the way, enjoy picturesque views as you prepare to delve into one of Turkey's most significant archaeological sites. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in its ancient grandeur. Stroll through the well-preserved ruins, including the magnificent Roman theatre, the Hellenistic gate, and the impressive colonnaded avenues. Gain insight into the city's historical importance and its role in the ancient world. After exploring Perge, take a brief drive to Aspendos, another remarkable ancient site celebrated for its well-preserved Roman theatre. Marvel at the breathtaking Aspendos Theatre, which dates to the 2nd century AD and is regarded as one of the finest examples of Roman architecture still standing today. Appreciate its striking design and exceptional acoustics as you imagine the extraordinary performances that once echoed through its halls. You'll also have the opportunity to discover other nearby ruins, including the basilica, agora, and aqueduct. Conclude your tour with a relaxing drive back to the harbour, taking time to reflect on your journey through history and the incredible ancient sites you explored.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Arrives On: 26 Oct 25

Day 10: Alanya (Turkey)

This beach-resort city is a district of Antalya Province in Turkey. It boasts beautiful beaches with long stretches of golden sand and a picturesque backdrop of Taurus Mountains. Alanya has a rich history dating back to the 13th century. The city's ancient sites are a testament to its past, with landmarks like the Alanya Castle, Red Tower, and the shipyard.

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Alanya's Castle and Damlatas

caves (extra expense)
Our adventure begins at the majestic Alanya Castle, an impressive fortress perched atop a rocky promontory that overlooks the vibrant azure waters of the Mediterranean. Constructed by the Greek Seljuk Sultanate during the medieval period, this imposing structure has stood as a sentinel for centuries, guarding the city against invaders and bearing witness to the ebb and flow of history. As you ascend the castle walls via a convenient cable car, your knowledgeable guide will captivate you with tales of conquests and acts of heroism, while shedding light on the strategic significance of this formidable fortress. From the towering heights of the castle, adorned with ancient inscriptions and weathered battlements, you can sip on your tea while taking in panoramic views of Alanya's coastline, where sweeping vistas stretch endlessly to the horizon. After descending from the heights of Alanya Castle, we will make our way to the enchanting Damlatas Cave, a hidden gem nestled at the foot of the castle hill. Step into the cool embrace of this natural wonder, where stalactites and stalagmites create a mystical underground realm, filled with shimmering rock formations that mesmerize the senses. Throughout this tour, your experienced guides will share fascinating insights into Alanya's rich history, unique geology, and vibrant culture, infusing your experience with their passion and knowledge of this extraordinary destination. Finally, you'll have some free time to explore the bustling city center at your leisure.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours</p>

Arrives On: 27 Oct 25

Day 11: Limassol (Cyprus)

<p><p>Limassol is known for its rich culture, which is a blend of Greek, Turkish, and British influences. The Akrotiri Salt Lake and wetlands, just south of Limassol, are a haven for birdwatchers, especially in winter when flocks of flamingos congregate. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Paphos monuments tour (extra expense)
As we drive along the scenic coast road from Limassol to Paphos, our first stop is at Petra tou Romiou, the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite. This fascinating geological formation, composed of massive rocks, is located along one of the island's most stunning coastlines, in the southwestern Paphos district. According to ancient myth, the Greek Goddess of Love and Beauty, Aphrodite, was born from the sea foam at this very spot. Legend has it that she emerged from the waves and was carried on a shell to this enchanting beach. The imposing rock formations at this location are also tied to a more recent tale involving the Byzantine hero Digenis Akritas, who is said to have hurled them into the sea to protect the region from invading Saracen Arabs during the 7th to 10th centuries. The name Petra tou Romiou translates to "Rock of the Greek," in honour of this heroic figure. Continuing our journey to Paphos, we will visit the courtyard of Chrysopolitissa, which was constructed over the remains of the largest Early Christian Basilica on the island. Within the church's courtyard stands St. Paul's Pillar, where, according to tradition, the Apostle was flogged prior to converting the Roman governor, Sergius Paulus, to Christianity. Next, we will explore the Paphos Archaeological Park, home to the rich history of the town, including the magnificent villas known as the House of Dionysos, Aion, and Thyseus. The

exquisite mosaic floors of these noble residences date back to between the 3rd and 5th centuries BC and are regarded as some of the finest examples of their kind in the Eastern

Mediterranean.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 5

hours

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Walking in Kourion and visit the Apollo Hylates Sanctuary (extra expense)

Our journey begins at the ancient city-kingdom of Kourion, a true treasure trove of historical wonders. Within its archaeological park lies a remarkable array of artifacts, including the meticulously restored Greco-Roman amphitheatre, which now hosts theatrical and musical performances year-round. Here, you can also explore the former Roman villa known as the House of Efstolios, where you'll find stunning rooms adorned with vibrant mosaic floors dating back to the 5th century AD. Just 3 kilometers west of Kourion, we will visit the Sanctuary of Apollo Hylatis. As the God of the Woodland, Apollo Hylates served as the protector of Kourion, and it is believed that he was worshipped at this sacred site from the 8th century BC until the 4th century AD. The sanctuary was a significant religious hub that underwent numerous expansions and modifications over the centuries. Our destination is the vibrant city of Limassol. With its picturesque Mediterranean waterfront, a wealth of cultural attractions, and captivating historical sites, Limassol is a bustling metropolis. Our excursion takes you through the charming old town, where you can admire the imposing medieval castle of Lemesos. According to history, this 14th-century fortress is the very place where Richard the Lionheart wed Berengaria of Navarre. Today, the castle houses the Cyprus Medieval Museum, showcasing exhibits of tombstones, pottery, weaponry, crosses, and silver Byzantine coins. Take your time to wander the narrow streets that connect the scenic fishing harbour to the heart of the old town.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 5 hours

Arrives On: 28 Oct 25

Day 12: Larnaca (Cyprus)

Larnaca is the third largest city in Cyprus and was built over the ancient ruins of the city of Kition. It is a place where past and present blend into a delightful mosaic of sun and culture. It is a destination that amazes every guest with its diversity, its special atmosphere and the hospitality of its people.

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Nicosia tour (extra expense)

Embark on a captivating drive through the town of Nicosia, passing by the Venetian Wall, the Liberty Monument, and the Archbishopric. Stroll around in Laiki Yitonia with its charming winding alleys, traditional houses, shops, restaurants and galleries before heading to the enchanting village of Choirokitia. On route to the traditional agricultural home of a friendly local family, explore the picturesque alleyways. Meet Petros, a talented chef specialized in classic Cypriot cuisine. Learn the art of Halloumi and Anari cheese making, savour the exquisite flavours of homemade bread and locally sourced products.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 6 hours

Arrives On: 29 Oct 25

Day 13: Larnaca (Cyprus)

After breakfast, stroll around Larnaca, the third largest city in Cyprus. In the afternoon, you'll be welcomed back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second half of your journey, where you'll get to delve into Israel, Egypt and Jordan.

Arrives On: 30 Oct 25

Day 14: Haifa (Israel)

Haifa is a bustling port city offering stunning seaside views and vibrant urban life. One of Haifa's most notable landmarks is Mount Carmel, a coastal mountain range that creates an impressive backdrop to the city. Perched atop Mount Carmel, you'll find the Shrine of the Bab, a majestic golden-domed structure. The shrine is surrounded by the Baha'i Gardens, also known as the Hanging Gardens of Haifa.

Arrives On: 31 Oct 25

Day 15: Haifa (Israel)

In Haifa enjoy views of the bustling harbour set against the backdrop of Mount Carmel. Within the city, the restored stone houses and cafés of the German Colony neighbourhood create picturesque streetscapes. Dine at one of the many eateries and try local specialities such as Shawarma, a Middle Eastern dish of sliced meat or the savoury pastries Borekas filled with cheese, spinach, or potato.

Arrives On: 01 Nov 25

Day 17: Suez (Egypt)

Today we cross the Suez Canal before reaching Egypt's Ain Sokhna. The Suez Canal, built by Ferdinand de Lesseps and completed in 1869, carves through 162km of desert, linking the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

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Day 17: Ain Sukhna (Egypt)

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Day 18: Ain Sukhna (Egypt)

Positioned on the western shore of the Red Sea's Gulf of Suez, Ain Sokhna is an elegant seaside town. It's only two hours from the Egyptian capital, Cairo, making it the perfect base for visiting the Great Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Arrives On: 04 Nov 25

Day 20: Safaga (Egypt)

Safaga is an enchanting Egyptian city that offers a unique blend of natural beauty, water sports, and interesting history. The former fishing village is known for its fresh air, black sand dunes, and mineral springs.

Arrives On: 06 Nov 25

Day 21: Sharm El Sheikh (Egypt)

On the tip of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula is the glamorous resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh. Here, the desert meets the sea, creating an environment rich in biodiversity and a melting pot of cultures. Visitors can dive into the fascinating world beneath the Red Sea's surface, stroll through ancient mosques or bustling bazaars.

Arrives On: 07 Nov 25

Day 22: Eilat (Israel)

Eilat, on the edge of Negev Desert between Egypt and Jordan and encircled by unique rock formations, is a destination of sun, sea and desert. Famous for water sports and incredible natural beauty, Eilat is the gateway to the Coral World Underwater Observatory with Aquarium Museum, Shark Tank, Turtle and Stingray Pool.

Arrives On: 08 Nov 25

Day 23: Eilat (Israel)

Today we leave Eilat to reach Aqaba. In prehistoric times, Aqaba's coastal location meant it flourished as an epicentre of trade and communication. Its importance grew even more during the Iron Age when it was part of the biblical kingdoms of Edom, Moab, and later the Nabatean kingdom.

Arrives On: 09 Nov 25

Day 23: 'Aqaba (Jordan)

Arrives On: 09 Nov 25

Day 24: 'Aqaba (Jordan)

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

after 11:00 AM.

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