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Cruise Details

Name:	Discover Ancient Worlds: The Mediterranean & Red Sea
Reference:	EMERALD2G03251028-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Raiya
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	25 Oct 28
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	16 Nov 28
Arrives At:	Ain Sukhna
Cruise Nights:	22
Total Vacation Days:	23

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your mesmerizing journey through Greece, Turkey and Cyprus begins in Athens, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald luxury yacht. Athens, the capital city of Greece, is a remarkable blend of ancient history and modern dynamism. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 25 Oct 28

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 perfect blend of tradition and modern sophistication.

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Day 3: Milos (Greece)

Welcome to Milos, the enchanting 'Island of Colours'. Sculpted by volcanic forces, the island's dramatic coastline is dotted with striking cliffs in shades of red, yellow, white and orange, rising above turquoise waters. Explore the surreal Sarakiniko landscape and the fishing villages of Klima or Pollonia. Milos is also famed as the discovery site of the Venus de Milo in 1820. While the original masterpiece resides in the Louvre, a replica and fascinating artifacts can be admired in the island's archaeological museum, offering insight into its rich past.

Arrives On: 27 Oct 28

Day 4: Santorini (Greece)

Few destinations rival the breathtaking beauty of Santorini. Arriving by sea offers an unforgettable perspective of whitewashed villages perched dramatically atop volcanic cliffs. Stroll through Oia's narrow lanes, where blue-domed churches and cascading bougainvillea create postcard-perfect scenes 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.

Arrives On: 28 Oct 28

Day 5: Pátmos (Greece)

Patmos is a serene island of profound spiritual significance. Dominating the skyline is the World Heritage-listed Monastery of Saint John the Theologian, an imposing fortress-like structure that has stood for centuries. Nearby lies the sacred Cave of the Apocalypse, where Saint John is believed to have received the visions recorded in the Book of Revelation. Beyond its religious heritage, Patmos charms with its peaceful atmosphere, traditional villages and pristine coves. Enjoy authentic Greek cuisine featuring freshly caught seafood, local cheeses and sun-ripened produce.

Arrives On: 29 Oct 28

Day 6: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Today you arrive in Kusadasi, 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.

Arrives On: 30 Oct 28

Day 7: 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, an 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 NeratziaCastle. Kos also boasts beautiful beaches and relaxed island charm, perfect for leisurely exploration.

Arrives On: 31 Oct 28

Day 8: Rhodes (Greece)

Step into history in Rhodes, the legendary 'Island of Knights'. The World Heritage-listed medieval city transports you back to the era of crusaders and grand masters. Walk along the cobbled Street of the Knights and visit the impressive Palace of the Grand Master, enclosed within formidable stone walls. Beyond its medieval splendour, Rhodes delights with golden beaches and delicious local flavours. Sample traditional melekouni, a honey and sesame sweet, or savour crispy pitaroudia paired with local wine.

Arrives On: 01 Nov 28

Day 9: Antalya (Turkey)

Antalya enchants with its striking natural beauty, framed by the Taurus Mountains and the shimmering Mediterranean Sea. Explore Kaleiçi, the atmospheric old town, where Roman harbour walls, ancient gates and Ottoman-era houses reveal layers of history. Waterfalls cascade dramatically into the sea, while pebbly beaches invite relaxation. Antalya blends ancient heritage with modern elegance.

Arrives On: 02 Nov 28

Day 10: Alanya (Turkey)

Alanya is a seaside gem rich in Seljuk history. It’s dominated by the imposing Alanya Castle, a medieval fortress offering panoramic views over the sparkling coastline. Discover the iconic Red Tower and the historic Seljuk shipyard, both reminders of the region’s maritime legacy. With its long sandy beaches and dramatic mountain backdrop, Alanya offers both relaxation and cultural discovery.

Arrives On: 03 Nov 28

Day 11: Limassol (Cyprus)

Arriving in Cyprus, Limassol greets you with a vibrant cultural tapestry shaped by Greek, Turkish and British influences. Explore the charming old town, medieval castle and lively marina, or venture to nearby vineyards that produce some of the world’s oldest knownwines. Nature lovers should visit the Akrotiri Salt Lake, where graceful flamingos gather during winter months.

Arrives On: 04 Nov 28

Day 12: Larnaca (Cyprus)

Larnaca is a city where ancient heritage meets relaxed coastal living. Built upon the ruins of ancient Kition,it offers fascinating archaeological sites alongside palm-lined promenades and inviting beaches. Visit the Church of Saint Lazarus, stroll along FinikoudesBeach, or enjoy fresh Cypriot cuisine at a seaside taverna. The warm hospitality of the locals adds to the city’s welcoming charm.

Arrives On: 05 Nov 28

Day 13: Larnaca (Cyprus)

After breakfast, enjoy time at leisure and set off to explore Larnaca – a vibrant seaside city, popular for its beautiful beaches, lively waterfront promenade, and rich history. In the afternoon, you’ll be welcomed back on board your Emerald luxury yacht, ready to embark on the second half of your journey.

Arrives On: 06 Nov 28

Day 14: Haifa (Israel)

Your next stop is Israel’s third-largest city, Haifa, a bustling port city offering stunning seaside views and a vibrant urban life. One notable landmark is Mount Carmel, a coastal mountain

range that creates an impressive city backdrop. Perched atop Mount Carmel, you'll find the Shrine of the Bab, a majestic golden-domed structure surrounded by the Baha'i Gardens, known as the Hanging Gardens of Haifa.

Arrives On: 07 Nov 28

Day 15: Ashdod (Israel)

Ashdod boasts a thriving cultural scene and is a gateway to other significant sites in Israel, notably the 5000-year-old city of Jerusalem and further east, the Dead Sea. A visit to Jerusalem is of profound historical and religious significance. One of the world’s oldest cities, this holy city seamlessly blends ancient with modern-day times and offers visitors numerous must-see sacred monuments, such as the Western Wall, The Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Gates of the Old City.

Arrives On: 08 Nov 28

Day 16: Suez (Egypt)

Sail through the Suez Canal, the historic waterway linking the Mediterranean and Red Seas, and one of the world’s most important trade routes. This engineering marvel connects three continents and has shaped global trade for more than a century.

Arrives On: 09 Nov 28

Day 17: Suez (Egypt)

From the decks of your luxury yacht, watch the stark desert landscape roll past as you transit from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

Arrives On: 10 Nov 28

Day 19: Safaga (Egypt)

You’ll find Safaga relatively small and quiet, with a laid-back atmosphere ideal for those looking to relax and unwind. In addition to its natural beauty Safaga offers a peaceful Red Sea stop, known for its relaxed atmosphere, beaches, and mineral-rich waters.

Arrives On: 12 Nov 28

Day 20: Sharm El Sheikh (Egypt)

Discover Sharm El-Sheikh, where coral reefs, desert scenery, and lively bazaars create one of Egypt’s best-known Red Sea resort experiences. The city is renowned for its coral-rich waters and world-class diving and snorkelling, while the Old Market and bustling bazaars invite you to stroll through stalls overflowing with local handicrafts and spices. You can also explore historic

mosques and striking desert landscapes stretching into the Sinai interior.

Arrives On: 13 Nov 28

Day 21: 'Aqaba (Jordan)

Arrive in Aqaba, a picturesque coastal city on the Gulf of Aqaba at the southern tip of Jordan. This historic port is a treasure trove of archaeological sites such as Aqaba Fort and the Ayla ruins, showcasing thousands of years of trade and settlement. Aqaba serves as a gateway to Petra and Wadi Rum, offering unforgettable excursions into Jordan’s ancient desert heartlands.

Arrives On: 14 Nov 28

Day 23: Ain Sukhna (Egypt)

Known for its soft yellow-sand beaches, clear blue waters, and tranquil Red Sea views, Ain Sokhna offers a peaceful end to your voyage. Disembark and be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or extend your holiday with a stay along Egypt’s Red Sea coast. Please book your flight to depart out of Cairo after 04:00 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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