Cruise Details

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Operator:	Emerald Cruises
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Cruise Rating:	Luxury
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Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	30 Apr 27
Departs From:	Lisbon
Arrives On:	19 May 27
Arrives At:	Valletta
Cruise Nights:	19
Total Vacation Days:	20

Itinerary

Day 1: Lisbon (Portugal)

Welcome to Portugal and its vibrant capital, Lisbon. You'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on your discovery of the Western Mediterranean. Please book your flight to arrive into Lisbon prior to 12:00 PM. Docked: 17:00

Arrives On: 30 Apr 27

Day 2: Portimão (Portugal)

After a picturesque cruise south along the Atlantic Coast of Portugal, sail into the Mediterranean and the beautiful city of Portimão. At the heart of the sparkling Algarve region, it gets more than 300 days of sunshine each year and has long been a bustling hub for fishing and ship building. Admire its historic centre, characterised by a distinctively Portuguese ambience, stroll through plazas filled with open-air cafés, and swim in the turquoise waters of Praia da

Rocha. DiscoverMORE
The Moorish City of Silves (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Journey into the heart of the Algarve, combining the medieval charm of Silves with the flavours of the region's renowned wines. Travel through the Algarve countryside to Silves, once the capital of the Algarve and home to the impressive Silves Castle, one of Portugal's finest Moorish fortresses. Pass the historic Silves Cathedral while discovering the town's rich Moorish heritage. Continue to Villa Alvor for a guided tasting of locally produced wines and regional specialities. Learn about the vineyard's unique terroir, shaped by the Algarve's clay and limestone soils, while enjoying views across the surrounding vineyards.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Cabo St. Vicente and Sagres fort (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore the dramatic coastline of the western Algarve, where rugged cliffs, historic landmarks, and charming towns reflect Portugal's rich maritime heritage. Visit Sagres Fortress, dramatically perched above the Atlantic Ocean and forever linked to Henry the Navigator and the Age of Discoveries. Continue to Cape St. Vincent, the southwesternmost point of mainland Europe, where towering cliffs, an iconic lighthouse, and breathtaking ocean views await. The excursion concludes in the historic town of Lagos, where a guided walk is followed by free time to browse local shops, relax in a café, or explore its atmospheric streets at your own pace.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Docked: 12:00 –18:00

Arrives On: 01 May 27

Day 3: Cádiz (Spain)

The coastal town of Cádiz, in the Andalusian region of Spain, is your stop for today. Considered to be the oldest continually inhabited city in Europe, it was founded by the Phoenicians around 1100BC. Cádiz has been a prominent trading port for centuries and is often referred to as the ‘City of the Watchtowers’ for its striking defensive structures from the 16th and 17th centuries. With a rich cultural, historical and architectural heritage, the city is filled with landmarks, antique quarters and lush gardens that will capture all your senses. DiscoverMORE
Jerez and the unique taste of sherry (extra expense)
Step into the heart of Andalusia with a visit to the historic city of Jerez de la Frontera, renowned for its rich heritage and world-famous sherry. Discover the city's highlights on a guided walk, including the impressive Alcázar of Jerez, a magnificent Moorish fortress that reflects centuries of Andalusian history. Continue to the renowned Tio Pepe Winery, where you'll explore its historic cellars, learn about the traditional art of sherry production, and enjoy a tasting of its celebrated wines. Your excursion concludes with a scenic drive back to Cádiz, offering a final opportunity to admire the landscapes of Andalusia.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
The Best of Seville (extra expense)
Immerse yourself in the rich history and vibrant atmosphere of Seville, the elegant capital of Andalusia, where magnificent architecture and colourful streets reflect centuries of cultural influence. Enjoy a panoramic drive past the iconic Plaza de España and

the lush María Luisa Park before visiting the magnificent Casa de Pilatos, an exquisite palace blending Mudéjar, Gothic, and Renaissance architecture. Continue with an exterior visit to the magnificent Seville Cathedral and its famous Giralda, the former Moorish minaret that has become one of the city's most recognisable landmarks. Complete your visit with a guided walk through the enchanting Barrio de Santa Cruz, Seville's historic Jewish quarter, where narrow streets, flower-filled squares, and whitewashed houses capture the city's timeless charm. Afterwards, enjoy free time for lunch at your own expense before returning to Cádiz.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 8 hours Docked: 08:00 – 22:00

Arrives On: 02 May 27

Day 4: Tangier (Morocco)

Enjoy a morning sail to Tangier. Guarding the Strait of Gibraltar, Tangiers has been Europe's gateway to Africa for centuries, welcoming with a blend of exotic cultures and influences unique to Morocco. Look, listen and smell: the diversity of the bustling local crowds, the heavy fragrances of spices in the colourful markets and murmurs of the sea and vibrant Old Town – a feast of sensations that stuns the senses. DiscoverMORE
Tangier City Tour with American Legation & Tea (extra expense)
Uncover the vibrant sights, flavours, and rich heritage of Tangier, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea and Europe and Africa are separated by just a narrow strait. Explore the historic Kasbah, the city's fortified hilltop quarter, and visit the Kasbah Museum of Mediterranean Cultures, housed within the former Dar El-Makhzen Palace. Admire its elegant courtyards, tranquil gardens, remarkable Roman mosaics, and fascinating collections reflecting Tangier's multicultural past. Continue through the winding streets and lively souks of the Medina, where colourful stalls display traditional Moroccan crafts, spices, and textiles, offering time to browse for local souvenirs. Your visit also includes the historic American Legation, the first American public property established outside the United States and a symbol of the long-standing friendship between the two nations. Before concluding your exploration, relax with traditional Moroccan hospitality while enjoying mint tea, freshly squeezed orange juice or coffee, accompanied by a selection of Moroccan pastries at Palais Zahia.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Cooking Class at the Blue Door (extra expense)
Step into the heart of Tangier's Medina and discover the flavours and traditions of Moroccan cuisine on this immersive culinary experience. Follow your guide through the bustling souks and vibrant market, where you'll gain an insight into daily life while learning a few useful Arabic phrases along the way. Continue to a local culinary school for a hands-on cooking class, where you'll prepare a traditional Moroccan tagine using authentic ingredients and time-honoured techniques. Working together under the guidance of local chefs, you'll discover the secrets behind one of Morocco's most iconic dishes before sitting down to enjoy the delicious meal you have helped create.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00 – 21:00

Arrives On: 03 May 27

Day 5: Málaga (Spain)

Arrive in Malaga this morning, one of the great cultural hubs of Spain and the capital of the Costa del Sol. The birthplace of Pablo Picasso, it has an impressive collection of galleries, a buzzing art district and exceptional dining. You'll also find many impressive historic sights, including the Alcazaba, which is one of the largest Arab fortresses in Andalusia. Climb up to Gibralfaro Castle, 132 metres above sea level, to take in the best views over the city. Today choose between our Included Excursion or DiscoverMORE option Included Excursion
Captivating Malaga
Explore the rich history of Málaga, where Moorish fortresses, Roman remains, and elegant boulevards tell the story of one of Spain's oldest cities. Begin with a panoramic drive to Gibralfaro Castle, perched high above the city, where sweeping views extend across Málaga, its harbour, and the historic bullring. Continue to the impressive Alcazaba, the beautifully preserved 11th-century Moorish fortress inspired by the Alhambra, before discovering the adjacent Roman Theatre, one of the city's most important archaeological landmarks dating back to the 1st century BC. Complete your visit with a refreshment at a traditional Málaga bar, offering a taste of the city's warm Andalusian hospitality.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Charming White Villages of Mijas (extra expense)
Journey into the hills above the Costa del Sol to discover Mijas, one of Andalusia's most picturesque whitewashed villages, where narrow streets, panoramic views, and centuries of history create an unmistakably Spanish atmosphere. Follow the scenic coastal route before ascending to Mijas, beautifully perched on the mountainside overlooking the Mediterranean. Visit the charming Virgen de la Peña Chapel, a unique sanctuary carved into the rock, and admire the traditional Mijas Bullring and, where possible, the local parish church. Pause at one of the village's panoramic viewpoints to take in sweeping views of the coastline before continuing to the Mayan Monkey Mijas Chocolate Factory. Learn about the fascinating history of chocolate, see beautifully restored antique machinery still in operation today, and conclude your visit with a tasting of handcrafted organic chocolates accompanied by a glass of local wine.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours Docked: 08:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 04 May 27

Day 6: Cartagena (Spain)

Wake up early this morning and stand on your balcony to admire the spectacular natural harbour of Cartagena as your yacht sails into port. Part of the Mediterranean's Costa Cálida, Cartagena was one of the most important naval ports in Spain until the 18th century. This portside town has been inhabited by several cultures over the centuries, all of whom have left their mark on its streets. Walk its beautiful streets and see layers of history unfold before you, from the Roman Amphitheatre to the Torre Ciega and the Castillo de la

Concepción. EmeraldPLUS
Andalusian Horses Cartagena Spain
Step into the world of the magnificent Pure Spanish Horse with a visit to a traditional family-owned ranch just outside Cartagena, where generations of the Conesa family have dedicated themselves to breeding these elegant animals. Meet mares and their foals in the paddocks before witnessing impressive demonstrations showcasing the beauty, intelligence, and agility of these celebrated horses. Learn about the art of breeding and training while experiencing daily life on this authentic working ranch. Your visit concludes with traditional Spanish tapas and refreshments, accompanied by a captivating performance combining the grace of an Andalusian dancer with the precision and harmony of a beautifully trained stallion.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Docked: 13:00 – 19:00

Arrives On: 05 May 27

Day 7: Ibiza (Spain)

The most famous party island in the world, Ibiza has become synonymous with electronic dance music, luxury living and late-night revelry. But while it’s a clubber’s paradise, it is also home to glorious beaches, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town and Bohemian wellness retreats. Despite its hedonistic reputation, Ibiza promotes responsible tourism, with initiatives to ensure the island's natural beauty is preserved for future generations. EmeraldACTIVE
D'alt Vila Walking Tour
Wander through the enchanting streets of Dalt Vila, Ibiza's beautifully preserved Old Town and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where centuries of history unfold within impressive Renaissance walls. Enter the historic quarter through the iconic Ses Taules Gate before exploring its maze of narrow cobbled streets, picturesque squares, and panoramic terraces overlooking Ibiza Town and its harbour. Along the way, admire landmarks including the magnificent Cathedral of Santa María, the elegant Episcopal Palace, the historic Town Hall, and the former Dominican Convent, while your guide shares stories of the island's fascinating past. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace before relaxing over a traditional ensaimada pastry accompanied by coffee.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Docked: 09:30 – 17:00

Arrives On: 06 May 27

Day 8: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

The quietest and most relaxed of the Balearic Islands, Menorca gives you a taste of how these islands used to be. The island’s capital, Mahón, is on the east coast and is yours to explore today. It sits on the largest natural harbour in the Mediterranean and was colonised by the British in the 18th century, leaving a legacy of grand naval buildings and Georgian townhouses. Beyond that, there’s a wealth of prehistoric structures to explore and the interior of the island remains largely untouched, dotted with rolling farmland and whitewashed

villages. DiscoverMORE
Cultures of Menorca (extra expense)
Discover the authentic charm of Menorca, where picturesque fishing villages, local culinary traditions, and elegant historic streets offer a true taste of island life. Begin in the peaceful harbour village of Fornells, where whitewashed houses and a relaxed waterfront invite you to explore at your own pace. Continue to a traditional cheese farm to learn how the island's famous Mahón Cheese is produced, before enjoying a tasting of this celebrated local speciality. Conclude your excursion with a guided walk through Mahón, Menorca's historic capital. Admire its elegant architecture and visit landmarks including the Church of Santa María, while discovering the island's rich history and cultural heritage.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 09:00 – 17:00

Arrives On: 07 May 27

Day 9: Alghero (Italy)

Cross into Italy and the island of Sardinia, sitting off the west coast of the mainland in the Tyrrhenian Sea. The charming city of Alghero is on the island’s northwestern tip and is known for its gold sea walls, built in the 16th century. White sandy beaches, crystal clear water and blissful climate make it one of the Sardinia’s most popular resorts. Alghero’s culture is a fascinating blend of Spanish and Italian (the official language is Catalan) and you’ll see it in the architecture, lifestyle and cuisine. DiscoverMORE
Tour of Alghero and Surroundings (extra expense)
Travel along one of Sardinia's most scenic coastal routes to the colourful riverside town of Bosa, where medieval streets, historic architecture, and local traditions have remained remarkably unchanged. Dominated by Malaspina Castle, Bosa unfolds along the banks of the Temo River, the island's only navigable river. Stroll through the charming Sa Costa medieval quarter, where narrow alleyways, stone archways, and picturesque squares showcase the town's rich heritage. Along the elegant Corso Vittorio Emanuele, admire historic buildings and discover the traditions of Bosa filet, the intricate lacework for which the town is renowned. Complete your visit with a tasting of the region's celebrated Malvasia di Bosa DOC wine at a traditional cellar, accompanied by a selection of sweet and savoury local specialities.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours Anchored: 13:00 – 21:00

Arrives On: 08 May 27

Day 10: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

Perched atop a narrow limestone peninsula on the French Island of Corsica, Bonifacio has breathtaking views of the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. Take a step back in time, exploring Bonifacio’s atmospheric Old Town, a fortified medieval citadel filled with quaint narrow streets and historic structures. Don’t miss The Staircase of the King of Aragon (Escalier du Roi d'Aragon), a steep flight of steps carved into the cliffside, which leads down to the clear, blue-green sea. Included Excursion
Highlights of Bonifacio (With

Tasting)
Discover the dramatic clifftop town of Bonifacio, where medieval streets, spectacular coastal scenery, and centuries of Corsican history combine to create one of the island's most unforgettable destinations. Begin with a ride on the tourist train to the upper town, passing the Bosco Quarter, the Convent of St Francis, and the distinctive Marine Cemetery, renowned for its elaborate mausoleums. On clear days, enjoy views across the Strait of Bonifacio to neighbouring Sardinia. Continue on foot through the fortified citadel, exploring its maze of narrow streets and historic landmarks, including St Dominique Church, one of the few examples of Gothic architecture in Corsica, St Marie Majeure Church, Place des Armes, and the spectacular viewpoints overlooking Bonifacio's towering limestone cliffs. Pause at a local wine bar to sample Corsican specialities accompanied by a glass of regional wine while enjoying breathtaking views over the cliffs. Your walk concludes at the Porte de Gênes and St Roch Chapel, before descending the famous Escalier de la Montée Saint-Roch to the marina. You may either return with your group or remain in Bonifacio to continue exploring independently.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00 – 17:00

Arrives On: 09 May 27

Day 11: Civitavecchia (Italy)

After breakfast, set off to explore Rome and uncover the storied history of this ancient Italian capital, known as the ‘Eternal City.’ Once the epicentre of the mighty Roman empire, admire the wealth of iconic ancient legacies evident today, including The Colosseum, The Pantheon and Roman Forum. Get a taste of Italy’s famous ‘La Dolce Vita’ (‘the good life’) and enjoy a gelato (ice-cream) in one of Rome’s vibrant piazzas. In the afternoon, you’ll be welcomed back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second half of your journey, ready to explore more splendours of the Mediterranean. DiscoverMORE
Rome on Your Own (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Experience the timeless appeal of Rome, where ancient monuments, elegant piazzas, and world-famous landmarks showcase more than two thousand years of history. Travel along the scenic Tyrrhenian Coast before arriving in the Eternal City for a panoramic drive past iconic sights, including the Circus Maximus and the magnificent Colosseum, once the largest amphitheatre in the Roman Empire. Continue into the heart of the city to enjoy free time at leisure, with the opportunity to discover celebrated landmarks such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and the lively Piazza Navona, or relax at one of Rome's traditional cafés. In the afternoon, continue your orientation drive past Castel Sant'Angelo, Vatican City, and the magnificent St Peter's Basilica, pausing for photographs before departing Rome.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 9 hours Docked: 07:00–21:00

Arrives On: 10 May 27

Day 12: Porto Ercole (Italy)

Amid Italy’s romantic and world-famous Tuscany region, you’ll find Porto Ercole, a laid-back harbour town with a scenic bay dotted with luxury yachts and fishing boats. This stunning historic town is worth exploring for its maze of narrow laneways, stone houses and several important landmarks, which include a series of old fortresses, Forte Filippo, Forte Stella, and La Rocca – built during an era of Spanish domination in the 16th century. DiscoverMORE
Tour of Porto Ercole (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore the picturesque harbour village of Porto Ercole, one of the gems of the Monte Argentario peninsula, where colourful fishing boats, Spanish fortresses, and narrow medieval streets reflect centuries of maritime history. Meet your guide at the harbour and begin a leisurely walk through the charming waterfront before entering the historic old town. Stroll past elegant noble residences, picturesque squares, and historic alleyways while learning about the village's fascinating past, including its role during the Spanish period, whose impressive fortifications still dominate the surrounding hills. Along the way, discover the story of the renowned artist Caravaggio, who spent his final days in Porto Ercole and is closely associated with the town. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to continue exploring at your own pace or relax at one of the cafés overlooking the harbour.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours Anchored: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 11 May 27

Day 13: Gaeta (Italy)

Set halfway between Naples and Rome, Gaeta is on a headland that juts out into the sea, making for sweeping views up and down the coast. It remains one of the hidden gems of this region and a popular weekend getaway for Italians. As well as its beautiful beach and abundant fresh fish, Gaeta is best known for Montagna Spaccata (Split Mountain), a natural sea grotto and 11th century sanctuary. According to local legend, the miraculous rock split was created when God sent a lightning bolt that formed three giant cracks in the mountain, which dramatically plunges into the sea. DiscoverMORE
Sperlonga National Archaeological Museum with Tiberius’ Villa (extra expense)
Discover the timeless beauty of Sperlonga, one of Italy's most picturesque seaside villages, where whitewashed houses, ancient history, and spectacular coastal views combine to create an unforgettable experience. Travel by coach to the National Archaeological Museum of Sperlonga, where remarkable marble sculptures known as the "Marble Odyssey" reveal scenes inspired by Homer's epic tales. Continue to the archaeological remains of Emperor Tiberius' Villa, including the famous seaside grotto and ancient fish ponds, once part of the emperor's luxurious coastal retreat. After your visit, continue into the heart of Sperlonga for a guided walk through its charming historic centre. Wander the narrow whitewashed streets, pass through the ancient town gates, visit the Church of Santa Maria di Spelonca, and admire the historic Truglia Tower, overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea. Free time allows you to browse local boutiques, relax at a café (own expense), or simply enjoy the atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4

hours DiscoverMORE
Montecassino Abbey and Matilde Winery (extra expense)
Journey into the heart of southern Italy to visit one of Europe's most important monasteries before discovering the renowned wines of the Campania region. Travel by coach to the magnificent Montecassino Abbey, founded by St. Benedict in 529 AD on the site of an ancient Roman settlement. Throughout its remarkable history, the abbey has been destroyed and rebuilt several times, most notably following the devastating Battle of Monte Cassino during the Second World War. Today, the beautifully restored monastery stands as a symbol of faith, resilience, and cultural heritage. During your guided visit, admire its impressive architecture, peaceful cloisters, and learn about the Benedictine order and the abbey's extraordinary past. Continue to Villa Matilde Winery, one of Campania's most respected wine estates. Enjoy a guided visit through the vineyards and cellar, where traditional winemaking techniques blend with modern innovation to produce award-winning wines. Your visit concludes with a tasting of selected white and red wines accompanied by traditional bruschetta before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 6 hours Docked: 09:00–22:00

Arrives On: 12 May 27

Day 14: Sorrento (Italy)

The much-loved resort town of Sorrento perched dramatically atop cliffs that overlook the Bay of Naples and boasting stunning views of Mount Vesuvius across the water. An impossibly romantic haven, Sorrento bewitches with its elegant Italian villas, world-class restaurants serving up mouth-watering cuisine and fragrant lemon groves, which contribute to the production of limoncello – famous the world over. Get a glimpse into its storied past as you explore grand cathedrals and palazzos built of warm golden stone, then sit down at a cafe to watch the world go by. Cruise across the strait this evening and overnight to the island of Capri. EmeraldACTIVE
Discover Pompeii
Step back in time at Pompeii, one of the world's most remarkable archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where an entire Roman city was preserved beneath volcanic ash for nearly 1,700 years. After tendering ashore, board the local shuttle to the coach departure point before travelling to Pompeii. En route, enjoy views of the Bay of Naples and, weather permitting, a glimpse of Mount Vesuvius. Upon arrival, join a guided walk through the ancient streets, discovering the Forum, Stabian Baths, theatres, elegant villas, and beautifully preserved frescoes and mosaics. Learn how the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 buried the thriving city beneath ash, preserving an extraordinary snapshot of everyday Roman life. Following your visit, enjoy a slice of traditional Neapolitan pizza accompanied by a soft drink before returning by coach to Sorrento.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 13 May 27

Day 14: Capri (Italy)

Arrives On: 13 May 27

Day 15: Capri (Italy)

The allure of Capri is timeless. From the first century AD, Roman Emperors chose this spectacularly beautiful island as their private retreat – the ruins of their grand villas still dot the shore. Take a leisurely stroll along the narrow, winding streets and dine al fresco under twinkling fairy lights, sampling the island’s traditional specialties that have become world-famous, like caprese salad and limoncello, a sweet lemon liqueur. Sail back to the mainland to overnight in Amalfi. DiscoverMORE
Capri from the Sea (extra expense)
Discover the spectacular coastline of Capri from the sea, where dramatic cliffs, hidden grottoes, and crystal-clear waters reveal the island's extraordinary natural beauty. After tendering ashore (local tender boat), board a local boat for a scenic cruise around Capri, passing towering limestone cliffs, secluded coves, and striking rock formations. Admire the island's lush Mediterranean vegetation while viewing landmarks including Villa Jovis, the magnificent palace where Emperor Tiberius is believed to have ruled during the final years of his reign. Continue past the entrance to the famous Blue Grotto, the picturesque Marina Piccola, and the beautiful White Grotto, one of Capri's most impressive sea caves. Following the cruise, enjoy free time to explore Capri at your own pace before returning independently by tender.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Neapolitan Evening Tarantella (performance on board)
Celebrate the vibrant traditions of southern Italy with an energetic onboard performance inspired by the famous Tarantella, one of the country's most iconic folk dances. Performed by talented dancers and musicians in traditional costume, this lively show recreates the music, dances, and festive spirit of the late 19th century. Dynamic dance performances are interwoven with live music and entertaining audience interaction, bringing the colourful heritage of southern Italy to life in a fun and engaging atmosphere.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes Anchored: 19:30 (day prior) –18:00

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 15: Amalfi (Italy)

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 16: Amalfi (Italy)

Welcome to Amalfi, a delightful coastal town, set on the clifftops of the Amalfi Coast, a stretch of coastline now protected under UNESCO World Heritage-listed status. Amalfi has long attracted visitors for decades for its stunning views of the azure Tyrrhenian Sea., picturesque

streets, and rich history. The town is also famous for its beautiful cathedral, the Duomo di Amalfi, which dates to the 9th century and features intricate Byzantine mosaics. Explore the historic centre of Amalfi, enchanting with its narrow alleys, colourful buildings, and quaint shops selling local artisan ceramics. DiscoverMORE
Amalfi and Ravello (extra expense)
Perched high above the Amalfi Coast, Ravello is renowned for its spectacular views, elegant villas, and artistic heritage, inspiring generations of writers, musicians, and artists. Travel inland by minibus along the winding mountain road to Ravello, enjoying breathtaking views of the dramatic coastline. Stroll through the town's charming cobbled streets, passing the Cathedral Square and picturesque alleyways before visiting the magnificent Villa Rufolo. Dating back to the 13th century, this remarkable villa is celebrated for its Moorish-inspired architecture, iconic tower, and beautifully landscaped gardens overlooking the Mediterranean. Following your guided visit, enjoy free time to admire the gardens, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 21:00 (day prior) –17:00

Arrives On: 15 May 27

Day 17: Lipari (Italy)

The largest and most populated of the Aeolian Islands, Lipari presents a volcanic archipelago set off the coast of Sicily and embedded within the shimmering Tyrrhenian Sea. The gorgeous island scenery comes defined by a rugged coastline, beautiful beaches lapped by crystal line turquoise waters and lush vegetation. Lipari also boasts a charming Old Town, delightful with its quaint streets and traditional houses painted in pastel hues, as well as a 16th- century castle, which reveals panoramic views of the surrounding area. DiscoverMORE
Vulcano Island by Boat (extra expense)
Experience the captivating wonders of Vulcano Island on this thrilling excursion departing from Lipari's Marina Corta. Meet your guide and board a private motorboat for a scenic journey across the Aeolian archipelago. As you sail towards Vulcano, marvel at the island's volcanic landscape, characterized by its three distinct peaks. Upon arrival, disembark at the pier and set out on foot to explore the island's natural wonders. Take some free time to wander through the charming streets of the village, filled with quaint shops and cafes, relax at the beach, or to enjoy a mud bath in the local renewed thermal complex, famous for treating mainly problems in joints, skin and respiratory system. As your excursion comes to a close, return to the motorboat for a scenic sail back to Lipari. Enjoy panoramic views of Vulcano's west coast, including the iconic I Faraglioni rock formations, before arriving back at Marina Corta.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Lipari Island Tour and Malvasia Tasting (extra expense)
Discover the fascinating history, dramatic volcanic landscapes, and panoramic viewpoints of Lipari, the largest island in the UNESCO-listed Aeolian Archipelago. Meet your guide in Marina Corta before a short walk to the coach for a scenic drive around the island. Learn about Lipari's remarkable history, dating back to around 4000 BC,

while admiring its rugged coastline, volcanic scenery, and crystal-clear waters. Visit a traditional local bakery, where you can sample authentic homemade biscuits before continuing into the island's interior. Stop at the spectacular Quattrocchi Viewpoint, perched 300 metres above the sea, offering magnificent views of Vulcano, its dramatic cliffs, fumaroles, and volcanic landscape. Continue to another panoramic viewpoint overlooking Salina, with clear-day views extending across the other Aeolian Islands. Return to Lipari Town and continue on foot to the historic Lipari Castle, built by the Spanish in the 16th century. Within its impressive fortified walls, visit the Cathedral of St. Bartholomew, originally constructed by the Normans, rebuilt after its destruction by the pirate Barbarossa, and today one of the island's most important religious landmarks. Following the guided visit, enjoy free time to browse local shops or explore the charming streets of Lipari at your own pace.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 09:30–21:00

Arrives On: 16 May 27

Day 18: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

The picturesque seaside town of Giardini Naxos is on the eastern coast of Sicily, Italy. Its sprawling seafront offers stunning views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna. The town is known for its beautiful sandy beaches, clear blue waters, and vibrant waterfront promenade lined with restaurants, shops, and cafes. Giardini Naxos is the gateway to the exclusive resort of Taormina, perched on the side of the mountain above. One of Italy’s most popular summer destinations, it draws the rich and famous from around the world to its luxury hotels and fine dining restaurants. The area also has a rich history, with archaeological sites dating back to ancient Greek and Roman times. Included Excursion
Guided Tour of Taormina
Experience the timeless elegance of Taormina, one of Sicily's most celebrated hilltop towns, renowned for its spectacular views, ancient monuments, and charming medieval streets. Travel along the scenic eastern coastline, passing through Giardini Naxos before arriving in beautiful Taormina. Join your guide for a walking tour through the historic centre, viewing the exterior of the Cathedral, the magnificent Ancient Greek Theatre with its breathtaking backdrop of Mount Etna, the medieval Palazzo Corvaja, and the remains of the Odeon. Stroll along lively Corso Umberto, lined with elegant boutiques, cafés, and historic buildings. After the guided tour, enjoy free time to browse local shops, relax at a café (own expense), or continue exploring Taormina's picturesque squares, stairways, and medieval alleyways at your own pace. At the designated time, rejoin your guide for the return coach journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 19: Valletta (Malta)

The city of Valletta, the capital of Malta, is the smallest city in the European Union and covers just over half a square kilometre (less than 0.2 miles). Built by the Knights of St John in the 16th century, it’s a living testament to the Baroque period, with well-preserved buildings, ornate churches and magnificent fortifications. The city is located on a hilly peninsula, offering breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea. Despite its compact size, Valletta has a vibrant cultural life and regularly hosts lively markets and festivals. Included Excursion
Guided Tour of Mdina & Valletta
Travel through Malta’s scenic countryside to Mdina, the island’s former capital, perched high on a hill with sweeping views across the island. Considered one of Europe’s finest examples of a fortified city, Mdina’s blend of medieval and baroque architecture reflects its long and storied past. Stroll through the narrow, winding streets as your guide shares 4,000 years of history and introduces you to the city’s highlights. From the bastions, admire panoramic vistas reaching the distant coastline before enjoying some free time to explore independently. Continue by coach to Valletta, Malta’s present-day capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the magnificent St. John’s Co-Cathedral, renowned for its baroque splendour, and enjoy a guided walk past key landmarks, including the Grand Master’s Palace, the Renzo Piano-designed Parliament Building, and Our Lady of Victories Church. Pass the Auberge de Castille, now housing the office of the Prime Minister, before reaching the Upper Barrakka Gardens. Perched high above the Grand Harbour, this peaceful spot offers shade, tranquillity, and one of the most spectacular panoramic views in Malta.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours Docked: 08:30–overnight

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Day 20: Valletta (Malta)

Your luxury yacht cruise will conclude here this morning. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your travels. DiscoverMORE
Panoramic Tour of Malta (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Journey through the diverse landscapes of Malta, where picturesque fishing villages, dramatic coastlines, celebrated wines, and centuries of history combine to showcase the island's unique Mediterranean character. Travel to the charming fishing village of Marsaxlokk, famous for its colourful luzzu boats, traditional harbour, and rich maritime heritage. Continue with a scenic drive to Zurrieq, where you will enjoy spectacular views of the famous Blue Grotto and the rugged coastline, with Filfla Island visible in the distance. Your journey continues through Malta's rural countryside to a local winery, where you will learn about the island's winemaking traditions before enjoying a tasting of selected local wines accompanied by a platter of traditional Maltese delicacies. The final stop is at St. Paul's Islands, where a scenic photo stop offers beautiful coastal views and the opportunity to learn about the island's connection to the shipwreck of St. Paul in 60 AD, an event that played a significant role in Malta's Christian heritage. Relax during the scenic return drive to the port.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Notes: This excursion is available for guests continuing on the next cruise and for disembarking guests with flights departing after 4:30

pm. Luggage will be stored securely on the bus at the end of the tour guests with late flights will be transferred to the airport. Please book your flight to depart out of Valletta after 11:00 AM. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will operated unaltered from the itinerary states above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

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