



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Splendours of Italian & French coastlines
Reference:	EMERALD2M17130925-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	13 Sep 25
Departs From:	Civitavecchia
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Arrives On:	27 Sep 25
Arrives At:	Nice
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Fly from the UK to Civitavecchia. Your deluxe cruise begins in Civitavecchia, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin your journey along the Italian coastline.

Flight to arrive into Rome prior to 02:00 PM.

Docked: 19:00

Arrives On: 13 Sep 25

Day 2: Amalfi (Italy)

The picturesque Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed stretch of coastline, has been a much-loved holiday destination since ancient times. Located in Southern Italy's Campania region, 20km from Sorrento, it boasts many seaside towns with Italian villas, boutiques and beach clubs hugging the cliffs that rise from the glittering ocean.

Included Excursion
Walking tour of Amalfi
Take a charming walk through the

captivating alleyways of Moorish Amalfi to uncover hidden gems. Start at the stunning Cathedral, exploring the Cloister and Treasures Museum. Learn about ancient papermaking at the Paper Mill Museum. Continue along Via delle Repubbliche Marinare to Piazza Municipio, known as "Campolillo." Wander through the historic district of St. Angelo intra Moenia, discovering sights like the "Alley Trap." End at the Amalfi Paper Museum in a medieval paper mill, where you can witness the traditional papermaking process and admire handmade paper artistry.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

We will stay overnight in Capri.

Offshore: 13:00 - 20:00

Arrives On: 14 Sep 25

Day 2: Capri (Italy)

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Day 3: Capri (Italy)

The allure of this Italian island paradise is timeless. Stroll the winding streets and dine al fresco under twinkling fairy lights— try the classic Caprese salad and Limoncello, a local lemon liqueur. Marvel at the towering cliffs and hidden sea caves, including the Blue Grotto, an illuminated sea cave.

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Capri from the sea (extra expense)

After tendering ashore, board a traditional wooden boat for a scenic tour of Capri's striking coastline. Explore its grottoes, gorges, and rocky formations, home to about 850 plant species, including ancient Roman villa plants like Tarantine Myrtle and Acanthus. The island is renowned for its citrus and olive cultivation. During your cruise, view the Villa of Tiberius and the Blue Grotto, while visiting beaches like "Marina Piccola" and "Bianca Grotto." Afterward, you can explore Capri at your leisure or return to the ship by tender.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours

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Cabriolet tour of Capri (extra expense)

Meet your guide at the pier for an unforgettable day in Capri, savoring local wines and traditional Italian cuisine. After a short walk to the taxi station, hop into a convertible taxi to the enchanting village of Anacapri. Choose between a chairlift ride to Mt. Solaro for breathtaking views or visiting Axel Munthe's Villa. After exploring on your own, head to Capri town and enjoy free time at the main square, La Piazzetta, where you can shop and relax.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Offshore: 23:00 (day prior) - 22:00

Arrives On: 15 Sep 25

Day 3: Sorrento (Italy)

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Day 4: Sorrento (Italy)

Sorrento is a tempting destination on the Italian coastline, with exceptional sea views, mouthwatering cuisine and authentic Italian style. A romantic haven, Sorrento has steep coastal cliffs studded with stout Italian villas, world-class restaurants with sweeping views of the Bay of Naples, and fragrant lemon groves nestled beside tranquil wine bars. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option.

EmeraldACTIVE
Hike in Sorrento
Embark on a coastal adventure in Sorrento, where history meets natural beauty. Start your journey with a shuttle bus ride to Capo di Sorrento and explore the ancient Roman ruins of Villa Pollio Felix. Discover the remnants of this historic estate before heading to the charming Baths of Queen Giovanna, a serene cove with rocky beaches. Hike back along the scenic coastal trail to Marina Grande, taking in stunning views and local flora. Experience the vibrant heart of Sorrento, rich in history, before concluding your trip at the tranquil Marina Piccola, reflecting on your enchanting journey.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

3.5 hours

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Guided tour of Pompeii (extra expense)
Step back in time and explore the captivating ruins of Pompeii, frozen in history by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. This archaeological site showcases the resilience of an ancient Roman town, waiting to be rediscovered. After a scenic 45–60-minute drive, with glimpses of Mount Vesuvius, embark on a guided walking tour through ancient streets, seeing well-preserved mansions, frescoes, and mosaics that reveal the opulence of its 20,000 inhabitants. Enjoy a soft drink and a slice of Neapolitan pizza before returning to Sorrento, with options to explore or head directly to the harbour.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

5.3 hours

EmeraldPLUS
Tarantella performance on board
Immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of Tarantella, a celebration of Sorrento's rich culture and music from the late 19th century. Experience traditional dances and lively melodies that create unforgettable festivities. Watch mesmerizing footwork and engaging performers bring Tarantella to life on stage, while delightful musical interludes and strolling artists keep you entertained. Feel the rhythm and join in the dance, clapping along with the performers. Embrace the lively atmosphere and let Sorrento's cultural heritage sweep you off your feet!
Duration:

1.15 hours

Arrives On: 16 Sep 25

Day 5: Gaeta (Italy)

Gaeta is a popular holiday destination set on a headland that juts out towards the Gulf of Gaeta, in the Lazio region of Southern Italy. A key attraction in Gaeta is Montagna Spaccata (Split Mountain), a natural sea grotto. According to legend the miraculous split rock was created when God sent a lightning bolt making three giant cracks in the

mountain.
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Sperlonga national archaeological museum with Tiberio Villa (extra expense)
Embark on a half-day adventure in Sperlonga, a stunning town perched on a promontory overlooking the sea. Begin your scenic journey and admire the white houses against the azure backdrop. Visit the National Archaeological

Museum, home to the captivating "Marble Odyssey," featuring ancient sculptures and Emperor Tiberius' residence. Explore a grotto with Roman-age marble works and follow the Flacca Road, a historical trail. Conclude your trip with a leisurely walk through the town center, visiting the Church of St. Mary of Speloncae and the Truglia tower.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 13:30

Arrives On: 17 Sep 25

Day 6: Porto Cervo (Italy)

Porto Cervo is a holiday hotspot favoured by discerning travellers drawn to its upscale hotels, luxury boutiques, exceptional restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Porto Cervo's yacht marina is filled with opulent yachts, and the marina hosts prestigious events like the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup.

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Villages of Sardinia and Coddu Vecchiu Giant's Tomb (extra expense)

Drive to San Pantaleo for a brief stop to admire its impressive granite peaks. Continue to the Coddu Vecchiu Archaeological site, home to the Giants' Tomb, a significant example of Nuragic funerary architecture. This well-preserved collective tomb served individuals from the nearby Nuragic Village of La Prisgiona during the Bronze Age. Explore its two-phase construction, featuring a semicircular ceremonial area with a large arched stele. Afterward, visit Baja Sardinia, a charming village with serene views of the Archipelago before returning to Porto Cervo for a leisurely downhill walk back.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Boat tour to La Maddalena (extra expense)

Depart from Porto Cervo to Palau, passing through the charming villages of San Pantaleo and Arzachena. In Palau, board a ferry to La Maddalena Island and enjoy panoramic views of Sardinia's coastline. Stop at Guardia Vecchia for stunning vistas of the Maddalena Archipelago and Corsica. Upon reaching Maddalena, explore the town center, including Garibaldi Square, known as Red Square for its unique red paving. End your day with the return ferry to Palau, then head back to Porto Cervo. Conclude your adventure by returning to the ship or leisurely exploring Porto Cervo.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 18 Sep 25

Day 7: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

Perched atop a narrow limestone peninsula, Bonifacio offers breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea. Step back in time in the Old Town, which is a fortified citadel crowded with narrow streets and historic structures. Be sure to visit 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 blue-green sea.

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Coastal boat trip (extra expense)

Embark on an exclusive coastal exploration from the pier. Board a comfortable boat and sail through the scenic channel between Bonifacio's cliffs, passing the historic "Madonetta"

lighthouse from 1854. Marvel at the "Little Dragon" marine cave and its natural skylight. Glide past "Fazio Creek" and spot landmarks like the "Rudder of Corsica" rock and the legendary King of Aragon's staircase, carved to transport water. The excursion culminates at the "Grain of Sand" rock, a striking 10-meter formation, ideal for memorable photos. Note: This excursion is not recommended for guests suffering from motion sickness, especially in adverse weather conditions.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1.15 hours

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Highlights of Bonifacio with local tastings (extra expense)

Begin your Bonifacio exploration with a mini train ride through the Bosco quarter, featuring St. Francis convent and a fascinating mariners' cemetery. Enjoy panoramic views of Sardinia and pass the Corsican Gothic St. Dominique church, likely built by the Templars in 1270. Take a walking tour through narrow streets with granite houses, visiting the 14th-century St. Marie Majeure church. Discover Two Emperors Street, Place des Armes, and Jardins des Vestiges.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.3 hours

Offshore: 07:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 19 Sep 25

Day 8: Civitavecchia (Italy)

After breakfast, set off to explore Rome and uncover the ancient history of this storied city. In the afternoon, we'll welcome you back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second half of your journey to explore the Mediterranean.

Docked: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 20 Sep 25

Day 9: Calvi, Corsica (France)

According to local legend, Calvi is where the intrepid global explorer, Christopher Columbus, was born. While historians debate this, the natural beauty and rich culture of Calvi is undisputed. Calvi's beach is a sweeping bay of powdered white sand fringed by maritime pines, and the town has emerged as Corsica's culture 'capital', hosting several music festivals over the summer months.

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Discover old Corsica and its villages (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

Your first stop is the ancient circular village of Sant' Antonino, perched majestically on a rocky outcrop overlooking the sea. Next, venture to the hilltop village of Pigna, nestled in the heart of the Balagne region. This charming village, adorned with flower-filled streets and a quaint village square, is a haven for artists and artisans. Your journey continues through the scenic countryside, passing through the historic villages of Corbara and Aregno. Marvel at the timeless beauty of these ancient settlements before returning to Calvi.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours

Offshore: 10:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 21 Sep 25

Day 10: Livorno (Italy)

The bustling port city of Livorno on the western coast of Tuscany is renowned for its scenic beauty and delicious seafood. It has a modern seaport and picturesque views of the Mediterranean. The city's culinary scene is heavily influenced by its seaside location, offering dishes like 'cacciucco', a traditional fish stew that's a must-try for every visitor.

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Guided tour of Florence (extra expense)
Florence, the heart of the Renaissance, boasts stunning architecture and rich history. Start at the iconic Duomo, with its impressive dome by Brunelleschi. Stroll across the Ponte Vecchio, lined with jewelers, and see the charming Piazza della Signoria and Santa Croce square. Embrace the vibrant culture and artistic legacy that makes Florence truly enchanting.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

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San Gimignano and wine tasting (extra expense)
Experience the enchanting beauty of San Gimignano, a medieval hilltown famed for its striking skyline of towers and rich cultural heritage. This tour combines a guided exploration of this UNESCO World Heritage site with a delightful wine tasting experience and a traditional Tuscan lunch, making it an unforgettable day in the heart of Tuscany.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 8 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 22 Sep 25

Day 11: Carrara (Italy)

This seaside village is famed for the pure, pale Italian marble that is mined and quarried from the nearby mountains. The marble has been used for some of the most important artistic wonders of the world, such as Michelangelo's David. The glimmering marble-threaded mountains contrast against the coastal scenery of Marina di Carrara.

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Medieval Lucca by bike (extra expense)
Experience the charm of Lucca by e-bike, guided by an expert, for an unforgettable exploration of the town center. Discover notable sites such as the statue of Giacomo Puccini, Piazza San Michele, and San Michele Church, as well as the ancient Roman forum that showcases the blend of the old and the new. The tour then proceeds to Piazza Anfiteatro and Torre Guinigi, iconic landmarks you won't want to overlook. After cycling along the walls, you'll have some leisure time to explore the city.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4.5 hours

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4x4 Adventure: The famous Carrara Marble Quarries (extra expense)
Take a scenic drive through the charming villages along the Liguria and Tuscany coasts before arriving at the Apuane Mountains. As we ascend to the quarry area, we will explore the marble extraction and treatment process. A visit to these quarries offers a glimpse into the lives and work of the "Carrarini," the local marble workers. Following our exploration, we will enjoy a lunch break featuring Lardo di Colonnata croutons and

other local delicacies with IGP certification.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3.5 hours
EmeraldPLUS
Soprano Serenade
Duration: 1 hour
Docked: 08:00 - 05:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 23 Sep 25

Day 12: Carrara (Italy)

We set sailing early in the morning to reach Porto Venere. This UNESCO World Heritage site boasts great swimming spots beloved also by the iconic poet Lord Byron for swimming and meditating in the early 1800s. One of Porto Venere's most striking features is the gothic Church of St. Peter, perched atop a rocky headland overlooking the sea.
Included Excursion
Walking tour of Porto Venere
Explore the picturesque medieval village of Portovenere, celebrated by Petrarch as the "panoramic miracle" of the Gulf of La Spezia. Begin your journey at the Roman gateway and stroll along Carugio Capellini, discover Byron's grotto, San Lorenzo Church and admire the artwork inside, including the mysterious Madonna Bianca painting, said to have been discovered washed up from the sea.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours
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Cinque Terre by private boat (extra expense)
Start your day in Portovenere, a UNESCO-listed town. From there, board your private motorboat and set off to explore the Cinque Terre coast. Your first stop will be Monterosso where a guided tour of the village, treat yourself to a delicious pesto bruschetta paired with local wine. Next, visit Vernazza, a charming fishing village known for its picturesque port surrounded by soft pastel-coloured buildings. Enjoy some leisure time before returning to Portovenere.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4.5 hours
Offshore: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 24 Sep 25

Day 12: Portovenere (Italy)

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Day 13: Santa Margherita Ligure (Italy)

Santa Margherita Ligure is an Italian resort town with panoramic views, revered for its timeless elegance and style. If you are seeking la dolce vita, you will find it here in abundance. Stroll the Santa Margherita promenade, or the pebbly beachfront admiring the sailboats. Explore a beautiful Baroque church or sample the local red shrimp.
We will cruise to Portofino later in the morning. Perched on the Italian Riviera, Portofino has a rich culinary scene, a picturesque harbour and narrow streets lined with pastel-hued houses, high-end boutiques and seafood restaurants.
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Downhill hike to Portofino (extra expense)
Meet your guide at the Santa Margherita pier and board your vehicle

to journey to the quaint village of Nozarego, where your hiking adventure to Portofino begins. The trail weaves through lush Mediterranean flora, vineyards, and olive groves, with the vibrant vegetation intermingling with medieval architecture. Pause for a picnic featuring local focaccia and a glass of wine before continuing your hike. Once you arrive in Portofino, enjoy a guided tour of this iconic destination.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

4 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Culinary experience in Rapallo (extra expense)
Embark on a culinary journey that blends the art of Italian cooking with the beauty of the Ligurian coast. Immerse yourself in the art of Italian cuisine as Chef Guido demonstrates the secrets of preparing pesto and pasta. Engage in a hands-on experience or simply savour the sights and scents of Ligurian gastronomy. Following the demonstration, delight in a delectable lunch featuring the culinary creations you've just witnessed.
Activity Level:

Moderate, Duration: 5 hours</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Portofino lighthouse & Brown Castle Walk
Experience the charm of Portofino as you walk through its stunning landscapes, historic sites, and breathtaking views. Discover the historic Brown Castle its ancient walls and learn about its fascinating history, from its construction in the 16th century to its role in local lore. Enjoy San Giorgio Church and its beautiful frescoes and tranquil atmosphere before heading to the lighthouse.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 07:30 - 12:30 | 14:00 - 21:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 25 Sep 25

Day 13: Portofino (Italy)

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Day 14: Monte-Carlo (Monaco)

<p><p>The city-state of Monaco, known as the Principality of Monaco, is renowned worldwide for its luxury and glamour, with high-end casinos, yacht-lined harbour, prestigious Grand Prix motor race, and the famous Monte Carlo district. It's home to several museums and hosts numerous cultural events throughout the year, celebrating everything from music and dance to theatre and visual arts. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Eze & Cap Ferrat (extra expense)
Your first stop is the enchanting village of Eze, dramatically positioned 1,401 feet above sea level. Wander through the medieval streets, flanked by beautifully restored homes that now house delightful boutiques and artists' studios. As your journey continues, the route takes you to Saint Jean Cap Ferrat, where rugged cliffs meet the azure sea, adorned with luxurious villas. Your next highlight is the celebrated "Ile de France" museum, situated in a stunning villa that once belonged to Baroness Béatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 5.5 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Saint Paul-de-Vence & Grasse (extra expense)
Commence on a captivating journey from Monaco, venturing inland to explore the charming towns of Grasse and Saint Paul-de-Vence. Begin with a guided tour of a

perfume factory in Grasse, where you'll learn about the intricate process of distilling essences from flowers, a tradition dating back centuries. Next, journey through the picturesque Gorges du Loup canyon en-route to Saint Paul-de-Vence, a medieval village renowned for its artistic heritage and stunning views.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 8.5 hours
Offshore: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 26 Sep 25

Day 15: Nice (France)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Nice, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday.
Please book your flight to depart out of Nice after 11:00 AM.
Docked: 08:00
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Arrives On: 27 Sep 25

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