



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Splendours of Italian & French coastlines
Reference:	EMERALD2M17270626-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	27 Jun 26
Departs From:	Nice
Arrives On:	11 Jul 26
Arrives At:	Civitavecchia
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Nice (France)

Your unforgettable yacht cruise begins in the coastal city of Nice, nestled along the chic French Riviera. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and begin your voyage through the Western Mediterranean.

Please book your flight to arrive into Nice prior to 06:00 PM.

Docked: 23:00

Arrives On: 27 Jun 26

Day 2: Monte-Carlo (Monaco)

Officially known as the Principality of Monaco, the sovereign city-state of is renowned worldwide for its opulence and glamour, boasting high-end casinos, a yacht-lined harbour, the prestigious Grand Prix motor racing event and exclusive Monte Carlo quarter. This gem of the Côte d'Azur is also home to Monaco's royal household, several museums and numerous cultural events hosted throughout the year, celebrating anything from music and dance to theatre and the visual

arts.

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Eze & Cap Ferrat (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

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 hours

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Saint-Paul de Vence & Grasse (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

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/Docked: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 28 Jun 26

Day 3: Santa Margherita Ligure (Italy)

Welcome to Santa Margherita Ligure, an Italian resort town revealing panoramic views and revered for its timeless elegance and style. For those seeking la dolce vita, you'll find it in abundance here. Stroll the Santa Margherita promenade, or the pebbly beachfront, admiring the gleaming yachts and sailing boats. Explore a beautiful Baroque church or sample, freshly caught, succulent red shrimps.

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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

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Culinary experience in Rapallo (extra expense)

Meet Guido, a passionate local chef whose enthusiasm for Rapallo's culinary heritage is infectious. As you stroll through the vibrant food market, guided by Guido, you'll learn about the key ingredients that make Ligurian cuisine so distinctive. Then, it's off to Guido's charming bottega, where the real fun begins! You'll dive into the traditional method of making pesto alla Genovese. To sweeten the experience, you'll also prepare pandolce, a traditional festive cake that encapsulates the warmth of Italian hospitality. As your culinary creations take shape, you'll toast to your culinary achievements with a glass of sweet Moscato from nearby Portofino, enjoying the perfect pairing of flavors.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.75 hours

Later in the morning, you'll sail on to Portofino. Set along the Italian

Riviera, Portofino boasts a rich gastronomic scene, a picturesque harbour and narrow streets lined with charming, pastel-hued houses, high-end boutiques and seafood restaurants.

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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

Offshore: 14:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 29 Jun 26

Day 3: Portofino (Italy)

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Day 4: Portovenere (Italy)

Along the Ligurian coast of Italy's northwest shores, Porto Venere presents an ancient town with a romantic history, thanks to its penchant for attracting famous poets and artists over the centuries. This UNESCO World Heritage Site boasts wonderful swimming spots, beloved amongst others, by the iconic poet Lord Byron, who regularly bathed and meditated here in the early 1800s. One of Porto Venere's most striking features is its gothic-style Church of St. Peter, dating back to the 12th century, perched atop a rocky headland overlooking the sparkling sea.

Included Excursion

Walking tour of PortoVenere

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 with 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: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Offshore: 07:30 - 05:30 (next day)

Arrives On: 30 Jun 26

Day 5: Carrara (Italy)

Early in the morning, you'll sail onwards to Tuscany and Marina di Carrara. This lovely seaside village is famous for the, pale and premium Italian marble that is mined and quarried from the nearby mountains, used to create some of the world's most important artistic wonders, such as the iconic statue, Michelangelo's David. These shimmering mountains of the purest marble contrast beautifully with 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

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Soprano Serenade
Immerse yourself in the rich and timeless world of Italian music with an unforgettable performance by the talented opera singer Luisa Kurtz, accompanied by the acclaimed pianist Carlos Morejano. Together, they will take you on a captivating journey through Italy's extraordinary musical heritage, featuring iconic opera arias, traditional art songs, and beloved classics. Feel the passion and emotion as Luisa's powerful and expressive voice fills the room, perfectly complemented by Carlos' intricate and masterful piano playing (performed on an electronic keyboard). This magical evening offers an unparalleled opportunity to experience the beauty, artistry, and elegance of Italian music, leaving you inspired and truly enchanted.

Event duration: 1 hour

Docked: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 01 Jul 26

Day 6: Livorno (Italy)

Along the western coast of Tuscany, the bustling city of Livorno boasts a modern seaport, but is best known for its scenic beauty, picturesque views of the azure Mediterranean Sea and delicious fresh seafood. The city's culinary scene is not surprisingly heavily influenced by its seaside location, tempting with signature dishes such as '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 jewellers, 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:

8.5 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 - 20:00

Arrives On: 02 Jul 26

Day 7: Calvi, Corsica (France)

According to local legend, Calvi, set on the beautiful island of Corsica, is where the intrepid 15th century explorer, Christopher Columbus, was born. While historians may debate this, the natural beauty and rich culture of Calvi is undisputed. Calvi's gorgeous beach is a crescent-shaped bay of powdery white sand fringed by maritime pines, while the town has evolved as Corsica's 'culture capital', hosting several music festivals over the idyllic summer months.

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Discover old Corsica and its villages (extra expense)

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: 07:30 - 14:00

Arrives On: 03 Jul 26

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.

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Docked: 06:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 04 Jul 26

Day 9: Amalfi (Italy)

The stunning Amalfi Coast, designated 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, just south of Naples, the Amalfi Coast boasts idyllic beaches, seaside towns that are home to grand Italian villas and glitzy beach clubs hugging the craggy cliffs that rise from the sparkling sea. You'll stay overnight in Capri.

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Amalfi and Ravello (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

Hop aboard a comfortable minibus and leave the coastal charm behind as you drive inland, surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Italian mountains. Begin your exploration with a visit to Villa Rufolo, a monumental complex that dates back to the 13th century. Admire the iconic tower and the Moorish-influenced architecture that has captured the imaginations of visitors for centuries. The villa, once described as having "more rooms than there are days in the year," stands as a testament to Ravello's rich history. Immerse yourself in a haven of blooming flowers, lush greenery, and breathtaking views that stretch beyond the mountains. Before returning to your yacht, enjoy a leisurely walking tour through the charming streets of Amalfi. Wander past colorful storefronts, historic piazzas, and picturesque alleys that reveal the town's rich history and vibrant culture. Before returning to the port, experience the enchanting beauty of Amalfi. Discover the historic charm, vibrant streets, and stunning coastal vistas as you stroll through this picturesque Italian town.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Offshore: 13:00 - 20:00

Arrives On: 05 Jul 26

Day 9: Capri (Italy)

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Day 10: Capri (Italy)

The allure of Capri, an Italian island paradise, is timeless. Leisurely stroll the narrow, winding streets and dine al fresco under twinkling fairy lights, sampling the local but world-famous classics, Caprese Salad and Limoncello, a sweet lemon liqueur. Admire the towering cliffs and hidden sea caves, including the Blue Grotto, which is magically illuminated. You'll stay overnight in Sorrento.

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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. 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 visit 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: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5 hours

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

Arrives On: 06 Jul 26

Day 10: Sorrento (Italy)

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Day 11: Sorrento (Italy)

Also, along the Amalfi Coast, Sorrento is a much-loved resort town dramatically perched atop cliffs that overlooks the Bay of Naples and boasting stunning views of Mount Vesuvius across the water. An impossibly romantic haven, Sorrento bewitches with its steep sea cliffs studded with 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.

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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: 5.30 hours

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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!

Event duration: 1.15 hours

Offshore: Overnight - 22:00

Arrives On: 07 Jul 26

Day 12: Gaeta (Italy)

Gaeta is a popular destination set on a headland that juts out towards the Gulf of Gaeta, in the Lazio region of southern Italy. Apart from the beautiful beach, the key attraction in this historical seaside town is 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.

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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: 08 Jul 26

Day 13: Porto Cervo (Italy)

On the island of Sardinia, Porto Cervo is a hotspot favoured by discerning travellers drawn to its upscale hotels, luxury boutiques, exceptional restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Porto Cervo's marina is crammed with h opulent yachts and is the host of prestigious sailing events such as the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. Despite its reputation for luxury, Porto Cervo hasn't however, lost its unmistakable Sardinian charm.

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Panoramic tour and visit 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 public 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 public 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: 09 Jul 26

Day 14: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

Perched atop a narrow limestone peninsula on the French Island of Corsica, Bonifacio reveals breathtaking views of the 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. 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 clear, blue-green sea. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

Highlights of Bonifacio with local tastings

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

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Hike Pertusato
Embark on a scenic journey starting at the port of Bonifacio. Walk along the marina and up the Montée Rostello to reach St Roch Chapel, offering stunning views over the port. Your tour continues eastward, leading you to the cliffs of Bonifacio. Traverse the protected nature site, following the rugged limestone cliffs south-eastward toward Capo Pertusato.
Along the way, you'll pass by the Semaphore, a naval observation tower that oversees the bustling shipping traffic of the Straits. Enjoy breathtaking views of Sardinia, the Lavezzi and Cavallo islands, and the picturesque citadel of Bonifacio perched atop the cliffs.
After taking in the sights, return along the same route. Please note that guests should wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing, including sturdy shoes, a weatherproof jacket, a hat, sunscreen, and plenty of water. This approximately 3-hour hike involves a change in altitude of about 300 meters and is considered fairly easy, but caution should be exercised near cliff edges.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours

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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.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1.15 hours

Docked: 07:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 10 Jul 26

Day 15: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Your luxurious yacht cruise returns to Civitavecchia, an ancient seaport which traces its origins back to the 2nd century AD. Here, your memorable journey concludes, and 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 Rome after 01:00 PM.
Docked: 08:00

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Arrives On: 11 Jul 26

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