



Cruise Details

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Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	15 Apr 26
Departs From:	Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Arrives On:	05 May 26
Arrives At:	Valletta
Cruise Nights:	20
Total Vacation Days:	21

Itinerary

Day 1: Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Spain)

Your cruise begins in Spain's Canary Islands and Santa Cruz de Tenerife, a port city on the island of Tenerife, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the start of your marvellous voyage along the Spanish coastline. Please book your flight to arrive into Tenerife prior to 01:00 PM. Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 15 Apr 26

Day 2: Arrecife, Lanzarote (Spain)

Your first port of call is Arrecife, capital of Lanzarote and a beautiful port city situated on the island's eastern coastline. Sharing prominence in its urban layout are the streets of the historic centre and the vibrant neighbourhoods. You can also discover Arrecifes's many museums and historic buildings as well as attractive beaches and excellent nautical facilities or play golf while taking in the stunning views of the Atlantic. Discover MORE

Volcano tour with wine tasting (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Experience the awe-inspiring beauty of Timanfaya National Park, where nature's fury meets artistic splendor. Traverse the paths originally defined by the visionary artist and architect César Manrique, who recognized the unique beauty of this volcanic masterpiece. Witness the surreal silence that envelopes the park, a stark contrast to the underlying activity simmering beneath the surface. Marvel at the craters and experiments showcasing the ongoing geological transformations. Participate in controlled geothermal activities that unveil the heat pulsating beneath the earth's crust. Feel the ground beneath your feet come alive as you witness nature's power in a safe and controlled environment. Venture to the enchanting Los Hervideros, a tiny inlet where the roaring surf echoes the tumultuous clash between incandescent lava and the sea. Embark on the journey back to the vessel through the breathtaking Vineyards of "La Geria." Discover the secret behind the flourishing wine production, hidden within volcanic rock walls. Savor the unique Lanzarote wine, cultivated under a protective layer of Picón that absorbs night dew and provides constant moisture to the vines.
Activity Level: Moderate, **Duration:** 4 hours

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4 x 4 Adventure (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore the dramatic beauty of Lanzarote on a thrilling 4x4 journey through its volcanic heart. In small groups, travel off the beaten path to discover the island's unique landscapes, from the legendary LagOMar house of Omar Sharif to the charming town of Teguise. Venture off-road past striking volcanic formations like Montaña Quemada and through the surreal terrain of La Geria's ash-covered vineyards. Witness the raw power of Timanfaya's lava fields before concluding with a stop at the Monument to the Peasant, a tribute by famed local artist César Manrique.
Note: 4x4 can accommodate 6 guests per vehicle. Guests with back problems should not join the excursion.
Activity Level: Moderate, **Duration:** 4 hours

Offshore: 10:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 16 Apr 26

Day 4: Casablanca (Morocco)

Morocco's chief port and a thriving metropolis, Casablanca presents a city of contrasts: high-rise office buildings blending with striking palm trees lining the streets and the Atlantic Ocean visible in the horizon. And amid atmospheric neighbourhoods, modern infrastructure rubs shoulders with Arab-Muslim heritage and elegant colonial legacies. Take a stroll in the atmospheric Medina, roam through the city centre to discover art-deco buildings and admire the grand Hassan II Mosque, built over the water.

Included Excursion
Casablanca and Hassan II Mosque
Experience the vibrant city of Casablanca, a bustling metropolis and the largest port in the Maghreb. Modeled after the French city of Marseille, Casablanca boasts a rich blend of cultures and influences. Your tour begins with a visit to the iconic Hassan II Mosque, a monumental architectural marvel built to commemorate the 60th birthday of former Moroccan King Hassan II. Marvel at its grandeur as you explore both the interior and exterior, with space for thousands of worshippers.

Next, journey through the

scenic seaside and residential area of Anfa en route to the historic Habous district. Here, you'll visit the esplanade of the Royal Palace and meander through the charming streets lined with colorful shops. Pause at Mohamed V Square before continuing to the bustling United Nations Square, where you'll have free time for shopping and exploration. Don't miss the opportunity to immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and bustling energy of Casablanca on this unforgettable tour.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5

hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Tour of Rabat (extra expense)
Departing from your current location, embark on a scenic drive to Rabat, the capital city of Morocco. Rabat embodies the rich tapestry of Moroccan culture, blending ancient history with modern influences against a backdrop of amber-hued landscapes adorned with distinctive nettle trees. Upon arrival, begin your exploration with an exterior visit of the Royal Palace, a symbol of the nation's modernity and heritage. From the comfort of your bus, marvel at the necropolis of Chellah, which rises above the ancient Roman city of Sala, offering a captivating glimpse into the region's past. In the heart of Rabat, discover the iconic Tour Hassan, a remnant of an unfinished mosque that stands as a testament to the city's historical significance. Adjacent to the marble columns of the Tour Hassan lies the Mohammed V Mausoleum, exuding an aura of solemn respect and serene contemplation. Navigate through the labyrinthine streets of the Oudayas Kasbah, where Islamic art harmoniously coexists with the modern cityscape, creating a dazzling mosaic of cultural diversity. Immerse yourself in the enchanting ambiance of Rabat as you wander through its streets, fulfilling your every desire with its myriad offerings.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 9:30 - 23:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 18 Apr 26

Day 5: Cádiz (Spain)

<p><p>Today, you'll make a stop at the Andalusian coastal town of Cádiz, famed for its beautiful Atlantic beaches, festive carnivals and delicious local seafood dishes.</p></p><p><p>Docked: 19:00 - Overnight</p></p>

Arrives On: 19 Apr 26

Day 6: Cádiz (Spain)

<p><p>While here, be sure to sample 'pescaíto frito' (fried fish) or 'tortillitas de camarones' (shrimp fritters). For an enjoyable dose of sun and sand, visit La Caleta, a pristine beach nestled between two castles. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Jerez and the unique taste of sherry (extra expense)
Enjoy a relaxing panoramic drive through Cadiz. Explore the charming city of Jerez de la Frontera, where you'll encounter churches, palaces, and unique buildings surrounded by orange trees and fountains in plazas, streets, and corners. The Alcázar de Jerez, an emblematic monument, awaits with its historical significance as a fortress-palace

governing the city. Following a walking tour, visit the Tio Pepe winery, a traditional local bodega, and learn about the blending process behind the beloved sherry of the region. Immerse yourself in the atmospheric surroundings and complete your Jerez experience with a tasting of different varieties (2 wines).
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

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The best of Seville (extra expense)
Discover the most iconic landmarks of Seville, a compact and relaxing city with a rich cultural heritage and the capital of Andalusia. Enjoy a panoramic drive through some of its most iconic sites, including Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park. Visit Casa Pilatos, the permanent residence of the Dukes of Medinaceli family, originally dating back to the late 15th century. Continue with an external explanation of the Cathedral of Seville, built in the 15th century and considered the third largest in the world, along with La Giralda, an imposing 322-foot (98-meter) tower, formerly a Moorish-style minaret from a mosque that once stood on this site. Take a stroll through Barrio de Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter, a labyrinth of narrow streets with wrought iron-grilled windows, white-washed buildings, and tiled facades. Enjoy your free time before the return journey to Cadiz.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 8 hours

Docked: Overnight - 16:00

Arrives On: 20 Apr 26

Day 7: Málaga (Spain)

Nestled in the beautiful southern region of Andalusia, Málaga was founded by the Phoenicians and has been under the rule of various civilisations, including the Romans and Moors, each leaving their legacies on the city's culture and architecture. Several historical sites and landmarks can be found in this popular port city and holiday hotspot, including the Alcazaba, a Moorish fortress overlooking the city, and nearby Roman Theatre.

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Tour of the charming white village of Mijas (extra expense)
Travel along the coastal road, passing Torremolinos, Benalmádena, and Fuengirola, before ascending the mountain road leading to Mijas. Mijas, renowned for its picturesque charm, unfolds at an altitude of 1,300 feet with steep, narrow streets adorned by immaculate white houses. Explore the unique Chapel of Virgen de la Peña, a small grotto church carved into the rock. Conclude your walking tour with a visit to the Mayan Monkey Mijas chocolate museum, where you'll delve into the history of chocolate and witness demonstrations of age-old machines still in use today. Enjoy tasting pieces of organic chocolates and a glass of wine.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Docked: 09:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 21 Apr 26

Day 8: Cartagena (Spain)

As a major naval station on the Spanish Mediterranean coast, Cartagena has been greatly influenced by various cultures over the centuries. This historical crossroads of civilisations is evident in the city's diverse architectural styles, from the Roman era to Art Nouveau. A must-see landmark is the ancient Roman Theatre, unearthed in 1987 and beautifully restored for public viewing.

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Spain's most noble tradition: the strikingly elegant Andalusian horses
Just a few kilometres from Cartagena, this charming ranch showcases magnificent pure Spanish-bred horses with elegant bloodlines. For over 40 years, the Conesa family has operated this ranch, where visitors can observe broodmares and foals, and witness Spanish horse training and stallion management. The experience includes snacks while watching a coordinated training by an Andalusian dancer and a stallion. Recognized as a finalist for the 2018 Seatrade Cruise Awards, this tour offers a unique glimpse into traditional ranch life and close interaction with nature and animals.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours
Docked: 14:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 22 Apr 26

Day 9: Ibiza (Spain)

Ibiza's party scene is legendary worldwide, attracting thousands of revellers each year. This gorgeous Balearic Island, lying just off the coast of Spain, has become synonymous with electronic dance music, jetsetters lifestyle and late-night revelry. Despite its hedonistic reputation however, Ibiza also promotes responsible tourism, with initiatives to ensure the island's natural beauty, extending to beautiful sandy coves backed by pine-clad hills, is preserved for future generations.

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E-bike adventure (extra expense)
Start your biking adventure from Ibiza, cruising along the south-east coastline. Feel the coastal breeze as you pedal past the vibrant tourist beach of Playa de'n Bossa. Marvel at the imposing Torre d'es Carregador at the entrance of Ses Salines Park, a testament to Ibiza's historical significance. Continue your ride to the pristine Es Cavallet Beach, entering a small ecosystem protected by dunes and salt flats. After immersing yourself in the natural beauty of the coast, pedal back to Ibiza for a ride through D'Alt Vila. This upper part of Ibiza holds the traces of all the diverse peoples that once settled on the island. Admire the architecture, soak in the history, and capture the essence of Ibiza's cultural heritage.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours

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Walking tour of D'alt Villa (extra expense)
Explore the medieval enchantments of Old Town Ibiza, known as D'Alt Vila, with a guided walking tour through its UNESCO World Heritage Site. Traverse narrow lanes, steep cobbled streets, and panoramic terraces overlooking the town and bay. Enter D'Alt Vila through Ses Taules Gate, flanked by replicas of mighty Roman statues. From the main square, venture through this medieval realm, passing landmarks like the 14th-century cathedral, the Episcopal Palace, the historic Town Hall, and the Convent of the Dominicans. After the guided portion, enjoy some free time and a refreshment (coffee & ensaimada).
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours
Docked: 11:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 23 Apr 26

Day 10: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

On neighbouring Majorca, the capital of Spain's Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca, presents a city steeped in history brimming with striking architecture. One of Palma's most notable landmarks is the stunning Cathedral of Santa Maria, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture dating back to the 13th century, boasting one of the largest rose windows — a decorated circular window with stained glass — in the world. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

Walking tour of Palma de Mallorca

Embark on a walking tour of the Jewish quarter, exploring the historic "Call Maior," and ending at the stunning Spanish Gothic Cathedral, notable for its tall columns and arches over 500 years old. Inside, visit the Treasure Museum, featuring ancient manuscripts, artwork, and religious artifacts. Next, enjoy a scenic drive to Bellver Castle, a 14th-century medieval fortress that once served as a royal retreat and prison. From its elevated location, savor panoramic views of Palma and the Bay, concluding your excursion steeped in Palma's history and beauty.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

EmeraldACTIVE

Hike at the Tramuntana Mountain

Embark on an unforgettable hiking adventure through the UNESCO-listed Tramuntana Mountains, beginning in the idyllic village of Deià. Follow scenic trails framed by pine forests, olive groves, and almond trees as you traverse Mallorca's rugged, sun-drenched landscape. Along the way, take in sweeping views of the coastline and dramatic mountain vistas. After approximately three hours of hiking, arrive in the picturesque town of Sóller, where you'll have time to unwind, enjoy a coffee, or explore its charming streets. This invigorating journey is perfect for active travelers seeking natural beauty and authentic island culture.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 24 Apr 26

Day 11: Barcelona (Spain)

After breakfast, set off to explore Barcelona. 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: 08:00 - 19:30

Arrives On: 25 Apr 26

Day 12: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

Part of the Spanish Balearic Islands, Menorca may not be as famous as its neighbouring islands of Mallorca and Ibiza, but equals them in natural beauty, blessed with stunning white sandy beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and lush green landscapes. The island's capital, Mahón,

welcomes as a bustling port town with a charming old quarter and is worth exploring for its narrow cobblestone streets, colourful buildings, and bustling waterfront lined with restaurants and cafés.

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Villages of Menorca and Caves (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore Menorca's beauty, beginning at Monte Toro, the island's highest point with a historic sanctuary and stunning views. Visit the ancient "taula" of Torralba, a remarkable stone monolith symbolizing stability. Experience the island's vibrant culture at the Xoroi Caves, a lively entertainment venue with breathtaking cliff-top views and a romantic tale. End your day in Binibeca, a charming resort town designed like a fishing village, perfect for leisurely shopping and exploration, blending history and modernity in one enchanting journey.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5

hours

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Cultures of Menorca (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the beautiful island of Menorca, starting in Ciutadella with its charming houses and traditional architecture. Travel to Mahón, home to the world's largest natural port. Stop at the picturesque fishing village of Fornells for photo opportunities. Visit Monte Toro for breathtaking views and the Monte Toro Virgin Chapel. Explore Subaida cheese farm and vineyard, enjoying tastings of their products. If time allows, sample local gin in Mahón before taking a guided walk through the town and returning to your ship.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4 hours

Docked: 09:30 - 18:00

Arrives On: 26 Apr 26

Day 13: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

Perched atop a narrow limestone peninsula on the southern shores of the French island of Corsica, Bonifacio reveals breathtaking views of the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. This picturesque town is known for its deep natural harbour and atmospheric Old Town, an imposing medieval citadel perched atop white limestone cliffs.

Docked: 19:00 - Overnight

Arrives On: 27 Apr 26

Day 14: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

Sitting high above the Mediterranean Sea, Bonifacio is known for its dramatic cliffs, ancient fortifications, and a labyrinth of medieval streets. The town is built on a promontory carved out by wind and wave erosion over time, creating a stunning backdrop of white cliffs. You will overnight in Porto Cervo.

EmeraldPLUS
Highlights of Bonifacio with local produce tastings
Begin your Bonifacio adventure with a mini train ride through the Bosco quarter, featuring St. Francis convent and a mariners' cemetery. Enjoy panoramic views of Sardinia before visiting the Corsican Gothic St. Dominique church, likely built by the Templars in 1270. Stroll through narrow streets, past the 14th-century St. Marie Majeure church, and explore historical sites like Two Emperors Street and Place des Armes. Savor local delicacies and Corsican wine at a wine bar.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

Docked: Overnight -

14:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 28 Apr 26

Day 14: Porto Cervo (Italy)

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Day 15: Porto Cervo (Italy)

<p>Welcome to Sardinia and Porto Cervo, one of Italy's most renowned beach resort towns and a favourite holiday playground for yachting enthusiasts and the rich and famous. Porto Cervo's impressive marina is crammed with gleaming mega yachts and is known for hosting prestigious sailing competitions, such as the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. Despite its reputation for luxury, Porto Cervo has not however, lost its unmistakable Sardinian charm and its striking architecture is defined by colourful villas, narrow winding streets, and lovely

piazzas.</p><p>DiscoverMORE
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</p><p><p>Offshore: 19:00 (day prior) - 16:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 29 Apr 26

Day 16: Cagliari (Italy)

<p><p>The capital of Sardinia, Cagliari comes prettily sandwiched between rolling verdant hills and the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. It is home to one of the longest beaches in Italy, Poetta Beach, and Molentargius-Saline Regional Park, known for its bright pink flamingo colonies. For a unique culinary experience, sample some of the traditional local dishes, such as malloreddus (Sardinian gnocchi) and porceddu (roast suckling pig).</p></p><p>Included Excursion
City tour of Cagliari and Nora Archeological site
Begin with a visit to the imposing citadel and delve into its fascinating past at the National Archaeology Museum. Marvel at the magnificent Cathedral of Santa Marta, adorned with exquisite Baroque furnishings and intricate marble balustrades. Witness the breathtaking beauty of the Santa Gilla and Molentagus lagoons, teeming with vibrant wildlife including flamingos, cormorants, ducks, and herons. Continue your exploration to Arsenale Square, where the echoes of centuries past resonate through its ancient architecture. Ascend the San Pancrazio Tower for panoramic vistas, and stroll through the

charming Piazzetta Mundula, immersing yourself in the city's vibrant atmosphere and timeless charm.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 14:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 30 Apr 26

Day 17: Trapani, Sicily (Italy)

<p><p>Located on the western coast of Sicily, Trapani is famous for its storied history as a trading port, interwoven with influences from diverse civilisations, including the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and Normans. Trapani's scenic setting, nestled between the sea and nearby hills, offers visitors breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes. The city centre is defined by narrow winding streets, baroque-era architecture, and bustling markets selling fresh seafood and local produce. Noteworthy historic landmarks include the 14th-century Castello di Terra and 17th-century Palazzo della Giudecca.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Segesta and Erice (extra expense)
Discover two of western Sicily's most captivating destinations on this full-day adventure. Travel inland to the archaeological park of Segesta, home to a remarkably preserved 5th-century BC Doric temple and an ancient Greek theatre with panoramic views of rolling hills and the sea. Continue to Erice, a hilltop medieval town with cobblestone streets, ancient gates, and striking vistas over the Mediterranean and Egadi Islands. Stroll past historic churches, towers, and gardens, enjoy a traditional Sicilian lunch, and soak in the timeless charm of this remarkable region before returning to Trapani.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 8 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Marsala, salt panes and wine tasting and Punic Warship Museum (extra expense)
Experience a scenic journey along the 'Salt Road,' passing windmills and salt mounds on your way to Marsala. Your first stop will be at the remarkable Ettore Infersa salt flats, where a centuries-old mill, restored by Ettore and Infersa, stands as a testament to their passion for preservation. The unique climatic conditions, including high temperatures and winds, contribute to the mesmerizing landscape of the salt flats. Continue your journey to downtown Marsala, a charming town situated on Cape Boeo, known as the ancient Lilybaeum. Rich in Carthaginian, Roman, Norman, Arab, and Spanish influences, Marsala offers a delightful walking tour where you can admire the exterior of the Cathedral, built upon a pre-existing Norman castle. Enjoy some leisure time in Marsala before proceeding to one of the world-renowned wineries. Here, indulge in a wine tasting experience.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 01 May 26

Day 18: Lipari (Italy)

<p><p>Lipari is the largest and most populated of the Aeolian Islands, a volcanic archipelago off the coast of Sicily amid the sparkling Tyrrhenian Sea. Its stunning scenery is characterised by rugged coastline, beautiful beaches lapped by crystal-clear waters and lush vegetation. In the

charming Old Town, explore the winding, narrow streets and alleys lined with a contrasting blend of pastel-hued town houses and simple dwellings and the 16th-century castle, which offers panoramic views of the surrounding area.

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Volcano island tour 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. 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

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Lipari island tour and Malvasia tasting (extra expense)

Departing from the pier, your first stop is a visit to a local bakery where you'll sample homemade cookies and enjoy a brief 30-minute break. Then, journey through the island's picturesque hills to reach Quattrocchi, a lookout point offering spectacular views of Vulcano island and its unique geological formations. From there, you'll proceed to a viewpoint overlooking Salina island, providing panoramic vistas of the surrounding islands on clear days. Explore the island's geological wonders with stops at the pumice stone quarries and obsidian streams, where you'll learn about Lipari's diverse landscapes. Afterward, visit the charming village of Canneto on the east coast before continuing your adventure on foot with your guide. Embark on a guided walk to Lipari Castle, built by the Spaniards in the 16th century. Within its imposing walls, discover the Cathedral, originally constructed by the Normans and later rebuilt after being destroyed by pirates. Delve into the island's fascinating history as you explore the castle's historic ramparts and architectural wonders. After the tour, you'll have free time to explore Lipari at your own pace.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours

Offshore: 09:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 02 May 26

Day 19: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Set on Sicily's eastern shores, the picturesque town of Giardini Naxos reveals stunning views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna – the fabled active volcano. This seaside town is popular for its beautiful sandy beaches, clear blue waters, and vibrant waterfront promenade edged with bustling restaurants, shops, and cafés. Giardini Naxos also harbours a rich history, with archaeological sites dating back to ancient times. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Taormina

Settle in for a comfortable ride through the heart of Giardini Naxos, leading you to the crown jewel of Sicily—Taormina. Admire the exterior of the Cathedral, explore the ancient ruins of the Greek Theatre with the majestic Mount Etna as a backdrop, and take in the

striking views of Palazzo Corvaia and the Odeon. Enjoy a leisurely walk along Corso Umberto, the vibrant shopping street that captures the lively spirit of the town.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Hike to Madonna della Rocca

Begin a scenic walk that will lead you to the small sanctuary of Madonna della Rocca, situated 400 meters above sea level. Perched on Mount Tauro, near the ruins of the Saracen Castle, you'll find a charming church built into the hillside, known as "Madonna della Rocca." This unique structure features part of its ceiling formed by the natural rock of the mountain. Adjacent to the sanctuary lies an abandoned monastery that once served as a place of penance for the Basilian monks.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours

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Mount Etna & Wine tasting (extra expense)

Embark on an unforgettable excursion that combines the awe-inspiring beauty of Mt. Etna with the flavors of Sicilian wines. Ascend to the remarkable Mt. Etna-Crater Silvestri, situated at approximately 6400 feet above sea level. Embark on a guided tour of the spent craters, witnessing the dramatic landscapes shaped by volcanic activity. Capture the essence of this geological marvel that has left a mark on Sicily's history.

Following the awe-inspiring encounter with Mt. Etna, descend to a local winery nestled in the Sicilian countryside. Immerse yourself in the rich winemaking tradition of the region as you explore the winery and indulge in a tasting of their diverse wine offerings.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 03 May 26

Day 20: Siracuse, Sicily (Italy)

Syracuse is a historic city located on the southeastern coast of Sicily, renowned for its ancient ruins, picturesque architecture, and stunning waterfront views. Syracuse's historical centre, Ortygia, is a charming island connected to the mainland by a series of bridges. Stroll through the meandering narrow streets lined with Baroque-era buildings, visit the stunning Cathedral of Syracuse, and enjoy fresh seafood at the delightful waterfront restaurants.

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Noto, the Baroque Jewel of Sicily and cannoli tasting (extra expense)

Discover the grandeur of Sicilian Baroque in the charming town of Noto, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a scenic 45-minute drive, walk through the Porta Nazionale into a city of golden stone and ornate facades. Marvel at architectural gems like the 18th-century cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, and the elegant Villadorata Palace. Learn how the town rose from the rubble of a 1693 earthquake to become one of Sicily's most beautiful destinations. Cap off your visit with a delicious tasting of a traditional Sicilian cannolo at the famed Caffè Sicilia before enjoying free time to explore or shop.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Ortigia and local produce tasting (extra expense)

Step into the heart of ancient Syracuse with a guided walking tour of Ortigia, the city's picturesque island district. From the ruins of Apollo's Temple in Pancali Square to the elegant Corso Matteotti and lively Archimede Square, discover

centuries of history and charm. Stroll through Cathedral Square and admire the stunning Arethusa Fountain overlooking the bay. Your journey concludes with a visit to the vibrant local market, where you'll sample regional specialties at a traditional dairy. After the tasting, return to the pier with your guide or continue exploring Ortigia at your leisure.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 04 May 26

Day 21: Valletta (Malta)

<p><p>Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in the tiny capital of Malta, Valletta – the entire city designated a UNESCO World Heritage Centre – where you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday. </p></p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Valletta after 12:00 PM.</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00</p></p><p><p>*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day. </p></p><p><p>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.</p></p>

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