Cruise Details

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Departs From:	Valletta
Arrives On:	17 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Nice
Cruise Nights:	17
Total Vacation Days:	18

Itinerary

Day 1: Valletta (Malta)

Welcome to Malta and its tiny yet enchanting capital, Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site and captivating, with its exquisitely preserved Baroque-era buildings and magnificent fortifications, dating back to the 1500s. From here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on your wondrous journey cruising the islands and coastlines of magical Italy. Please book your flight to arrive into Valletta prior to 07:00 PM. Docked: 20:00

Arrives On: 30 Jun 27

Day 2: Siracuse, Sicily (Italy)

Today, you'll arrive in Italy and Syracuse, a historic city located on the southeastern shores of Sicily, Italy's largest island. Syracuse is renowned for its ancient ruins, picturesque architecture and stunning waterfront views. One of the city's most famous landmarks is the Archaeological

Park of Neapolis, home to a well-preserved Greek amphitheatre, Roman amphitheatre and an ancient quarry known as the ‘Ear of Dionysius.’ Syracuse's historical centre, Ortygia, is a charming island connected to the mainland by a series of bridges. Stroll through the narrow, winding streets lined with well-preserved Baroque buildings, visit the stunning Cathedral of Syracuse, and savour freshly-caught seafood at charming waterfront restaurants. DiscoverMORE
Noto, the Baroque Jewel of Sicily and Cannoli tasting (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the elegant Baroque town of Noto, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for its honey-coloured architecture, grand palaces, and beautifully restored historic centre. A scenic drive brings you to Noto, rebuilt in magnificent Baroque style after the devastating earthquake of 1693. Begin your guided walking tour at the impressive Porta Reale (Porta Nazionale) before strolling along the town's elegant main street, lined with some of Sicily's finest 18th-century architecture. Admire the exterior of notable landmarks including the Cathedral of San Nicolò, the Archbishop's Palace, Palazzo Ducezio (Town Hall), Palazzo Villadorata, Palazzo Sant'Alfano, and the Church of Santissimo Salvatore, while your guide explains the fascinating history behind this remarkable town. Following the guided tour, enjoy a traditional Sicilian cannolo at the famous Caffè Sicilia, before free time to browse the boutiques, explore at your own pace, or relax in one of the picturesque piazzas. Afterwards, depart for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Ortigia and Local Produce Tasting (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore the enchanting island of Ortigia, the historic heart of Syracuse, where ancient Greek heritage, elegant Baroque architecture, and vibrant local life come together. Meet your guide and set off on a leisurely walking tour through Ortigia's atmospheric streets. Pass Pancali Square and the ruins of the Temple of Apollo, one of the oldest Doric temples in Sicily, before continuing along elegant Corso Matteotti, the island's principal shopping street. Admire Archimedes Square with its striking Fountain of Artemis, then continue to the magnificent Cathedral Square, where Greek, Roman, and Baroque influences blend seamlessly. Nearby, the legendary Fountain of Arethusa overlooks the sparkling Ionian Sea from a scenic waterfront terrace. Continue to the lively Ortigia Market, where colourful stalls showcase the island's finest local produce. Visit a local delicatessen to sample a selection of traditional Sicilian specialities, including regional cheeses, cured meats, preserves, a classic Sicilian cannolo, and a glass of local wine. Following the tasting, you may accompany your guide back or remain in Ortigia to continue exploring its historic streets, boutiques, cafés, and waterfront at your own pace.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Docked: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 01 Jul 27

Day 3: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Nestled on Sicily’s eastern shores, the picturesque town of Giardini Naxos offers stunning views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna, the fabled active volcano. This seaside town is known for its beautiful sandy beaches, clear aquamarine waters, and vibrant waterfront promenade edged

with bustling restaurants, shops and cafés. Giardini Naxos also harbours a rich tapestry of history, with archaeological sites that date back to ancient Greek and Roman times and is nearby the esteemed Taormina Archaeological Park. 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 hour DiscoverMORE
Mt. Etna & Wine Tasting (extra expense)
Journey to the slopes of Mount Etna, Europe's highest and most active volcano, where dramatic volcanic landscapes meet Sicily's renowned winemaking traditions. Travel through the fertile countryside surrounding Mount Etna, passing the villages of Santa Venerina and Zafferana Etnea, with their vineyards, orchards, chestnut groves, and lava-sculpted landscapes. As you ascend the mountain, your guide will explain the powerful eruptions that have shaped the region while you pass ancient lava flows stretching across the countryside. Arrive at the Silvestri Craters, located at approximately 1,950 metres (6,400 feet) above sea level. Explore these extinct volcanic craters and admire spectacular panoramic views across eastern Sicily before continuing to Cantine Nicosia, where you will enjoy a guided visit to the winery followed by a tasting of locally produced Etna wines before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00–21:00

Arrives On: 02 Jul 27

Day 4: Lipari (Italy)

The largest and most populated of the Aeolian Islands, Lipari presents a volcanic archipelago set off the coast of Sicily, embedded within the shimmering Tyrrhenian Sea. The gorgeous island scenery is defined by its rugged coastline, beautiful beaches lapped by crystalline turquoise waters and lush vegetation. The island also boasts a charming Old Town, delightful with its narrow 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: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 03 Jul 27

Day 5: 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 back 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 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: 12:00–18:00

Arrives On: 04 Jul 27

Day 6: Capri (Italy)

A legendary island set off the Sorrento Peninsula amid the breathtaking Bay of Naples, Capri is synonymous with stunning natural beauty and an air of luxury. Pretty coves lapped by aquamarine waters dot the dramatic, rugged coastline, while high-end hotels, designer boutiques and gastronomic restaurants attract the rich and famous, many of whom dock their yachts at the island’s glitzy Marina Grande. Later, you’ll enjoy an overnight stay on Capri. 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 Anchored: 09:00–07:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 05 Jul 27

Day 7: Sorrento (Italy)

Another gem to discover along the stunning Amalfi Coast, Sorrento is a much-loved resort town, best known for its breathtaking views of the Bay of Naples and imposing Mount Vesuvius across the water. Sorrento is also a popular destination for those seeking a mix of magnificent scenery, delicious cuisine and ancient sites. The town's historic centre is a delight to explore, with its atmospheric narrow streets lined with quaint shops selling traditional products; these may

include hand-made ceramics and limoncello, a traditional liqueur produced in southern Italy, made from locally-grown lemons. 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: 08:30–22:00

Arrives On: 06 Jul 27

Day 8: Gaeta (Italy)

Today, you'll discover Gaeta, a charming coastal town nestled amid the Lazio region of southern Italy between the grand cities of Rome and Naples. Offering stunning views of the Tyrrhenian Sea, Gaeta is renowned for its beautiful beaches and crystal-clear, turquoise waters. This port town however is also drenched in history, with ancient Roman ruins and medieval churches peppered along the picturesque streets. Gaeta is also celebrated for its seafood, with many restaurants serving fresh fish caught daily by the local fishermen and distinctive olives and olive oil, which are sold in markets and shops throughout the region. DiscoverMORE
Sperlonga National Archaeological Museum With Tiberio 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: 08:00–15:00

Arrives On: 07 Jul 27

Day 9: Porto Santo Stefano (Italy)

Nestled along the stunning Monte Argentario peninsula, Porto Santo Stefano is a charming Italian seaside town known for its colorful harbor, elegant promenade, and relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere. Wander the marina lined with fishing boats and cafés, explore the historic Spanish Fort overlooking the bay, or take in sweeping sea views from the hillside. With its blend of natural beauty, boutique shopping, and fresh seafood cuisine, Porto Santo Stefano offers the perfect taste of coastal Tuscany. Included Excursion
The Tufo cities of Pitigliano & Sovana
Journey into the heart of southern Tuscany to explore two of its most captivating hilltop villages, where Etruscan heritage, medieval architecture, and dramatic landscapes create an unforgettable experience. Begin in the remarkable town of Pitigliano, spectacularly perched on a ridge of volcanic tufa rock and often referred to as "Little Jerusalem" for its historic Jewish community. During a guided walk, wander through its atmospheric streets, admire the unique buildings carved into the rock, and learn about the town's fascinating history, from its Etruscan origins to its time under the powerful Aldobrandeschi family. Continue to the charming village of Sovana, one of Tuscany's best-preserved medieval settlements. Explore its quiet streets and discover landmarks including the imposing remains of the Rocca Aldobrandesca, whose surviving tower and defensive walls still dominate the hilltop. Your guide will also explain the area's rich Etruscan and Roman heritage, evident in the ancient stone fortifications that continue to shape the village's character. Following the guided visits, enjoy free time to soak up the atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 08 Jul 27

Day 10: Portoferraio (Italy)

One of the oldest towns on Elba Island, Portoferraio oozes Tuscan charm. A favourite among beach lovers and history buffs alike, the main port of Elba is popular for its enticing sandy shores and distinctive Medici Fortresses, which date back to the 16th century. This magnificent hilltop complex, built to defend the city, can be explored via a pathway that reveals enchanting views of the sea. DiscoverMORE
Napoleon’s Path and Tasting at La Chiusa winery (extra expense)
Embark on a fascinating journey through history as you delve into the isolated life of Napoleon Bonaparte during his brief exile on Elba in 1814. This excursion promises a captivating exploration of Napoleon's Summer Residence, the enchanting Demidoff Gallery, leisure time in Porto Azzurro, and a delightful stop at a family-owned Elba winery. Step into history with a visit to Villa San Martino, where Napoleon spent his days in exile. Explore the charming rooms and picturesque gardens that once witnessed the presence of this iconic historical figure. Gain insights into the nuances of Napoleon's life on Elba and the events that transpired during his brief stay. Continue your cultural journey at the Demidoff Gallery, an imposing building dedicated to special exhibitions. Immerse yourself in the art and history showcased within its walls, providing a unique perspective on the island's rich cultural heritage. Indulge in some leisure time at Porto Azzurro, a delightful town dominated by an ancient Spanish fortress and a picturesque fisherman's harbor. Stroll through the town's charming streets, explore local boutiques, and absorb the coastal ambiance that surrounds you. On your journey back to Portoferraio, make a surprising stop at La Chiusa, a family-owned Elba winery with a vineyard overlooking Portoferraio and its surrounding 20 hectares of property. Delight your palate with a sampling of local wines paired with tasty light snacks, offering a true taste of Elba's flavors.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 09 Jul 27

Day 11: Civitavecchia (Italy)

After breakfast, set off to explore Rome and uncover the storied history of this enthralling Italian capital. 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. Be sure, however, to 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 of the wonders of the West 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: 06:00–18:00

Arrives On: 10 Jul 27

Day 12: Calvi, Corsica (France)

Your first port of call is Calvi, on the northwest shore of the French Island of Corsica. According to local legend, Calvi was the birthplace of the 15th century Italian explorer, Christopher Columbus. While historians may debate this, the natural beauty and rich culture of Calvi is undisputed. Calvi's gorgeous beach presents a crescent-shaped bay of powdery white sand fringed by maritime pines, while the town has evolved to become Corsica’s ‘culture capital,’ hosting several music festivals over the idyllic summer months. DiscoverMORE
Discover Old Corsica and its villages (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the rugged landscapes and historic villages of Corsica's Balagne region, where winding mountain roads reveal spectacular scenery and timeless Corsican charm. Begin with a visit to Calenzana, a peaceful village nestled at the foot of the mountains and the traditional starting point of the famous GR20 hiking trail. Stroll through its quiet streets lined with traditional stone houses before continuing to Zilia, renowned for its natural mineral spring, and the panoramic Col de Salvi, offering magnificent views across the coastline and fertile valleys. Continue to the hilltop village of Sant'Antonino, founded in the 9th century and recognised as one of “The Most Beautiful Villages of France.” Wander its maze of narrow cobbled lanes and vaulted passageways while enjoying breathtaking panoramic views stretching across the Balagne countryside, the Mediterranean Sea, and the surrounding mountains. Your return journey follows a scenic route through the picturesque villages of Cateri, Lavatoggio, and Lumio, each reflecting the authentic character and natural beauty of inland Corsica.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes Anchored: 10:00–21:00

Arrives On: 11 Jul 27

Day 13: Livorno (Italy)

Along the western coast of Italy’s beautiful Tuscany region, 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. Not surprisingly, the city's renowned culinary scene is heavily influenced by its seaside location, tempting with signature dishes such as 'cacciucco,'a traditional fish stew that is a must-try for anyone who visits here. DiscoverMORE
The Best of Florence & Pisa (extra expense)
Travel through the rolling Tuscan countryside en route to Florence, cradle of the Renaissance and one of Italy’s most celebrated cultural capitals. On arrival, enjoy a guided walking

tour through the city’s most iconic landmarks. In Piazza del Duomo, admire the striking façade of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Continue to Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of sculptures and political history, before reaching the historic Ponte Vecchio, lined with traditional goldsmith shops. The walk also includes Piazza Santa Croce, home to its magnificent basilica and vibrant atmosphere. Free time allows for lunch at a local trattoria, a relaxed coffee break, or browsing Florence’s elegant boutiques and artisan shops. The journey then continues to Pisa. From the coach parking area, a pleasant walk leads to the renowned Piazza dei Miracoli (Square of Miracles), where you can admire the impressive Cathedral, Baptistery, and the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Time is provided for photographs and independent exploration before the return drive concludes the day.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 9 hours Docked: 08:00–23:00

Arrives On: 12 Jul 27

Day 14: Carrara (Italy)

Further along the Tuscan coast, you’ll arrive in Marina di Carrara. This lovely seaside town famous for the pale and premium Italian marble that is mined and quarried from the nearby mountains. The highly-prized Carrara marble not only ranks as one of Italy’s most celebrated artisan products, but has been, used for centuries to create some of the world’s most important artistic wonders, including Michelangelo’s iconic Statue of David. These shimmering mountains of purest marble contrast beautifully with Marina di Carrara’s pretty coastal scenery. EmeraldPLUS
Soprano Serenade (performance on board)
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.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour DiscoverMORE
Carrara Marble Quarries Adventure (extra expense)
Travel into the dramatic Apuan Alps to explore the world-renowned Carrara Marble Quarries, where some of the world's finest marble has been extracted since Roman times. Enjoy a scenic drive along the Ligurian and Tuscan coastline before ascending into the spectacular quarry district. Discover how the prized Carrara marble, used in ancient Rome and later by renowned artists including Michelangelo, Nicola Pisano, and Giovanni Pisano, is quarried and processed. Gain a fascinating insight into the daily lives and traditions of the Carrarini, the skilled marble workers whose craftsmanship has shaped the region for centuries. Following your quarry visit, enjoy a tasting of local specialities, including the famous Lardo di Colonnata IGP, before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level:

Easy, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00 – 05:00 (overnight)

Arrives On: 13 Jul 27

Day 15: Portovenere (Italy)

Today, you'll set sail early in the morning, bound for the Italian Ligurian coast and Porto Venere. This ancient town dates back to the first century BC and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. It harbours a romantic history, thanks to its penchant for attracting famous poets and artists over the centuries. Porto Venere's wonderful swimming spots were beloved by, amongst others, the legendary English poet, Lord Byron, who regularly swam 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 and resting atop a rocky headland overlooking the sparkling sea. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Portovenere
Immerse yourself in the rich history and authentic atmosphere of Portovenere, a picturesque UNESCO World Heritage Site nestled along the Gulf of La Spezia. Meet your local guide and begin a leisurely walk through the ancient Roman Gate, entering the heart of this charming medieval village. Stroll along the lively main street lined with colourful houses, boutiques, and cafés, while admiring the distinctive Genoese-Gothic architecture crafted from black and white marble. Along the way, enjoy views of the imposing Doria Castle, which has watched over Portovenere for centuries. Complete your experience at a favourite local café, where you will savour a tasting of traditional Italian snacks while enjoying the warm hospitality and relaxed atmosphere that make Portovenere so special.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Cinque Terre by Boat (extra expense)
Discover the spectacular beauty of the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as you explore two of its most iconic villages by boat. Begin in Portovenere, a picturesque UNESCO World Heritage Site, before boarding a boat for a scenic cruise along the dramatic Cinque Terre coastline, where colourful villages cling to rugged cliffs above the Ligurian Sea. Your first stop is Monterosso al Mare, the largest of the five villages, surrounded by terraced vineyards, olive groves, and lemon orchards. Enjoy a guided walk through the historic centre before sampling traditional pesto bruschetta accompanied by a glass of local wine. Continue to the charming fishing village of Vernazza, celebrated for its picturesque harbour, pastel-coloured houses, and narrow medieval lanes. Enjoy free time to explore at your own pace before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00–23:00

Arrives On: 14 Jul 27

Day 16: Santa Margherita Ligure (Italy)

Welcome to Santa Margherita Ligure, a charming Italian resort town with panoramic views that's revered for its timeless elegance and style. For those seeking 'La dolce vita,, you're sure to

find it in abundance here. Stroll the Santa Margherita promenade, or the pebbly beachfront, admiring the gleaming yachts and sailing boats. Marvel at an impressive Baroque-era church along the cobbled streets and savour succulent red shrimps, the local fishermen’s catch of the day.

Later in the morning, you’ll sail on to delightful Portofino. Nestled along the Italian Riviera, the eternally popular Portofino boasts a rich gastronomic scene, a picturesque harbour and narrow streets lined with charming pastel-hued houses, high-end boutiques and restaurants specialising in freshly-caught seafood. DiscoverMORE
Culinary experience in Rapallo (extra expense)
Discover the flavours of Liguria with a visit to the enchanting Gulf of Paradise and the elegant seaside town of Rapallo, often called the “Pearl of the Tigullio Gulf.” Framed by a picturesque bay dotted with anchored boats, Rapallo blends Riviera charm with a rich culinary heritage shaped by both mountains and sea. Here, meet your host Guido, a passionate connoisseur and master chef, at the distinctive Musical Kiosk, one of the town’s most recognisable landmarks. Accompanied by Guido, explore Rapallo’s lively food market, discovering the fresh produce, fragrant herbs, and local ingredients that define Ligurian cuisine. The experience continues at Guido’s traditional bottega, where you take part in preparing authentic pesto alla Genovese, blending aromatic basil, garlic, pine nuts, cheese, and Ligurian extra-virgin olive oil. Also on the menu is pandolce, a traditional cake filled with raisins and nuts, enjoyed with a glass of sweet Moscato from nearby Portofino. Following the tasting, enjoy free time to explore Rapallo's attractive waterfront and historic centre before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 45 minutes EmeraldACTIVE
Portofino & Brown Castle Walk
Experience the timeless elegance of Portofino, one of Italy's most exclusive seaside villages, renowned for its colourful harbour, historic landmarks, and spectacular coastal scenery. Follow your guide through the picturesque harbour lined with pastel-coloured houses before ascending to Castello Brown, a historic fortress surrounded by beautiful Mediterranean gardens. Explore its fascinating museum and enjoy panoramic views across Portofino Bay from one of the Riviera's most celebrated viewpoints. Next visit the Church of St. George, home to relics of the legendary dragon-slaying saint. Conclude your guided walk at the famous Piazzetta, where free time allows you to browse elegant boutiques, relax at a waterfront café (own expense), or simply soak up the atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours Anchored: 07:30 –12:30 | 14:00 – 21:00

Arrives On: 15 Jul 27

Day 16: Portofino (Italy)

Arrives On: 15 Jul 27

Day 17: Monte-Carlo (Monaco)

Officially known as the Principality of Monaco, this e sovereign city-state is famous for its opulence and glamour, boasting high-end casinos, a glitzy harbour lined with superyachts and the exclusive Monte Carlo district, a jetsetter’s haven. This dazzling gem of the Côte d'Azur is the official residence of Monaco’s royal household – the palace has been home to the Grimaldi family since the late 13th century – and boasts several museums. Monaco is also the host of numerous cultural events throughout the year, celebrating everything from music to the visual arts, while Monte Carlo is renowned for its annual Monaco Grand Prix, a prestigious Formula One motor racing event. DiscoverMORE
Highlights of Monaco & Monte Carlo by City Bus (extra expense)
Experience the glamour and history of the Principality of Monaco with convenient transfers between its most iconic landmarks, minimising the amount of walking normally required. Travel by chartered city bus through the Principality to Monaco-Ville, the historic Old Town perched on the famous Rock. Visit Prince's Palace Square, admire the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace were married, and enjoy free time to explore the charming streets and shops. Continue to elegant Monte-Carlo, where the famous Casino Square is framed by the legendary Monte-Carlo Casino, the Hôtel de Paris, and the Café de Paris. Admire these world-renowned landmarks and soak up the atmosphere of one of Europe's most prestigious destinations before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00–21:00

Arrives On: 16 Jul 27

Day 18: Nice (France)

Your unforgettable yacht cruise concludes this morning in the French Riviera, at the alluring port city of Nice. After bidding farewell to your crew and fellow guests, you’ll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home, or to continue your travels. DiscoverMORE
Nice Walking Tour (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Discover the captivating charm of Nice on a scenic walking excursion through its most iconic districts. The journey begins along Avenue Jean Médecin, a bustling boulevard known for its refined boutiques and dynamic city atmosphere. Continue to the vibrant Place Masséna, where striking red façades, elegant fountains, and checkered pavements set a lively scene. Stroll through the peaceful Coulée Verte, a green ribbon of parkland in the city center offering shade, serenity, and photo-worthy views. Make your way to the renowned Promenade des Anglais, where sweeping vistas of the Mediterranean Sea unfold beneath rows of graceful palm trees. From there, head toward Place du Palais de Justice, where timeless architecture frames the heart of the Old Town. Wander into the lively Cours Saleya, the city’s open-air market filled with fragrant flowers, spices, and local produce—a feast for the senses. Finally, explore Old Nice, a labyrinth of narrow lanes, colorful squares, and historic buildings that reflect the soul of the Riviera. Free time is provided to wander through the Old Town, browse the market and local shops, or simply relax and soak up the vibrant atmosphere before rejoining your

guide.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours

Note: This excursion is available for participants continuing on to the next cruise, as well as those disembarking with flights departing after 4:00 pm. Disembarking guests will transfer to the airport, while in-transit guests will return to the ship. Please book your flight to depart out of Nice after 01:00 PM. Docked: 06:00 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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