Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the French Riviera to Catalonia
Reference:	EMERALD2M42110927-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	11 Sep 27
Departs From:	Nice
Arrives On:	25 Sep 27
Arrives At:	Barcelona
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Nice (France)

Your exciting journey begins in Nice on the French Riviera. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and embark on an enthralling discovery of the French and Italian coastlines. Please book your flight to arrive into Nice prior to 01:00 PM.

Arrives On: 11 Sep 27

Day 2: Marseille (France)

Dating back to 600BC, Marseille is considered to be the oldest city in France. It's been an important trading port since ancient times, creating the rich cultural melting pot that is modern Marseille. Incredible cuisine, buzzy cafes, chic wine bars and street murals have transformed this gritty urban hub into one of France's most exciting destinations. This eclectic city boasts a bold arts scene: visit the Musée d'Histoire de Marseille and glimpse exhibits from the city's past, or

Musée d'Art Contemporain for more modern pieces. With its blend of African and French influences, Marseille has a vibrant music scene and is the birthplace of French hip hop.

Arrives On: 12 Sep 27

Day 3: Cannes (France)

Continue along the Côte d'Azur to Cannes, a name synonymous with glamour and celebrity. This lively city is known for its luxurious designer boutiques, gastronomic restaurants and upscale hotels, which are frequented by the rich and famous. The pretty beaches are lined with striped sun loungers looking out over sparkling blue ocean. It is universally famous for the Cannes Film Festival, an annual event which has become the most prestigious film festival in the world.

Arrives On: 13 Sep 27

Day 4: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

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

Arrives On: 14 Sep 27

Day 5: Porto Cervo (Italy)

Part of Sardinia’s Costa Smeralda, Porto Cervo is a luxurious resort town that blends Italian, Spanish, Greek and North African influences. It’s popular with upscale travellers who are drawn to its glamorous hotels, designer boutiques, exceptional restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Porto Cervo's marina is packed with 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 lost its unmistakable Sardinian charm and is surrounded by jaw-dropping natural beauty.

Arrives On: 15 Sep 27

Day 6: Civitavecchia (Italy)

One of the busiest ports in the Mediterranean, Civitavecchia is often called the Port of Rome and is the gateway to the ancient Italian capital. It was founded in the second century AD and remnants of the ancient Roman port are still evident today. Once in the Eternal City, there are iconic landmarks and millennia-old ruins at every turn. Visit the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pantheon,

Trevi Fountain and Vatican City, or just relax in a cobbled square with an authentic pizza and a glass of wine.

Arrives On: 16 Sep 27

Day 7: Bastia (France)

Return to the beautiful island of Corsica, but this time dock on its northern shores and the bustling port of Bastia. The second busiest port in France after Calaid, this is where ferries connect the island to Italy and mainland France. Though popular with tourists, Bastia retains the feel of an authentic lived-in city, giving you a true taste of life in Corsica. Bastia is also regarded as a foodie destination with numerous restaurants and markets serving authentic Corsican cuisine. Seafood is a menu mainstay, with delicious local specialties such as aziminu, a type of fish bouillabaisse made with rockfish.

Arrives On: 17 Sep 27

Day 8: Nice (France)

This morning, after breakfast, you can set off to explore Nice at leisure. In this charming port city, strolling along its alluring Promenade des Anglais, discover discovering the delightful charming old quarter old town, and soaking up in the glamorous vibrant atmosphere of the French Riviera. 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 wondrous Mediterranean shores.

Arrives On: 18 Sep 27

Day 9: Santa Margherita Ligure (Italy)

Welcome to Santa Margherita Ligure, a charming 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. Embedded along the Italian Riviera, 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.

Arrives On: 19 Sep 27

Day 9: Portofino (Italy)

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Day 10: Portovenere (Italy)

Situated along the Ligurian coast on Italy’s northwest shores, Porto Venere is an ancient city dating back to the first century BC. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it’s imbued with 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 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 and resting atop a rocky headland overlooking the sparkling sea.

Arrives On: 20 Sep 27

Day 11: Calvi, Corsica (France)

Today, you’ll arrive in Calvi, on the northwest shore of the French Island of Corsica. According to local legend, Calvi is where the 15th century Italian explorer Christopher Columbus was born. 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. The town has evolved to become Corsica’s ‘culture capital,’ hosting several music festivals over the idyllic summer months.

Arrives On: 21 Sep 27

Day 12: Saint-Tropez (France)

A shining jewel of the Côte d’Azur, the legendary resort town of Saint-Tropez is one of the most famous holiday destinations in Europe. It has been drawing celebrities and royalty since the 1950s . look out over the superyachts jostling for space in the marina, a sure sign that the international jet set is in town. From the soft white sand lapped by clear blue water to the on-trend beach clubs, decadent dining and luxury boutiques, Saint-Tropez is the ultimate French Riviera experience. For history buffs, learn the story of Saint-Tropez at the Musée d'Histoire Maritime, or peruse the incredible modern art inside a former chapel at the Annonciade.

Arrives On: 22 Sep 27

Day 13: Sanary-sur-Mer (France)

Continuing along the Côte d'Azur, arrive today in Sanary-sur-Mer. This classic Provençal port town still has colourful wooden fishing boats bobbing in the harbour and, pastel houses lining the shore. It’s famous for its bustling daily market in the town centre, which has been named the most beautiful in France. Walk through the stalls to see fresh produce, just-caught seafood and roasting chickens, then sample a ‘cade’, a traditional wood-fired pancake that has been a popular snack

here for more than 200 years.

Arrives On: 23 Sep 27

Day 14: Roses (Spain)

The Costa Brava (meaning the Rugged Coast) is arguably the most beautiful of Spain’s three holiday coasts. The seaside village of Roses sits on its northern edge, close to the border with France, making for a captivating blend of cultures set within a stunning setting where the mountains meet the sea., Roses began as a fishing village and is still the place to sample exceptional fresh seafood. Be sure to try the local seafood speciality of ‘Suquet de Peix’, a hearty fish soup prepared with the catch of the day along with garlic, tomatoes and saffron.

Arrives On: 24 Sep 27

Day 15: Barcelona (Spain)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Catalonia’s cosmopolitan capital, Barcelona, where you’ll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your travels. Please book your flight to depart out of Barcelona after 01:00 PM. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will be operated unaltered from the itinerary states above.

Arrives On: 25 Sep 27

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