



Cruise Details

Name:	Epic Voyage: Athens to Venice
Reference:	EMERALD3D01290527-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	29 May 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	19 Jun 27
Arrives At:	Venice
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Cruise Nights:	21
Total Vacation Days:	22

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your unforgettable voyage begins in Greece and its ancient capital, Athens. The birthplace of democracy and western civilisation, this enthralling city presents a remarkable blend of rich traditions and modern dynamism. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald luxury yacht to begin an incredible odyssey along the coasts of Greece and Turkey. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 29 May 27

Day 2: Delos (Greece)

This morning, step ashore on Delos, one of Greece's most significant mythological and archaeological treasures. According to legend, this sacred island was the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Wander among remarkably preserved ruins, grand mosaics and ancient temples that paint a vivid picture of classical civilisation. Later, sail to glamorous Mykonos, where Cycladic

charm meets cosmopolitan flair. Lose yourself in the maze of narrow lanes lined with whitewashed houses and chapels. Discover chic boutiques, waterfront tavernas and the island's iconic windmills overlooking the Aegean. As evening falls, Mykonos reveals its vibrant energy, offering the ideal blend of tradition and modern sophistication. </p></p>

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Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

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Day 3: Kusadasi (Turkey)

<p><p>Set along Turkey's western Aegean coast, Kusadasi is a lively Turkish coastal town rich in history and culture. Its strategic location has made it a crossroads of civilisations for thousands of years. From here, you may explore the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved classical cities in the Mediterranean. Wander along marble streets lined with grand columns, temples, and the magnificent Library of Celsus. Back in Kusadasi, vibrant bazaars and seaside promenades offer a colourful taste of Turkish hospitality. </p></p>

Arrives On: 31 May 27

Day 4: Pátmos (Greece)

<p><p>Often referred to as the 'Island of the Apocalypse', tranquil Patmos holds deep spiritual significance. In a cave overlooking the sea, Saint John is believed to have received the visions described in the Book of Revelation. Its historic centre, Chora, is a World Heritage Site made up of whitewashed buildings and narrow cobblestone streets lined with traditional Greek tavernas, shops and some 40 chapels. The island has a wild and rugged volcanic landscape that rolls down to deserted pebbled beaches and the sparkling Aegean Sea. Spend time soaking up the beauty, spirituality, and cultural significance of this island. </p></p>

Arrives On: 01 Jun 27

Day 5: Kos (Greece)

<p><p>Kos welcomes you with glorious landscapes and remarkable historical heritage. Known as the birthplace of Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, the island offers a fascinating journey into the ancient world. Explore the Asklepion, once a renowned healing sanctuary, along with Roman villas, ancient agora and medieval fortifications. The main town is a mishmash of architectural styles, and you'll find whitewashed dwellings side by side with Muslim mosques, 1930s Italian-style buildings and the medieval Neratzia Castle. Kos also boasts beautiful beaches and relaxed island charm, perfect for leisurely exploration. </p></p>

Arrives On: 02 Jun 27

Day 6: Santorini (Greece)

Arriving by sea at Santorini offers a breathtaking first impression, with whitewashed villages perched dramatically atop volcanic cliffs above the Aegean. Stroll through Oia's narrow lanes, where blue-domed churches and cascading bougainvillea create postcard-worthy scenes at every turn. Relax on distinctive volcanic-sand beaches or sample crisp local wines cultivated in mineral-rich soil. As you sail away, the sun sinks into the Aegean and Santorini's legendary sunset paints the sky in hues of gold and crimson – a moment to cherish forever.

Arrives On: 03 Jun 27

Day 7: Páros (Greece)

The paradise island of Paros rose to power and prosperity in the sixth century BC for its high-quality marble, Parian marble, used for the construction of many temples and public buildings. It's home to ancient ruins, Venetian castles and traditional Greek architecture, and draws in visitors to its stunning beaches, crystal-clear azure waters and charming local villages. The main town, Parikia, is nestled on a hill overlooking the port. Its cobbled lanes are bustling with activity, lined with shops, cafés and restaurants serving delicious local Greek cuisine. It also has a historic Frankish castle built in the 1200s. The island's other town, Naoussa, is a picturesque harbour where wooden boats sway and waterside restaurants grill freshly caught seafood.

Arrives On: 04 Jun 27

Day 8: Piraeus (Greece)

You'll return to Athens today to further explore. This city is Greece's dynamic capital and the birthplace of democracy and Western civilisation. It's the home of prominent figures of ancient Greece, such as Plato and Socrates. You'll uncover the history of this storied city at its renowned sites, including the Acropolis and Parthenon – treasure troves of ancient architecture. Wander its charming neighbourhoods such as Plaka, which is the oldest in the city and is packed with museums, contemporary galleries, souvenir shops and restaurants; watch the changing of the guard at the Hellenic Parliament building on Syntagma Square; or browse the huge Monastiraki Flea Market.

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Today you'll cruise through the 19th-century Corinth Canal. A feat of engineering, this narrow waterway was cut from solid rock and is more than six kilometres long with walls rising to

about 79 metres (260 feet) at their highest point. It crosses the isthmus of Corinth in Greece, linking the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf and shortening the sea route between the Ionian and Aegean Seas. Cruise to the small port of Itea, then embark on a journey to the archaeological site of Delphi, regarded by the Ancient Greeks as the centre of the world. This well-preserved World Heritage site is nestled within the mountainside and was a sacred space where pilgrims could hear prophecies believed to come directly from the Gods.

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Day 9: Itea (Greece)

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Day 10: Lefkáda Island (Greece)

Known as the 'Caribbean of Greece' for its lush landscape and crystal-clear waters, Lefkada is connected to the mainland by a narrow bridge, making it one of the few Greek islands accessible directly by road. One of the most fascinating places in Lefkada is the Castle of Agia Mavra, which dates to the 14th century and was built to protect the island from invasions. The island's modern marina has a thriving drinking and dining scene, while the town centre has many churches and museums.

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Day 11: Parga (Greece)

Located on the north-west coast of mainland Greece, Parga is built like an amphitheatre around a tranquil bay, its buildings vibrant in pastel colours and its waterfront home to a host of tavernas and bars. The 11th-century Parga Castle was built by the Venetians on a hilltop, boasting views across the resort town and the Ionian Sea. The coastline has a string of postcard-worthy beaches, and the Ionian islands are a short boat excursion away.

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Day 12: Corfu (Greece)

One of Greece's most beloved and beautiful islands, Corfu lies in the Ionian Sea and has a rich history and magnificent architecture displaying Renaissance and Baroque influences. Its World Heritage-listed Old Town has roots dating back to the 8th century BC and features architecture shaped by later Venetian and European influences. It is a labyrinthine maze of alleyways, home to the impressive Spianada – the largest square in Greece – a leafy space with gardens and historical monuments. The island is home to authentic Greek villages, as well as beaches lapped by aquamarine waters. Your luxury yacht will spend the evening in Corfu, allowing

you to wander the atmospheric Old Town after dark. </p></p>

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Day 13: Sarandë (Albania)

<p><p>Your yacht will leave Corfu early this morning and cruise towards Sarandë, a coastal town perched on a crescent-shaped bay in southern Albania. The once sleepy fishing village comprises a bustling seaside promenade, pebbled beaches and ancient ruins, including the ruins of an ancient synagogue thought to date from the fifth or sixth century, adorned with intricate mosaics and historical artefacts. </p></p>

Arrives On: 10 Jun 27

Day 14: Kotor (Montenegro)

<p><p>Encircled by medieval walls, the fortified city of Kotor is an enthralling place of ancient history and modern culture. Nestled between imposing mountains and the Adriatic Sea, this World Heritage-listed setting is a blend of Venetian palaces, a 12th-century cathedral, cobblestone lanes and café-hemmed squares. Climb the 1,350 steps up to St John's Fortress, where you'll have spectacular views over the Bay of Kotor. </p></p>

Arrives On: 11 Jun 27

Day 15: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

<p><p>Welcome to the dazzling city of Dubrovnik, along Croatia's stunning Dalmatian Coast. Coined the Pearl of the Adriatic, this UNESCO World Heritage-listed city is renowned for its breathtaking architecture: its red terracotta tiled roofs and whiteish walls striking against the turquoise waters that laps below.</p></p>

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Day 16: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

<p><p>Spend another fascinating day exploring the city of Dubrovnik. Be awed by the impressive Rector's Palace, a 15th-century Gothic Renaissance palace that was once the administrative centre of the city. Enjoy a drink on the Stradun, the main thoroughfare through the city, and take a walk along the ancient city walls for panoramic views over the rooftops and Adriatic Sea. </p></p>

Arrives On: 13 Jun 27

Day 17: Split (Croatia)

<p><p>Split is a stunning city laden with culture, history and striking architecture. Take a stroll along the Riva, a palm-lined promenade that is the beating heart of the city,

passing beautiful terraces and bustling eateries with harbour views. Built from the fourth century and added to over 1,700 years, the ruins of Diocletian's Palace dominate the city centre. This incredible World Heritage site comprises an imperial residence, military fortress and fortified town with gates and walls. Today, its remnants house a myriad of bars and cafés.

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Day 18: Zadar (Croatia)

Zadar is something of a hidden Croatian gem, a captivating blend of ancient history and modern charm. As you stroll through its cobbled streets, encounter spectacular Roman ruins, including the well-preserved Roman Forum constructed between the first century BC and third century AD, and the majestic St. Donatus Church, a symbol of the city's rich heritage. You'll be mesmerised by the Sea Organ, stone carvings along the promenade designed so the lapping waves create natural and hauntingly beautiful melodies. As the sun disappears, be captivated by Sun Salutation, a dazzling solar-powered installation that lights up at night.

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Day 19: Opatija (Croatia)

On the western peninsula of Croatia, southwest of the large city of Rijeka, Opatija has alluring views across the Adriatic towards the Kvarner Islands and the distant Istrian Mountains. Known as the 'Nice of Croatia', Opatija was a seaside resort for the upper classes during the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and it retains its lovely seaside promenades, handsome villas and manicured parks and gardens.

Arrives On: 16 Jun 27

Day 20: Piran (Slovenia)

Piran is a pretty town of red-tiled and whitewashed buildings clustered on the tip of Slovenia's Piran Peninsula. Part of the Venetian Empire from the late 13th century to the end of the 18th century, Piran is known for its grand Gothic architecture. The town has a history of salt panning, and its landscape is dotted with olive groves and pebbly beaches. Restaurants line the waterfront and serve seafood direct from the Adriatic, as well as drawing inspiration from its Italian heritage with excellent gelaterias and pizzerias.

Arrives On: 17 Jun 27

Day 21: Venice (Italy)

<p><p>Today, you will arrive in Venice, a 1,600-year-old city that is one of the world's most iconic destinations. Built across 118 small islands in the Venetian Lagoon, it's a place shaped by water, from its quiet canals to St Mark's Basilica and the grand piazza in front. It's a spectacular city to get lost in, with its maze-like alleyways and vibrant squares. With your luxury yacht docked here overnight, you can choose to linger over a drink at a tiny bar or glide along the canals by gondola as the city lights illuminate the water. </p></p>

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Day 22: Venice (Italy)

<p><p>Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes here. From your luxury yacht, you'll be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your travels. </p></p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Venice after 11:00 AM.</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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