



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)

This remarkable voyage in Greece and Turkey begins in Athens, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht. This enthralling Greek city is one of the world's oldest, renowned for its ancient ruins and iconic landmarks such as the Acropolis and Parthenon, rich culture and dynamic atmosphere.

Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM.

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Day 2: Delos (Greece)

A small rocky island at the heart of the Cyclades archipelago, Delos is one of the most important mythological and archaeological sites in Greece. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to a vast array of well-preserved ruins, extending to temples, dwellings, marketplaces and theatres. Delos is also believed to be the birthplace of the Greek God Apollo and his twin sister,

Artemis.

In the afternoon, you'll cruise to Mykonos, an island known for its white-sand coastline lapped by cyan water and buzzy beach clubs. The main town is a labyrinth of narrow stone-paved streets lined with whitewashed buildings, and filled with shops, cafés and restaurants. The island's iconic windmills were constructed in the 16th century by the Venetians. Sixteen of these windmills still exist today, including seven that are perched on a hill just south of Mykonos Town. Away from the beaches, the island's countryside is dotted with small villages, farms and chapels.

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Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

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Day 3: Pátmos (Greece)

Often referred to as the 'Island of the Apocalypse', Patmos is said to be where the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation and is considered an important pilgrimage site in Europe. Its historic centre Chora was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981. It is an enchanting town comprising 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, the spirituality and cultural significance of this island.

Arrives On: 31 May 27

Day 4: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Along Turkey's western Aegean coast, Kusadasi was once a small fishing town but is now a buzzy cruise port and beach resort filled with traditional Turkish markets and a thriving night scene. Kusadasi is also the gateway to the ancient city of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed Site and one of the ancient world's most important cities. Excavations have revealed ruins of Hellenistic and Roman settlements and grand monuments, including the remains of the famed Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Arrives On: 01 Jun 27

Day 5: Kos (Greece)

The Dodecanese Island of Kos is home to millennia-old ancient ruins, including the famous Asklepion, a traditional healing centre dedicated to the Greek God of medicine, Asklepios, and the Castle of the Knights, a medieval fortress that has stunning views of the surrounding area. It's also the birthplace of Hippocrates, one of the most well-known physicians of ancient Greece. 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. Aside from its staggering history, the island is also blessed with stunning beaches and crystal-clear waters.

Arrives On: 02 Jun 27

Day 6: Santorini (Greece)

Known for its spectacular views, gleaming whitewashed architecture and legendary sunsets, Santorini is a beloved Greek island. The island's villages are dramatically built into the cliffs of a caldera, a thousand-year-old volcanic crater that is beneath the ocean, offering jaw-dropping vistas of the Aegean Sea. Its main towns Fira and Oia are instantly recognisable for their whitewashed buildings that have been built into the caldera like caves and blue-domed churches, many of which are adorned with hot-pink bougainvillea and prickly pear. Get lost in the winding alleyways, which are home to tavernas, small bars and boutique stores, with many vantage points of the caldera and beyond.

Arrives On: 03 Jun 27

Day 7: Páros (Greece)

Paros is another paradisiacal Greek island that has allured since 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 an 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.

Arrives On: 05 Jun 27

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<p><p>Today it's time to sail 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 that reach up to 90 metres high. It crosses the isthmus of Corinth in Greece into the Ionian Sea. Sail 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 UNESCO World Heritage Site is nestled within the mountainside was a sacred space where pilgrims could hear prophecies directly from the Gods. </p></p>

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Day 9: Itea (Greece)

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Day 10: Lefkáda Island (Greece)

<p><p>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 islands here accessible by car. 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. </p></p>

Arrives On: 07 Jun 27

Day 11: Parga (Greece)

<p><p>Located on mainland Greece on the north-west coast, 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 and boasts a view over the resort town and Ionian Sea. The coastline has a string of postcard-worthy beaches, while the Ionian islands are a short boat excursion away. </p></p>

Arrives On: 08 Jun 27

Day 12: Corfu (Greece)

<p><p>One of Greece's most beloved and beautiful islands in the Ionian Sea, Corfu harbours a rich history and magnificent architecture displaying Renaissance and Baroque influences. Its UNESCO-listed Old Town dates to the 8th century and is a labyrinthine of alleyways and home to the largest

square in Greece, the impressive Spianada, a leafy green 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, giving you the opportunity to wander the atmospheric Old Town after dark. </p></p>

Arrives On: 09 Jun 27

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 a 5th century synagogue 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 UNESCO World Heritage-listed city is a blend of Venetian palaces, a 12th-century cathedral, cobblestone lanes and café-hemmed squares. Climb the 1350 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>Enjoy 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 Dubrovnik. 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)

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, past beautiful terraces and bustling eateries with harbour views. Built from the 4th century AD and added to over millennia, the ruins of the Diocletian's Palace dominate the city centre. This incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site comprised an imperial residence, military fortress, fortified town, with gates and walls; its remnants housing myriad bars and cafés today.

Arrives On: 14 Jun 27

Day 18: Biograd na Moru (Croatia)

In the morning, get ready to set sail from Split to Zadar, cruising close to Pašman and Biograd islands. Zadar is somewhat of a hidden Croatian gem, a captivating blend of ancient history and modern charm. As you stroll through its cobbled streets, you'll encounter spectacular Roman ruins, including the well-preserved Roman Forum constructed between the 1st Century BC and 3rd Century AD, and the majestic St. Donatus Church, a symbol of the city's rich heritage. You'll be mesmerised by the Sea Organ. These stone carvings along the promenade were 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 18: Zadar (Croatia)

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Day 19: Opatija (Croatia)

On the western peninsula of Croatia, southwest of the 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 aristocratic class 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 Gothic-style Venetian architecture. The town has a history of salt panning and its landscape is also dotted with olive groves and pebbly beaches. Restaurants

line the waterfront and many serve seafood direct from the Adriatic, but you'll also notice the Italian influences with gelaterias and pizzerias.

Arrives On: 17 Jun 27

Day 21: Venice (Italy)

Today, you will arrive in Venice, a truly enchanting city that exudes an evocative atmosphere not found anywhere else in the world. Established in the 5th century, this romantic city was founded in the 5th century and stretches across 118 small islands of the marshy Venetian Lagoon. The grandeur of this city needs no introduction, from its legendary canals to magnificent St Mark's Basilica. It's a spectacular city to get lost in, with its maze-like alleyways and vibrant squares. Your luxury yacht will spend the evening in Venice, giving you the opportunity to settle into a quaint bar or cruise down a canal in a gondola when the city lights start begin to twinkle.

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Day 22: Venice (Italy)

Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes here. From your luxury yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. Please book your flight to depart out of Venice after 11:00 AM. 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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