Cruise Details

Name:	Epic Voyage: Athens to Rome
Reference:	EMERALD3G16240427-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	24 Apr 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	17 May 27
Arrives At:	Civitavecchia
Cruise Nights:	23
Total Vacation Days:	24

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 luxuryEmerald 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. Docked: 19:00

Arrives On: 24 Apr 27

Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

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. DiscoverMORE
Explore Mykonos Town Highlights on Foot (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the timeless charm of Mykonos on a leisurely walking tour through the island's enchanting capital, where traditional Cycladic architecture, rich history, and stunning coastal scenery come together.Explore the maze of whitewashed streets in Mykonos Town (Chora) as your guide shares fascinating insights into the island's culture and history. Along the way, admire the iconic Panagia Paraportiani, one of Greece's most photographed churches, and the charming Church of St. Nicholas, overlooking the old harbour. Continue through the picturesque waterfront district of Little Venice, where elegant historic houses line the sea, before reaching the famous Mykonos Windmills, offering panoramic views across the town and the sparkling Aegean.Pause to enjoy a traditional Greek cheese pie at a local bakery and a refreshing drink before free time to browse the boutiques, relax at a café, or continue exploring Mykonos Town at your own pace.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 07:30 – 19:00

Arrives On: 25 Apr 27

Day 3: Bodrum (Turkey)

Known for its stunning turquoise waters, pebbly and sand beaches, and vibrant nightlife, Bodrum, set along Turkey's southwest shores, attracts both local and international visitors year-round. This alluring town is also steeped in history and home to several historical sites, including the impressive Bodrum Castle, built by the Knights of St. John in the 15th century. The castle now houses the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, displaying artifacts from shipwrecks discovered in the Aegean Sea. DiscoverMORE
Turkish Cooking Class (extra expense)
Immerse yourself in the authentic flavours of the Aegean on a memorable culinary experience in the traditional village of Çömlekçi, where local recipes and warm hospitality bring Turkish cuisine to life.Travel through the scenic countryside surrounding Bodrum to the charming rural village of Çömlekçi. Here, discover the secrets of regional Aegean cooking, renowned for its use of fresh herbs, olive oil, and seasonal ingredients. Watch local cooks prepare a selection of traditional dishes, or join in for a hands-on cooking experience while learning about the area's culinary traditions. Recipes are provided for you to recreate the dishes at home. Following the demonstration, gather around communal tables to enjoy the freshly prepared meal accompanied by local wines, sharing stories and conversation in a relaxed village setting.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 5 hours DiscoverMORE
Knights' Castle and Mausoleum of Halicarnassus (extra expense)
Explore the remarkable history of Bodrum, where the legacy of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World meets one of Türkiye's finest medieval castles. Begin with a visit to the ruins of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, the monumental tomb built by Artemisia II in honour of King Mausolos. Once one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the mausoleum gave its name to all monumental tombs and

remains one of Bodrum’s most significant archaeological sites. Continue on foot to the impressive Castle of Bodrum, built by the Knights of St. John using stones from the ancient mausoleum. Explore its historic courtyards and the renowned Museum of Underwater Archaeology, where fascinating artefacts recovered from ancient shipwrecks span the Bronze Age to the Middle Ages, including the remains of a 13th-century BC Syrian merchant vessel and the exquisite treasures of the Carian Princess. Conclude your excursion with free time in the heart of Bodrum, where you can browse local shops, enjoy a café overlooking the harbour, or simply soak up the atmosphere of this vibrant seaside town.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 09:00–22:00

Arrives On: 26 Apr 27

Day 4: Rhodes (Greece)

The lovely Greek island of Rhodes harbours a rich history, evident in fascinating landmarks. These include the ancient Acropolis of Lindos and Palace of the Grand Master, one of the few examples of Gothic architecture in Greece, within the Medieval City of Rhodes, a designated World Heritage Site. Rhodes is also popular for its stunning natural scenery, extending to lovely sandy beaches lapped bycrystal-clear waters and lush green hills. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Lindos
Discover the timeless beauty of Lindos, where ancient history, breathtaking coastal scenery, and traditional island charm combine in one of Rhodes’ most iconic destinations. Travel along the island’s picturesque east coast, passing fragrant citrus groves, vineyards, and ancient olive trees before arriving at the beautiful village of Lindos. From here, make the ascent on foot to the magnificent Acropolis of Lindos, dramatically perched above the village and overlooking the sparkling Aegean Sea. Explore the impressive archaeological site, including the Doric Temple of Athena Lindia, the remains of a Byzantine church, and the fortifications built by the Knights of St. John, while enjoying spectacular panoramic views across the coastline. Afterwards, descend through the charming whitewashed village to the picturesque St. Paul’s Bay, traditionally associated with the Apostle Paul’s arrival in AD 51.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours 20 minutes EmeraldACTIVE
Walking Tour of Medieval Rhodes and Grand Master’s Palace
Step into the medieval heart of Rhodes, where imposing fortifications, grand palaces, and centuries of history await within one of Europe’s best-preserved walled cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided walk from the quayside into the historic Old Town, where narrow cobbled streets and medieval architecture reveal the legacy of the Knights of St. John. Visit the magnificent Palace of the Grand Master, originally built in the 14th century as the residence of the Knights before later serving as an Ottoman fortress and an Italian royal residence. Today, it stands as one of Rhodes’ most important historical landmarks. Continue along the famous Street of the Knights, lined with beautifully preserved inns representing the different nationalities of the Order, before concluding your guided tour with free time to browse the

lively Socrates Street bazaar, where local shops offer souvenirs, handicrafts, and traditional products. Following the guided tour, participants may either return to the ship with the group or remain in Rhodes Old Town to explore independently before making their own way back to the ship.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Docked: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 27 Apr 27

Day 5: Santorini (Greece)

One of the world’s most photogenic islands, Santorini enchants with its whitewashed buildings cascading down dramatic cliffs overlooking the Aegean. Arriving by sea at Santorini offers a breathtaking first impression. Visit the main town of Fira for breathtaking caldera views or charming Oia, where blue-domed churches and cascading bougainvillea create postcard-worthy scenes in narrow lanes. 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. DiscoverMORE
Akrotiri, Winery & Oia (extra expense)
Journey through the history, flavours, and iconic landscapes of Santorini as you discover one of the Aegean’s most captivating islands. Begin with a visit to the remarkable archaeological site of Akrotiri, often referred to as the ‘Greek Pompeii.’ Buried beneath volcanic ash following the island’s great eruption, this exceptionally preserved Bronze Age settlement reveals sophisticated multi-storey buildings, advanced drainage systems, and fascinating insights into one of the ancient Mediterranean’s most advanced civilisations. Continue to a traditional Santorini winery, where you will learn about the island’s unique volcanic viticulture and enjoy a tasting of locally produced wines while overlooking the spectacular caldera. Complete your excursion in the picturesque village of Oia, famous for its whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches, and breathtaking views across the volcanic caldera and Thirassia Island. Afterwards, continue to Fira, where you may either return with the group or remain to explore the island’s capital independently before taking the cable car back to the Old Port at your convenience.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes Included Excursion
Round-trip cable-car ticket to Thira
Experience one of Santorini’s most iconic journeys with a roundtrip cable car ride between the Old Port of Gialos and Fira, offering spectacular views over the island’s dramatic caldera. After tendering from the ship, proceed to the Old Port of Gialos, where the Santorini Cable Car (Teleferico) provides a quick and scenic ascent up the steep caldera cliffs, connecting the port with Fira, the island’s lively capital. As the gondola rises, enjoy sweeping views of volcanic rock faces, whitewashed villages perched high above the cliffs, and the deep blue Aegean Sea below. Upon arrival in Fira, time is available to explore independently—stroll along the caldera rim, browse local shops, enjoy panoramic viewpoints, or relax at a café overlooking the breathtaking scenery. When ready, use the return cable car ticket to descend comfortably back to the Old Port and tender back to the ship.
Activity Level: Easy,

Duration: At your leisure Anchored: 08:00–22:00

Arrives On: 28 Apr 27

Day 6: Khania (Greece)

Welcome to Chania, a charming coastal town located on the northwest coast of the Greek island of Crete. Chania is known for its picturesque Venetian harbour, narrow winding streets and vibrant atmosphere. The town boasts a rich history that is evident in itseclectic blend of architectural styles, with Venetian, Ottoman and Greek influences. Here, spend your day relaxing on one of the beautiful beaches, exploring historical sites, or hiking through lush landscapes. DiscoverMORE
Walking Tour of Chania with Cretan Olive Oil Tasting (extra expense)
Immerse yourself in the flavours and history of Crete as you combine an authentic olive oil experience with a visit to the charming town of Chania. Begin with a visit to a traditional olive estate, where you will learn about the cultivation, harvesting, and production of premium extra virgin olive oil. Discover both an innovative stone mill with hydraulic press and a modern cold-extraction system before enjoying a guided tasting of four distinctive olive oils, exploring the unique characteristics of different olive varieties and naturally infused oils. Continue to the picturesque Old Town of Chania, where Venetian, Ottoman, and Greek influences blend around the historic Venetian Harbour and its iconic 15th-century lighthouse. Enjoy a guided walk through the atmospheric streets before free time to browse the lively Municipal Market area, known for its herbs, local honey, olive products, and traditional Cretan delicacies.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Local folklore performance on board
Experience the vibrant spirit of Crete through an authentic onboard folklore performance celebrating the island’s rich musical and dance traditions. Enjoy an hour of captivating entertainment featuring four talented dancers performing a lively repertoire of traditional Greek dances.Accompanied by live traditional music, the performance showcases the rhythm, colour, and diversity of regional folklore, offering a memorable cultural experience inspired by the heritage of Crete.
Event duration: 1 hour Anchored: 08:00–19:00

Arrives On: 29 Apr 27

Day 7: Hydra (Greece)

Life slows down on Hydra. Renowned for its stunning natural beauty and historic charm, there are no cars or motor vehicles allowed on the island, making it a peaceful and low-key getaway from the usual hustle and bustle of urban life. It’s ideal for walking, hiking or getting around by donkey, admiring the stone mansions, pebbly beaches and clear turquoise waters. The island’s main centre, also named Hydra, presents a charming and bustling port town, brimming with narrow cobblestone streets and traditional, whitewashed

buildings adorned with bougainvillea-covered balconies. DiscoverMORE
A stroll through Hydra (extra expense)
Step into the heroic maritime history of Hydra, once a powerful naval force in the Aegean. In the late 18th century, the island's fleet of brigs, corvettes, and brigantines connected Mediterranean ports and later played a decisive role in Greece's War of Independence. These wooden ships and their fearless crews became known as 'the wooden walls of Greek Independence.Stroll through Hydra's picturesque harbour and narrow stone alleys, absorbing the atmosphere of a town shaped by seafaring tradition. Visit the Hydra Museum, where artefacts and exhibits vividly recount the island's naval legacy. Continue to the elegant Church of the Virgin Mary, distinguished by its Venetian-style bell tower and graceful dome overlooking the port. The experience concludes with a relaxed stop at a traditional taverna, where you enjoy authentic Greek meze accompanied by a glass of ouzo, embracing the island's warm hospitality and enduring spirit.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 09:00–22:00

Arrives On: 30 Apr 27

Day 8: Piraeus (Greece)

After breakfast, set off to explore Athens, the ancient Greek capital. Originally the epicentre of ancient Greece and birthplace of democracy and western civilisation, today, Athens is renowned for its historical legacies, such as the iconic Acropolis. However, you'll also be captivated by the capital's modern dynamism and vibrant local neighbourhoods.

In the afternoon, you'll be welcomed back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second part of your journey, ready to explore the stunning Adriatic region. DiscoverMORE
Athens City tour with Acropolis (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Experience the timeless wonders of Athens, where ancient history and authentic Greek flavours come together in an unforgettable journey through the city's most iconic landmarks. Begin with a guided visit to the magnificent Acropolis, ascending the sacred hill to admire the Parthenon, Erechtheion, Temple of Athena Nike, and Propylaea, while enjoying panoramic views over Athens and nearby landmarks including the Odeon of Herodes Atticus. Continue into the charming neighbourhood of Plaka, where narrow streets, neoclassical houses, and family-run shops create the perfect setting to experience traditional Athenian life. Stroll through the lively market streets while sampling a variety of authentic Greek specialities, including local cheeses, olives, savoury pies, pastries, olive oil, wine, and regional spirits, as your guide shares the story behind Greece's celebrated culinary traditions.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours Docked: 06:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 01 May 27

Day 9: Port information not found

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. DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Delphi (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Follow the scenic slopes of Mount Parnassos to Delphi, one of Greece's most important archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, once regarded as the centre of the ancient world. Visit the legendary Sanctuary of Apollo, where the famous oracle Pythia delivered her prophecies to pilgrims from across the ancient world. Walk along the Sacred Way, admire the impressive Temple of Apollo, the ancient Theatre, and the sacred Castalian Spring, where visitors once purified themselves before consulting the oracle. Continue to the Delphi Archaeological Museum, home to an exceptional collection of ancient treasures, including the famous Bronze Charioteer, one of the finest surviving masterpieces of classical Greek sculpture, and the Omphalos, believed by the ancient Greeks to mark the centre of the world. After exploring this remarkable sanctuary, depart for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 13:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 02 May 27

Day 9: Itea (Greece)

Arrives On: 02 May 27

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. DiscoverMORE
Lefkada tour with Faneromeni Monastery (extra expense)
Sample the flavours and traditions of Lefkada while exploring the island's spiritual heritage and vibrant capital. Begin with a visit to the peaceful Monastery of Faneromeni, Lefkada's most important religious site, beautifully set amidst pine forests overlooking the Ionian Sea. Discover its fascinating history, admire the traditional architecture, and enjoy time to explore the tranquil grounds. Continue to Lefkada Town, where you will savour a selection of local specialities showcasing the island's rich culinary

traditions. Afterwards, enjoy free time to stroll through the charming streets, browse local boutiques, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Flavors of Lefkada (extra expense)
Escape into the peaceful countryside of Lefkada for an authentic farm-to-table experience, where sustainable farming, traditional flavours, and hands-on cooking celebrate the island's rich culinary heritage. Travel to the island's only regenerative organic farm, a proud member of the Slow Food International network. During a guided walk, discover how traditional farming methods combine with modern sustainable practices before enjoying a guided tasting of the farm's award-winning extra virgin olive oil. Learn how to recognise premium-quality olive oil and gain practical tips for selecting and using it at home. Continue with a hands-on Greek cooking experience, preparing classic local dishes under the guidance of your hosts. Afterwards, relax and enjoy a delicious meal prepared with fresh seasonal ingredients, accompanied by locally produced wine. Before departing for the return journey, take time to explore the farm, browse local products, or simply unwind in the tranquil surroundings.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours 15 minutes Anchored: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 03 May 27

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. DiscoverMORE
Sightseeing tour of Meteora monasteries including a Greek lunch (extra expense)
Travel through the scenic landscapes of mainland Greece to the extraordinary Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where centuries-old monasteries crown towering sandstone pillars in one of the world's most remarkable cultural landscapes. Enjoy a scenic drive to Meteora, where monks first settled in the caves during the 11th century before establishing the first monasteries in the 14th century. Visit two monasteries, admiring their remarkable frescoes, gilded icons, intricate wood carvings, and priceless religious treasures while learning about the monastic way of life that continues today. Following your visits, continue to Kalambaka for a traditional Greek lunch before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 10 hours DiscoverMORE
Kayaking Adventure (extra expense)
Paddle along the spectacular coastline of Parga, discovering hidden coves, crystal-clear waters, and dramatic sea cliffs on an unforgettable sea kayaking adventure. After a short transfer to Ai Giannakis Beach, receive your safety briefing and equipment before setting off by kayak. Paddle through the turquoise waters, passing secluded bays and towering limestone cliffs while taking in views of Aphrodite's Sea Cave and the

picturesque harbour of Parga, overlooked by the small green island of Panagia. Pause for a short break to enjoy refreshments before continuing your journey through the area's beautiful islets and returning to Valtos Beach.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 04 May 27

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. DiscoverMORE
Guided walking tour of Corfu town (extra expense)
Wander through the timeless streets of Corfu Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Venetian elegance, rich history, and vibrant local life combine to create one of Greece's most enchanting historic centres. Pass beneath the historic Bonati Arch before exploring the atmospheric Jewish Quarter, home to a synagogue that reflects centuries of Corfu's multicultural heritage. Admire the elegant Town Hall, a fine example of Venetian architecture, and continue to the iconic Church of St. Spyridon, recognised by its distinctive red-domed bell tower and dedicated to the island's patron saint. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to browse local boutiques, relax at a café (own expense), or continue exploring the charming streets and hidden squares before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
4x4 adventure of the Corfiot countryside (extra expense)
Take the wheel and discover the hidden landscapes of Corfu on a self-drive 4x4 adventure through mountain villages, scenic viewpoints, and spectacular coastline. Drive through the seaside resorts of Kontokali, Gouvia, and Alykes before climbing winding mountain roads to the traditional village of Sokraki, one of the island's oldest settlements. Surrounded by olive groves and pine forests on the slopes of Mount Korakio, enjoy breathtaking views across the Ionian and Adriatic Seas. Continue through the picturesque villages of Troubetta, Vistonas, and Makrades, where traditional Corfiot life remains largely unchanged. Pause at a local restaurant in Lakones to enjoy a selection of traditional Greek meze while taking in panoramic views over the island. Your adventure concludes at the beautiful Paleokastritsa Bay, where you may enjoy a swim in the crystal-clear waters or simply relax beside one of Corfu's most picturesque bays before departing for the return journey.
This is a self-driving tour; a valid driving license is required and be over the age of 23 years old. For non EU guests an international driving license is required. Jeeps are equipped with manual gearboxes, not automatic.
Activity Level: Moderate,

Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Performance on board featuring Traditional Greek Dances
Experience the vibrant spirit of Greek culture during this lively onboard excursion celebrating both tradition and modern expression. The performance begins with authentic traditional dances from Corfu and the Ionian Islands, including Lefkada, Ithaca, and Kefalonia. Performed in colourful traditional costumes, each dance reflects the rhythm, history, and character of island life, offering genuine insight into local customs and heritage. The program continues with energetic modern Greek favourites, such as Syrtaki, Zorba, and Zeibekiko, bringing a contemporary flair to the celebration. You are warmly invited to participate in a short and enjoyable Syrtaki lesson, making it easy for everyone to join the fun — no prior experience required.
Duration: 40 minutes Docked: 23:30 (day prior) - 06:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 05 May 27

Day 13: Sarandë (Albania)

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. Included Excursion
Butrint UNESCO Ruins & Lekursi Castle Views
Follow the scenic coastline of southern Albania to discover the remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint, where ancient history and unspoilt natural beauty combine in one extraordinary setting. Travel through the fertile Vurgu Plain, passing Lake Butrint, a protected wetland renowned for its rich birdlife and biodiversity, before arriving at the ancient city of Butrint. Once a thriving Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Venetian settlement, this remarkable archaeological site invites you to explore its fascinating ruins, including temples, theatres, and ancient city walls, while your guide reveals the story of more than two thousand years of history. Continue to Lekursi Castle, a magnificent 16th-century Ottoman fortress perched high above Sarandë. From its commanding position, enjoy spectacular panoramic views across the Ionian Sea, Sarandë, and the island of Corfu. Relax with refreshments at the castle before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 09:00 - 13:30

Arrives On: 06 May 27

Day 14: Kotor (Montenegro)

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. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option. EmeraldACTIVE
Explore Historic Kotor on foot
Join a small group for an exhilarating adventure climbing the formidable city walls of Kotor, accompanied by an experienced guide. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979, the City Walls of Kotor span nearly 5 kilometers, encircling the city and offering adventurous souls breathtaking vistas of the Bay of Kotor and the historic Old Town. Meet your guide at the pier and set out on foot towards the entrance of the walls, adorned with a blend of well-preserved ramparts, gates, churches, and fortresses. As you commence your ascent along the rugged paths, delve into the past as your knowledgeable guide animates the history of these formidable fortifications and their pivotal role in safeguarding the city during numerous sieges. Take a well-deserved break midway to capture stunning photos of the panoramic views below. Then, resume your climb to the summit, where the impeccably preserved fortress of St. John awaits, offering a breathtaking panorama of the harbor and the charming red rooftops of the Old Town. Take a moment to marvel at the awe-inspiring scenery before beginning your descent back to the Old Town, filled with unforgettable memories of your ascent.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Our Lady of the Rocks and walking tour of Kotor (extra expense)
A relaxing boat ride carries you across the breathtaking Bay of Kotor to the legendary island of Our Lady of the Rocks, a man-made islet steeped in maritime tradition. Visit the charming church and learn about the centuries-old custom of seafarers who gradually created the island by sinking stones and ships in honour of a sacred icon. Continue to the elegant town of Perast, known for its well-preserved Baroque architecture and picturesque waterfront. Stroll along cobblestone streets and enjoy the timeless atmosphere before visiting the Maritime Museum, where exhibits reveal the rich naval heritage of Montenegro and the strategic importance of the Bay of Kotor in European trade and naval history. The journey then returns to Kotor for a guided walking tour of its UNESCO-listed Old Town. Explore narrow medieval lanes, visit historic churches, and uncover the stories that shaped this fortified coastal city nestled between mountains and sea.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 09:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 07 May 27

Day 15: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

After breakfast, enjoy time at leisure to explore Dubrovnik, known as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic' and a dazzling gem along the Dalmatian Coast. Admire the stunning views of the sparkling Adriatic Sea and take a stroll through the walled Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Europe's finest examples of a well-preserved medieval citadel. In the afternoon, you'll be welcomed back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and set sail towards Split, enjoying the scenic splendours and historical charms of the beautiful Dalmatian Coast. DiscoverMORE
Dubrovnik & Cavtat (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Explore two of Croatia's most enchanting coastal towns,

where medieval history, magnificent architecture, and Adriatic scenery create an unforgettable experience. A scenic drive brings you to Pile Gate, the grand entrance to Dubrovnik Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Follow your guide along the famous Stradun, discovering the city's rich history and architectural treasures. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, home to a beautiful cloister and one of Europe's oldest working pharmacies, founded in 1317, while admiring the elegant exteriors of Dubrovnik's most celebrated landmarks. Continue with a panoramic drive to the charming seaside town of Cavtat, nestled on a picturesque bay between two peninsulas. Enjoy free time to stroll along the waterfront promenade, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey. A brief stop will be made at the airport for guests ending their cruise.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 45 minutes Docked: 07:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 08 May 27

Day 16: 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. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Split with Meštrovic Gallery
Discover the artistic and historical treasures of Split, where Roman architecture, medieval landmarks, and Croatian art combine in one of the Adriatic's most fascinating cities. A panoramic drive leads to the elegant Meštrovic Gallery, the former residence of Croatia's most celebrated sculptor, Ivan Meštrovic. Today, the villa houses an impressive collection of his sculptures and artworks, displayed throughout the historic residence and its tranquil gardens. Continue into the heart of Split Old Town, built around the remarkable 4th-century Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk through its atmospheric stone streets to visit the Cathedral of St. Domnius (St. Duje), one of the world's oldest cathedrals, originally constructed as the mausoleum of Emperor Diocletian. Visit the Temple of Jupiter and admire landmarks including the Peristyle Square, Golden Gate, and Silver Gate before enjoying free time near Split's lively open-air market to browse local stalls or explore at your own pace. You may return with the group or remain in the Old Town for independent exploration.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours EmeraldPLUS
Klapa Perfomance on Board
Experience the timeless sounds of Dalmatia with an authentic Klapa performance, one of Croatia's most treasured musical traditions and recognised by UNESCO as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Enjoy an enchanting performance by a traditional Klapa ensemble, whose powerful a cappella harmonies bring to life songs inspired by love, the sea, and the rich cultural heritage of the Dalmatian coast. This captivating musical tradition has been passed down

through generations and offers a memorable insight into Croatia's enduring folklore.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour Docked: 08:00 – 23:59

Arrives On: 09 May 27

Day 17: Hvar Island (Croatia)

The heart of Hvar is the Old Town; while this has developed as a modern-day hotspot, it reveals multiple layers of history and architectural wonders. The Old Town of Hvar presents a photogenic jumble of whitewashed buildings topped with terracotta roofs, and beyond, scenic rolling hills peppered with lavender fields, olive groves, and grapevines. DiscoverMORE
Hvar Island tour (extra expense)
Travel across the beautiful island of Hvar, where historic towns, fertile countryside, and local traditions reveal the authentic character of one of Croatia's most celebrated islands. Enjoy a scenic drive to Stari Grad, one of Europe's oldest towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its picturesque harbour and rich history dating back to the 2nd century BC. Join a guided walk through its charming streets before enjoying free time to explore at your own pace. Continue to the traditional village of Dol, where you will visit a local farm to sample regional specialities and locally produced wine. As you return towards Hvar Town, admire magnificent views over the Pakleni Islands before joining a guided walk through the historic centre. Discover the elegant Cathedral of St. Stephen and the exterior of the Franciscan Monastery while wandering the town's narrow stone streets before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Speedboat Adventure Pakleni Islands (extra expense)
Enjoy a relaxed half-day escape from Hvar and experience the beauty of the Adriatic coastline and nearby islands. Set sail from Hvar and cruise along the scenic shoreline toward the charming village of Milna, where you can enjoy a leisurely stroll, coffee break, and authentic island atmosphere. Continue your journey to the stunning Pakleni Islands, a true Adriatic gem famous for its turquoise bays, hidden coves, and crystal-clear waters. Here, you'll have ample time to swim, snorkel, or unwind while surrounded by pristine nature. This experience offers a perfect combination of coastal cruising, island charm, and relaxation, ideal for discovering the highlights of Hvar's surroundings in just a few unforgettable hours.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 10 May 27

Day 18: Monopoli (Italy)

Tracing its origins back to 545 AD when it was founded by the Greeks, Monopoli is a melting pot of Byzantine, Venetian, and Turkish influence. Located in Puglia, on Italy's south-eastern coast, Monopoli's charming harbour, which is busy with fishermen, is surrounded by medieval stone walls and a 16th century fortress. Take a walk on lungomare, the seafront promenade that wraps around

the town, take a dip at Cala Porta Vecchia, the town’s main beach or visit The Church of the Purgatory, a Baroque chapel which houses mummified remains of past citizens. DiscoverMORE
Discover the Trulli of Alberobello (extra expense)
Step into the fairy-tale world of Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its enchanting trulli—the iconic whitewashed stone houses topped with distinctive conical roofs that have become a symbol of Puglia. Enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque Apulian countryside, where ancient olive groves and rolling fields lead to this unique historic town. Upon arrival, join your guide for a walk through Alberobello's charming streets, discovering the fascinating history of the trulli, originally built in the 15th century using traditional dry-stone construction techniques. Following the guided tour, enjoy free time to wander the narrow lanes, browse local boutiques and artisan shops, sample authentic Italian gelato, or simply soak up the atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00 – 14:00

Arrives On: 11 May 27

Day 19: Corfu (Greece)

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. DiscoverMORE
Guided Walking Tour of Corfu Town (extra expense)
Wander through the timeless streets of Corfu Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Venetian elegance, rich history, and vibrant local life combine to create one of Greece's most enchanting historic centres. Pass beneath the historic Bonati Arch before exploring the atmospheric Jewish Quarter, home to a synagogue that reflects centuries of Corfu's multicultural heritage. Admire the elegant Town Hall, a fine example of Venetian architecture, and continue to the iconic Church of St. Spyridon, recognised by its distinctive red-domed bell tower and dedicated to the island's patron saint. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to browse local boutiques, relax at a café (own expense), or continue exploring the charming streets and hidden squares before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
4X4 Adventure of the Corfiot Countryside (extra expense)
Take the wheel and discover the hidden landscapes of Corfu on a self-drive 4x4 adventure through mountain villages, scenic viewpoints, and spectacular coastline. Drive through the seaside resorts of Kontokali, Gouvia, and Alykes before climbing winding mountain roads to the traditional village of Sokraki, one of the island's oldest settlements. Surrounded by olive groves and pine forests on the slopes of Mount Korakio, enjoy breathtaking views across the Ionian and Adriatic Seas. Continue through the picturesque villages of Troubetta, Vistonas, and Makrades, where traditional Corfiot life remains largely unchanged.

Pause at a local restaurant in Lakones to enjoy a selection of traditional Greek meze while taking in panoramic views over the island. Your adventure concludes at the beautiful Paleokastritsa Bay, where you may enjoy a swim in the crystal-clear waters or simply relax beside one of Corfu's most picturesque bays before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00 – 23:00

Arrives On: 12 May 27

Day 21: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Nestled 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 known for its beautiful sandy beaches, clear aquamarine waters and a vibrant waterfront promenade lined with restaurants, shops, and cafés popular with locals and visitors alike. Giardini Naxos also harbours a rich tapestry of history, with archaeological sites dating back to ancient Greek and Roman times and is near to 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 hours Anchored: 07:30 – 18:00

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 22: Amalfi (Italy)

Built into the cliffside of the Amalfi Coast, overlooking the azure waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea, the town of Amalfi is known for its stunning views but also has a rich history. Its striking cathedral, the Duomo di Amalfi, dates to the 9th century and features intricate Byzantine mosaics. Explore the historic centre of Amalfi, with its narrow alleyways, colourful buildings, and quaint shops selling local ceramics. In the evening we’ll sail overnight in Sorrento. 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 Anchored: 13:00 – 19:00

Arrives On: 15 May 27

Day 23: Sorrento (Italy)

Another steep, cliffside town of the Amalfi Coast with a hotchpotch of pastel-coloured buildings that teeter over the sea, Sorrento is a mix of breathtaking scenery, delicious cuisine, and charming historic villas. Sorrento boasts breathtaking views of the Bay of Naples and imposing Mount Vesuvius across the water, with a coastline filled with colourful parasols. The town's centre is filled with atmospheric narrow streets, lined with shops selling traditional products, such as ceramics and limoncello, a liqueur 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: 22:30 (day prior) – 15:00

Arrives On: 16 May 27

Day 24: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Your luxurious yacht cruise returns to Civitavecchia, an ancient seaport which traces its origins back to the 2nd century AD. Here, your memorable journey concludes, and you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday. 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

Notes: This excursion is available for guests continuing on the next cruise. DiscoverMORE
Rome Tour & Transfer (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Make the most of your final day with a journey from Civitavecchia to Rome, combining a comfortable transfer with the opportunity to experience some of the Eternal City's most celebrated landmarks before continuing to the airport. Travel through the scenic Etruscan countryside along the Tyrrhenian Coast before meeting your guide in Rome. Enjoy a guided orientation featuring exterior views of iconic sights including the magnificent Colosseum, the historic Roman Forum, and the beautiful Trevi Fountain, while learning about the fascinating history behind these world-famous monuments. Following your visit, continue directly to Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport (FCO) for your onward flight.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours & 30 minutes

Notes: Available only to participants on flights departing from FCO after 4:30 pm. Luggage will remain securely stored on the coach throughout the excursion. Please book your flight to depart out of Rome 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 be operated unaltered from the itinerary states above.

Arrives On: 17 May 27

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