



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
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Departs On:	24 Apr 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	17 May 27
Arrives At:	Civitavecchia
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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 luxury Emerald 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: 24 Apr 27

Day 2: Delos (Greece)

A small rocky island at the heart of the stunning Cyclades archipelago, Delos is one of the most important mythological and archaeological sites in Greece and a World Heritage-listed Site believed to be the birthplace of the Greek God Apollo and his twin sister,

Artemis. Wander among remarkably preserved ruins, grand mosaics and ancient temples that paint a vivid picture of classical civilisation. </p><p>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 3: Bodrum (Turkey)

<p><p>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. </p><p>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. </p></p>

Arrives On: 26 Apr 27

Day 4: Rhodes (Greece)

<p><p>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 by crystal-clear waters and lush green hills. </p></p>

Arrives On: 27 Apr 27

Day 5: Santorini (Greece)

<p><p>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.

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 its eclectic 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.

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.

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.

Arrives On: 01 May 27

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Day 19: Corfu (Greece)

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Please book your flight to depart out of Rome after 01:00 PM.

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