Cruise Details

Name:	Mediterranean Enchantment
Reference:	EMERALDE01D231027-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	23 Oct 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	30 Oct 27
Arrives At:	Dubrovnik
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your cruise begins in the bustling Greek capital, Athens. The birthplace of democracy and Western civilisation, it’s home to some of the ancient world’s most famous landmarks.
Here, you’ll be transferred to your Emerald luxury yacht to embark on a voyage through intriguing cities and extraordinary coastlines. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 06:00 PM. Docked: 23:00

Arrives On: 23 Oct 27

Day 2: 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: 24 Oct 27

Day 2: Itea (Greece)

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Day 3: 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: 25 Oct 27

Day 4: 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: 26 Oct 27

Day 5: 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: 27 Oct 27

Day 6: 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: 28 Oct 27

Day 7: 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: 29 Oct 27

Day 8: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Your time on board comes to an end in the dazzling city of Dubrovnik, along Croatia’s stunning Dalmatian Coast. Coined the ‘Pearl of the Adriatic,’ this World Heritage-listed city is renowned for its breathtaking architecture, with red terracotta-tiled roofs and pale stone walls striking against the turquoise waters lapping below. From your luxury yacht, you’ll be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. 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

Note: This excursion is available for guests continuing on to the next cruise and for disembarking guests with flights departing after 4:00 pm. Luggage will be stored on the coach. Please book your flight to depart out of Dubrovnik after 12:00 PM. Docked: 08:00 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: 30 Oct 27

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