



Cruise Details

Name:	The Histories of the Mediterranean
Reference:	EMERALDE03G181025-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	18 Oct 25
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	30 Oct 25
Arrives At:	Larnaca
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Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Fly from the UK to Athens. Your mesmerising journey of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus begins in Athens, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht. Athens, the capital city of Greece, is a remarkable blend of ancient history and modern dynamism. Flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM.

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Day 2: Delos (Greece)

Delos, a small rocky island in the heart of the Cyclades archipelago, is one of the most important mythological and archaeological sites in Greece. In the afternoon, you will venture to Mykonos. The island's allure lies in its blend of traditional Greek culture and cosmopolitan flair. Whitewashed houses with vibrant blue doors line the winding streets of Mykonos Town. **Discover MORE** Guided tour of Delos (extra

expense, must be pre-booked)
Set foot on a journey to the sacred island of Delos, a cradle of ancient Greek mythology and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delos holds a unique place in history, believed to be the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Explore the extensive site, where each step reveals the layers of history, from ancient sanctuaries to the remnants of prosperous civilizations.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

2.4 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Island tour of Mykonos,

Ano Mera Monastery and wine tasting experience (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Begin your adventure in the traditional village of Ano Mera and explore the 16th-century Monastery of Panagia Tourliani, dedicated to Mykonos' patron saint. Admire intricate icons depicting scenes from the New Testament and unravel the monastery's rich history. Indulge your senses in the flavours of Greece with a wine tasting experience at a Mykonian Farm. Conclude your tour in the iconic Mykonos town, a labyrinth of whitewashed buildings and narrow streets.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 07:30 - 11:00 | 12:30 - 22:00</p></p>

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Day 3: Milos (Greece)

<p><p>Milos is a Greek island known for its unique natural beauty. It's often referred to as the 'Island of Colours' due to its diverse soil shades, including yellow, orange, red, and dazzling white – even more vibrant against the backdrop of turquoise waters. It's also the original home of the iconic marble statue of Venus of Milo. Unearthed in 1820, the statue is now on display at the Louvre Museum in Paris, but Milos's archaeological museum houses a replica.</p></p>

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Landscapes of Milos (extra expense)
Start from the harbour along the dramatic Milos coastline toward Papafranga, explore Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. Stroll through the village to admire its traditional architecture and sample some homemade sweets at a few of the village's local pastry shops. Visit the ruins of ancient Melos and its Roman amphitheatre, stop at the site where the Venus of Milo was discovered before strolling around the Plaka, the traditional capital of Milos.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.5 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 21:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 20 Oct 25

Day 4: Santorini (Greece)

One of the most photogenic islands in the world, Santorini is an eye-catching place with whitewashed buildings clustered on top of soaring cliffs rising out of the ocean. Santorini is renowned for the beauty of its iconic architecture, domed rooftops, volcanic-sand beaches and world-famous sunsets.

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Akrotiri, Oia and winery visit (extra expense)

Explore the remnants of the prehistoric city of Akrotiri, often hailed as the "Greek Pompeii," embark on a sensory journey at one of the most famous wineries, perched above the port of Athinios and overlooking the breathtaking Santorini caldera. Indulge in a wine-tasting experience, savouring the distinct flavours of Santorini's renowned wines. Conclude your adventure in the charming village of Oia, celebrated for its iconic whitewashed houses before arriving to Thira, the capital of the island.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 21 Oct 25

Day 5: Pátmos (Greece)

Patmos is a small Greek island in the Aegean Sea steeped in religious history. The Monastery of Saint John the Theologian, a UNESCO World Heritage site, towers over the island's capital, Chora. Nearby you'll find the Cave of the Apocalypse, where, according to tradition, Saint John the Theologian wrote the Book of Revelation. The local cuisine of Patmos is a delightful mix of traditional Greek dishes and fresh seafood. Today choose between our Included Excursion or our EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

Chora, Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse

The tour begins with a visit to the Cave of the Apocalypse, the site where the Book of Revelation, the final book of the Holy Bible, was conceived. After, drive to the historic village of Chora, the island's capital home to the 11th-century Monastery of Saint John the Theologian. From the Monastery, stroll through Chora's charming winding cobbled streets to the house of Simandiris where you will enjoy a unique experience, exploring the interior of a traditional Patmian home.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

EmeraldACTIVE

Downhill hike

Start your adventure with a scenic drive to Chora, a picturesque village that unfolds like a beautiful painting. Adorned with radiant white houses, Chora provides a striking contrast to the imposing Monastery of St. John. Step inside the Monastery, a bastion of faith featuring thick walls, battlements, and eight chapels. Stroll through the Old Town of Chora, a maze of narrow streets and delightful squares and visit to the Cave of the Apocalypse, the sacred site of the Revelation's origin—the final book of the Holy Bible.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours

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Local folklore performance on board

A talented Patmian band, featuring both musicians and dancers, will treat you to an unforgettable evening of traditional music and dance. This folkloric ensemble will take you on a journey through the island's rich culture and history, performing to the captivating rhythms of Greece.

Duration: 1 hour

Docked: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 22 Oct 25

Day 6: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Visiting Kusadasi offers a fascinating blend of history, beautiful beaches, and vibrant markets. Its history dates to ancient times, with early settlements by the Lelegians and Carians around 3000 BC. The town has seen many rulers, including the Byzantines, Venetians, and Genoese.

DiscoverMORE Priene, Miletus and Didyma (extra expense) Embark on a journey through time as you explore the captivating ancient cities of Priene, Miletus, and Didyma. Step back in time as you wander the streets of Priene, one of the first cities to be meticulously planned with a grid system. Continuing with a 45-minute drive to the ancient city of Miletus, once a thriving metropolis on the Anatolian trade routes. Explore the legacy of renowned philosophers and architects. Indulge in a delicious lunch at a local restaurant with panoramic views of the magnificent Temple of Apollo in Didyma. Marvel at the awe-inspiring scale of this sacred site, where ancient worshippers sought divine guidance and inspiration.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 6.5 hours

DiscoverMORE Guided tour of Ephesus (extra expense) Embark on an extraordinary excursion to the legendary city of Ephesus, a treasure trove of ancient wonders and archaeological marvels that have stood the test of time. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Ephesus at a local cooperative. Witness a captivating folklore show performed by talented folk-dance students and indulge in a delectable array of local delicacies prepared with fresh, local ingredients.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 23 Oct 25

Day 7: Kos (Greece)

Kos is a Greek island just four kilometres off the coast of Bodrum, Turkey. It's the birthplace of Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, and home to several historic ruins, including an ancient agora, a Roman Odeon, and the Asklepion, an ancient healing temple.

DiscoverMORE Asclepion and Zia village with winery visit (extra expense) Our adventure begins at the Asklepieion, an extraordinary sanctuary established in 460 B.C. in honour of Asclepius, the God of Medicine. Venture into the charming village of Zia, perched on the slopes of Mount Dikaion. With its narrow winding streets and traditional houses, Zia captures the authentic essence of rural Kos. The highlight of your excursion awaits at Winery, where you'll savour a wine tasting experience unlike any other.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 24 Oct 25

Day 8: Rhodes (Greece)

The Medieval City of Rhodes, known as the 'Island of Knights', is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Encircled within a four-kilometre length of wall, the city's medieval buildings, the Street of the Knights, and the Palace of the Grand Master make you feel like you're in the Middle Ages. Rhodes is also famous for delicious local dishes – try the melekouni (a traditional sweet) and pitaroudia (chickpea fritters).

DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Lindos (extra expense)
Immerse yourself in the allure of Lindos as you ascend to the Acropolis on foot for the intrepid explorers. At the summit, unlock the secrets of the past as you explore the remnants of ancient civilizations. Let the charming ambiance of whitewashed houses and narrow streets transport you to a bygone era, creating a perfect backdrop for exploration and relaxation.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5 hours

DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Medieval Rhodes and the Grand Masters Palace (extra expense)
Commence your exploration at the awe-inspiring Palace of the Grand Masters, a fortress with roots tracing back to the 14th century. Follow the enchanting Knight's Street and wander through the medieval essence of the old town, as the cobbled street unveils the stories and heritage of these noble warriors. Immerse yourself in the unique atmosphere of this esteemed World Heritage site.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 16:00

Arrives On: 25 Oct 25

Day 9: Antalya (Turkey)

The cityscape of Antalya is a mesmerising blend of azure skies, dense forests, and the blue Mediterranean Sea. The Taurus Mountains provide a contrast to the city's sun-soaked beaches, making Antalya a paradise for nature lovers. Antalya's rich history unfolds in its well-preserved old town, Kaleiçi, where Roman-era harbour walls, Hellenistic gates, and Ottoman-era houses pay homage to the city's storied past.

DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Antalya and visit to the Mosque (extra expense)
Begin your adventure with a picturesque drive from the harbour to the enchanting old town of Antalya, also known as Kaleici. Visit the Sehzade Korkut Mosque, a remarkable example of Seljuk and Ottoman design. After experiencing the rich culture and history of the old town, you can take a refreshing break at a local restaurant, where you can sip on freshly squeezed orange juice while gazing out at the captivating Mediterranean Sea.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

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Perge & Aspendos (extra expense)
Stroll through the well-preserved ruins of Perge, including the magnificent Roman theatre, the Hellenistic gate, and the impressive colonnaded avenues. Take a brief drive to Aspendos, another remarkable ancient site celebrated for its well-preserved Roman theatre. You'll also have the opportunity to discover other nearby ruins, including the basilica, agora, and aqueduct.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Docked: 09:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 26 Oct 25

Day 10: Alanya (Turkey)

This beach-resort city is a district of Antalya Province in Turkey. It boasts beautiful beaches with long stretches of golden sand and a picturesque backdrop of Taurus Mountains. Alanya has a rich history dating back to the 13th century. The city's ancient sites are a testament to its past, with landmarks like the Alanya Castle, Red Tower, and the shipyard.

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Alanya's Castle and Damlatas caves (extra expense)

Our adventure begins at the majestic Alanya Castle, an impressive fortress perched atop a rocky promontory that overlooks the vibrant azure waters of the Mediterranean. After descending from the heights of Alanya Castle, we will make our way to the enchanting Damlatas Cave, a hidden gem nestled at the foot of the castle hill. Step into the cool embrace of this natural wonder, where stalactites and stalagmites create a mystical underground realm, filled with shimmering rock formations that mesmerize the senses.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 14:00

Arrives On: 27 Oct 25

Day 11: Limassol (Cyprus)

Limassol is known for its rich culture, which is a blend of Greek, Turkish, and British influences. The Akrotiri Salt Lake and wetlands, just south of Limassol, are a haven for birdwatchers, especially in winter when flocks of flamingos congregate.

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Paphos monuments tour (extra expense)

As we drive along the scenic coast road from Limassol to Paphos, our first stop is at Petra tou Romiou, the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite. Next, we will explore the Paphos Archaeological Park, home to the rich history of the town, including the magnificent villas known as the House of Dionysos, Aion, and Thyseus. Tour duration: 5 hours

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 5 hours

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Walking in Kourion and visit the Apollo Hylates Sanctuary (extra expense)

Our journey begins at the ancient city-kingdom of Kourion, a true treasure trove of historical wonders. Just 3 kilometers west of Kourion, we will visit the Sanctuary of Apollo Hylatis. Our next destination is the vibrant city of Limassol. With its picturesque Mediterranean waterfront, a wealth of cultural attractions, and captivating historical sites, it is a bustling metropolis.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 28 Oct 25

Day 12: Larnaca (Cyprus)

Larnaca is the third largest city in Cyprus and was built over the ancient ruins of the city of Kition. It is a place where past and present blend into a delightful mosaic of sun and culture. It is a

destination that amazes every guest with its diversity, its special atmosphere and the hospitality of its people.

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Nicosia tour (extra expense)

Embark on a captivating drive through the town of Nicosia, passing by the Venetian Wall, the Liberty Monument, and the Archbishopric. Stroll around in Laiki Yitonia with its charming winding alleys, traditional houses, shops, restaurants and galleries before heading to the enchanting village of Choirokitia. Meet Petros, specialized chef in classic Cypriot cuisine. Learn the art of Halloumi and Anari cheese making, savour the exquisite flavours of homemade bread and locally sourced products.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 6 hours

Docked: 08:00 - overnight

Arrives On: 29 Oct 25

Day 13: Larnaca (Cyprus)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Larnaca, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday.

Flight to depart out of Larnaca after 11:00 AM.

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