



Cruise Details

Name:	Classical Greece
Reference:	EMERALDE06G250726-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	25 Jul 26
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	01 Aug 26
Arrives At:	Piraeus
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your cruise begins in Greece and Athens, the ancient Greek capital that presents a remarkable blend of rich tradition and modern dynamism. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to start your memorable voyage. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 19:00

Arrives On: 25 Jul 26

Day 2: Delos (Greece)

A small rocky island at the heart of the Cyclades archipelago, Delos is one of the most important mythological and archaeological sites in Greece and a UNESCO World Heritage-listed Site. In the afternoon, you'll sail on to Mykonos, a world-famous island whose allure lies in its blend of traditional Greek culture and cosmopolitan flair. Whitewashed houses with vibrant blue doors that line the atmospheric streets of Mykonos Town add to the charm, so too, the island's historic

windmills. </p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Delos
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: 2.30 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Mykonos Town & Mosaic Art Experience (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the creative soul of Mykonos on this immersive mosaic workshop led by celebrated local artist Irene Syriano. Stroll through the winding lanes of Mykonos Town to the tranquil Cine Manto garden, where you'll step into the timeless art of mosaic-making. Under Irene's expert guidance, learn to hand-cut and shape tiles, crafting your own unique piece while exploring the fascinating history of mosaics—from ancient Greece to modern sustainability. Afterward, enjoy a relaxed walk-through town and free time to browse, photograph, or simply soak in the island's vibrant charm.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours</p><p><p>Offshore/Docked: 12.30 - 19:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 26 Jul 26

Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

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Day 3: Bodrum (Turkey)

<p><p>Known for its stunning turquoise waters, white sandy beaches, and vibrant nightlife, Bodrum, along Turkey's southwest shores, attracts both local and international visitors year-round. </p><p>The town is 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, highlighting artifacts from shipwrecks discovered in the Aegean Sea. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Turkish cooking class (extra expense)
Immerse yourself in the art of Turkish cooking as local culinary experts guide you through immersive cooking sessions. Choose to observe or actively participate in preparing traditional dishes, all while sipping on a glass of wine and soaking in the culinary wisdom passed through generations. Depart with more than just memories; take home a collection of written recipes that capture the essence of the feast you've prepared. With these culinary treasures in hand, you can recreate the magic of Turkish cuisine in your own kitchen.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 5 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Knights' Castle and Mausoleum of Halicarnassus (extra expense)
Embark on a captivating journey through Bodrum, as you explore its ancient wonders. Start with a short bus ride to the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Marvel at the remains of this monumental tomb, built by Artemisia II for her husband, King Mausolus. Next, visit the Castle of Bodrum, a medieval fortress constructed from stones of the mausoleum. Explore its historic walls

and exhibits, including the Sunken Boat Museum, which showcases maritime artifacts from various epochs. Conclude your excursion with leisure time in Bodrum's charming centre, where you can stroll through bustling streets or relax at a seaside café.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours
Docked: 09:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 27 Jul 26

Day 4: Rhodes (Greece)

The lovely Greek island of Rhodes harbors a rich history, boasting fascinating landmarks such as the ancient Acropolis of Lindos, the Palace of the Grand Master in Rhodes Town, and the medieval Old Town, which is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rhodes also entices visitors with its stunning natural scenery, boasting sandy beaches lapped by crystal-clear waters, and lush green hillsides.

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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: Moderate, Duration: 4.5

hours
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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 - 17:00

Arrives On: 28 Jul 26

Day 5: Santorini (Greece)

One of the most photogenic islands in the world, stunning Santorini is an eye-catching destination, iconic for its whitewashed buildings clustered atop soaring cliffs rising out of the Sea. This hugely popular volcanic island is renowned for the striking beauty of its gleaming white architecture and domed rooftops found throughout the traditional hillside villages, and legendary 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 - 22:00

Arrives On: 29 Jul 26

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 harbor, narrow winding streets, and vibrant atmosphere. The town has a rich history that is evident in its blend of architectural styles, including Venetian, Ottoman, and Greek influences. Here, you can enjoy a range of activities, including relaxing on one of the beautiful beaches and exploring historical sites, such as ancient ruins and museums.

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Walking Tour of Chania with Cretan Olive Oil Tasting (extra expense)
Embark on a journey where flavour meets tradition. Discover the art of olive cultivation and harvesting as you unravel the secrets behind premium olive oil production. Learn how to read and understand olive oil labels while gaining insight into quality standards that distinguish exceptional extra virgin olive oil. Enjoy a guided tasting of four distinct olive oils, served by the glass, where you'll explore the rich organoleptic profiles of two unique olive varieties alongside two naturally infused oils.
Next, journey to the enchanting town of Chania, gracefully wrapped around its iconic Venetian Harbour and 15th-century lighthouse. Wander through charming narrow streets lined with architecture shaped by centuries of diverse cultural influence. Make your way to the vibrant heart of the Old Town and stroll through the bustling marketplace, where aromatic herbs, locally produced honey, and a wealth of traditional products await. A perfect blend of culture, flavour, and history—before your return to port.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

3.45 hours
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Guided visit of Chania and Botanical Gardens (extra expense)
Discover the rich history and natural beauty of Crete on this guided tour through charming Chania and its lush botanical gardens. Begin in the heart of Chania's Old Town, where Venetian, Ottoman, and Greek influences shape the architecture and atmosphere. Stroll through the lively marketplace filled with local herbs, honey, and traditional products. After some free time to explore or shop, continue to the tranquil Botanical Park, where winding paths lead through vibrant displays of fruit trees, native herbs, and aromatic plants—offering a peaceful, sensory journey into Crete's diverse flora.
Activity Level:

Moderate, Duration: 4.15 hours
EmeraldPLUS
Local folklore performance on board
Experience the heart and soul of Crete through a captivating onboard folklore performance. In this lively cultural showcase, four talented dancers will take you on a rhythmic journey through the island's rich heritage. Dressed in traditional attire and accompanied by live music, they will perform a variety of authentic dances representing the vibrant spirit of Greek folk traditions.
Event duration: 1 hour

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 30 Jul 26

Day 7: Hydra (Greece)

Renowned for its stunning natural beauty and historic charm, this picturesque island is distinctive for its rugged terrain, clear turquoise waters, and lush greenery. The main centre, also named Hydra, is a charming and bustling port town brimming with narrow cobblestone streets and traditional, whitewashed buildings adorned with bougainvillea-covered balconies. 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 city life.

EmeraldACTIVE
Discover the Island's Wild Beauty
Uncover the untamed charm of Hydra on a guided hiking tour that blends scenic exploration with local insight. Led by a knowledgeable guide, you'll journey along tranquil trails that reveal the island's hidden gems—breathtaking viewpoints, rugged coastlines, and stories rooted in centuries of history. The hike adjusts to the group's pace, making it suitable for both relaxed walkers and those seeking a bit more adventure. With energy bars and water provided along the way, you'll be free to take in the pristine Aegean surroundings and enjoy an authentic taste of Hydra's natural and cultural heritage.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours
EmeraldACTIVE
A stroll through Hydra
Step back into the heroic past of Hydra – once a proud maritime powerhouse of the Aegean. In the late 18th century, the island's impressive fleet of brigs, corvettes, and brigantines connected ports across the Mediterranean and played a vital role in Greece's struggle for independence. Today, Hydra invites you to experience this rich legacy firsthand. Wander through its charming harbor and cobbled alleys, where history blends effortlessly with timeless island beauty. Discover the island's seafaring heritage at the Hydra Museum, where captivating artifacts and exhibits bring its naval story vividly to life. Visit the elegant Church of the Virgin Mary, distinguished by its Venetian bell tower and graceful dome – a serene symbol of the island's cultural heritage.
Complete your journey with a relaxed stop at a traditional taverna, savoring authentic Greek meze and a glass of ouzo while soaking up Hydra's warm hospitality and unmistakable charm – an unforgettable blend of history, culture, and island atmosphere. Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 2.30 hours
Offshore: 09:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 31 Jul 26

Day 8: Piraeus (Greece)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in the ancient city of Athens, where you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday.
Please book your flight to depart out of Athens after 01:00 PM.
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Docked: 08:00

Arrives On: 01 Aug 26

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