



Cruise Details

Name:	Greek Islands to the Bosphorus
Reference:	EMERALDE07G140426-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	14 Apr 26
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	25 Apr 26
Arrives At:	Piraeus
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Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your cruise begins in the ancient Greek capital, Athens, a city that presents a remarkable blend of rich tradition and modern dynamism. Here, you will be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the start of your unforgettable voyage. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 19:30

Arrives On: 14 Apr 26

Day 2: Gythio (Greece)

Gythio is a picturesque fishing port on the southeastern coast of the Peloponnese, once the ancient harbor of Sparta and today a relaxed gateway to the wild Mani Peninsula. Stroll its seafront lined with neoclassical houses and seafood tavernas, wander across to tiny Marathonisi (Kranai) Island with its lighthouse and historic tower, or simply enjoy nearby beaches and views over the Laconian Gulf. **EmeraldACTIVE**
 Guided

tour Mystras and Sparta
Travel to the lower slopes of Mount Taygetos, where the evocative ruins of ancient Mystras, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, stand as a powerful reminder of Byzantium's former glory. Once the capital of the Byzantine Despotate of the Morea, Mystras flourished as a center of art, culture, and scholarship. Enjoy a guided exploration of this remarkable archaeological site, where medieval churches, frescoed chapels, and the remains of grand palaces overlook the fertile plain below. Afterward, take some free time to wander through its narrow paths and absorb the serene atmosphere of this once-mighty fortress town. Continue to the modern village of Sparta, built near the site of the ancient city-state. Though little remains of classical Sparta, its legacy of courage and discipline endures. Pause for photos at the imposing statue of King Leonidas, the legendary warrior who led 300 Spartans at the Battle of Thermopylae.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 9:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 15 Apr 26

Day 3: Katakolon (Greece)

<p><p>Katakolon is a small seaside town located on the western coast of the Peloponnese peninsula, best known as the gateway to the ancient archaeological site of Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. Arguably the most celebrated sacred place of Ancient Greece, at this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, explore these important ruins, which include the Temple of Zeus and original Olympic stadium.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Tour of Olympia (extra expense)
Step back in time at the legendary site of the first Olympic Games. This guided tour of Ancient Olympia brings to life the glory of classical Greece as you explore the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Hera, the ancient gymnasium, and the original Olympic stadium. Continue your journey at the Archaeological Museum of Olympia, home to a world-class collection of artifacts, including the famed Hermes of Praxiteles. From sacred temples to exquisite sculptures, this unforgettable tour offers a deep dive into one of history's most iconic cultural and athletic landmarks.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 13:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 16 Apr 26

Day 4: Khania (Greece)

<p><p>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 mix 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 or exploring historical sites, such as ancient ruins and museums.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
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: 4.50 hours

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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. This one-hour performance promises a joyful, immersive atmosphere full of color, rhythm, and cultural charm—right from the comfort of your ship.

Event duration: 1 hour

Offshore: 09:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 17 Apr 26

Day 5: Santorini (Greece)

Known for its spectacular views, gleaming whitewashed architecture and legendary sunsets, Santorini is a hugely popular destination. This gorgeous Greek island is also famed for its iconic, blue-domed churches, transparent azure waters, and charming villages dramatically perched on cliffs overlooking the sea. Santorini's picturesque main town, Fira, precariously rests on the edge of a caldera cliff, presenting jaw-dropping vistas of the Aegean Sea. Oia, another of Santorini's traditional villages, is particularly renowned for its quaint narrow streets, stunning sunsets, and panoramic caldera views.

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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: 18 Apr 26

Day 6: Mykonos (Greece)

A stunning Greek Island embedded in the beautiful Aegean Sea, Mykonos is world-famous for its beautiful beaches, and traditional, white-washed buildings set on hillsides. Mykonos is also known for its iconic and historic windmills, narrow cobblestone streets, and charming waterfront cafés and restaurants.

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Mykonos Town & Mosaic Art Experience (extra expense)

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

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 19 Apr 26

Day 7: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Along Turkey's western Aegean coast, this beach resort town offers beautiful beaches, a lively, fun atmosphere and vibrant markets. Kusadasi is also a remarkable destination for history buffs, as it is located near several ancient ruins, including the ancient city of Ephesus, today, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. A visit here offers a glimpse into the grandeur and sophistication of one of the ancient world's most important cities.

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Ephesus

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: 5.5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 16:00

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Day 8: Dardanelles (Turkey)

The Dardanelles is a stunning strait that connects the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmara, a small inland sea within the borders of Turkey. As you cruise through here, grasp the opportunity to learn all about the region's rich history, including its importance in various conflicts throughout the centuries, as well as take in breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes. Later, you will arrive in Kepez, which boasts a rich cultural heritage and historic sites such as the fascinating Old Town and Hadrian's Gate.

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The legendary city of Troy (extra expense)

Step into the epic world of myth and history with a visit to the legendary city of Troy. Discover the ruins that gave rise to Homer's Iliad and learn how 19th-century excavations brought this ancient city to life. Walk among ancient walls, gates, and battlements as your guide shares the tale of the famed Trojan War and the iconic Wooden Horse. Then, visit the state-of-the-art Troy Museum, where captivating artifacts and immersive exhibits trace 5,000 years of history, bridging the cultures of East and West in unforgettable fashion.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

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Guided tour of ANZAC cove and Gallipoli peninsula (extra expense)

Pay tribute to a pivotal chapter of World War I on this moving journey through the Gallipoli Peninsula. Begin at ANZAC Cove, where Australian and New Zealand troops landed in 1915, and explore the surrounding cemeteries and memorials that honor their sacrifice. Visit key sites such as Lone Pine, Beach Cemetery, and Chunuk Bair, where dramatic landscapes meet powerful history. Walk among preserved trenches and hear the compelling stories of courage, loss, and the legacy of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. This guided experience offers both reflection and insight into one of the most significant battlefields of the modern era.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

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Day 9: Marmara (Turkey)

Today, you will get the chance to learn about the Turkish cultural heritage through architectural masterpieces and savour the strong culinary diversity in Istanbul.

Included Excursion

Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazar

Discover the timeless beauty and vibrant culture of Istanbul on this guided exploration of its most iconic landmarks. Begin at the historic Hippodrome, once the heart of Byzantine public life, before stepping inside the awe-inspiring Blue Mosque, famous for its brilliant blue Iznik tiles. Continue to the magnificent Hagia Sophia, a marvel of architecture and faith that has served as both cathedral and mosque over the centuries. Conclude your experience with a visit to the Grand Bazaar, one of the world's largest and oldest covered markets, where you can browse thousands of shops offering jewelry, carpets, spices, and souvenirs.

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Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.15 hours

Docked: 11:00 - Overnight

Arrives On: 22 Apr 26

Day 9: Istanbul (Turkey)

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Day 10: Istanbul (Turkey)

Istanbul is a dynamic Turkish city drenched in history, the former capital of Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman empires. This rich history is reflected in the city's classic architecture, with iconic landmarks such as the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, and Topkapi Palace. Istanbul is also known for its vibrant markets, such as the Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar, where you can enjoy shopping for local goods and sample traditional Turkish

cuisine.

DiscoverMORE Turkish baths experience (extra expense) Step into a world of timeless relaxation at the historic Hurrem Sultan Hamam, a 16th-century masterpiece of Ottoman architecture. Commissioned by the powerful Roxelana, wife of Suleiman the Magnificent, this beautifully restored bathhouse offers a traditional Turkish bath experience in the heart of old Istanbul—just steps from the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia. Enjoy the rejuvenating ritual of sauna, scrub, and massage, designed to cleanse the body and calm the mind, all in an authentic setting once reserved for royalty.

DiscoverMORE Tour of Topkapi palace and Cisterns (extra expense) Uncover the grandeur of Istanbul's imperial past with a guided visit to the Topkapi Palace, once home to Ottoman sultans for nearly 400 years. Marvel at its opulent courtyards, ceremonial halls, and the intriguing Harem quarters. Then descend into the atmospheric Basilica Cistern, an ancient underground reservoir built by Emperor Justinian in the 6th century. Wander among rows of towering columns, including the mysterious Medusa heads, and experience the cool, shadowy beauty of this remarkable feat of Byzantine engineering.

Docked: Overnight - 18:00

Arrives On: 23 Apr 26

Day 12: Piraeus (Greece)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in the Greek capital, Athens, the birthplace of democracy and Western civilization, where 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 Athens after 01:00 PM.

Docked: 08:00

*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day.

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