



Cruise Details

Name:	Greek Islands & Turkish Coastlines
Reference:	EMERALDE08G140625-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	14 Jun 25
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	21 Jun 25
Arrives At:	Piraeus
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Fly from the UK to Athens. Your journey of Greece and Turkey 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 rich tradition 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. Unveil the layers of mythology and history as you explore the extensive archaeological site that spans millennia. Delos served as a holy sanctuary for a millennium before it became the mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis in Olympian Greek mythology. Pilgrims from across Greece flocked to Apollo's sanctuary, transforming Delos into a prosperous trading port. The island is adorned with traces of civilizations that shaped the Aegean world from the 3rd millennium BC to the paleo-Christian era. Embark on a guided walking tour that takes you through the archaeological wonders of Delos. Explore the extensive site, where each step reveals the layers of history, from ancient sanctuaries to the remnants of prosperous civilizations. Delos has earned its place as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a testament to its cultural and historical significance.
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)
Welcome to the jewel of the Cyclades, Mykonos – Greece's cosmopolitan paradise. Immerse yourself in the allure of this stunning island, celebrated for its vibrant lifestyle, rich history, and captivating landscapes since 1960. Mykonos beckons with its unparalleled charm, from pristine beaches to picturesque villages. Dive into the heart of Greek lifestyle, exploring enchanting locales that have played a significant role in history and cinema. Begin your adventure in the traditional village of Ano Mera, a haven of authenticity. 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. The sommelier will guide you through the tasting of three prestigious local wines, sharing insights into basic tasting techniques and uncorking Greece's most distinct blends. Conclude your tour in the iconic Mykonos town, a labyrinth of whitewashed buildings and narrow streets. Wander through the charming village, where 16th-century windmills stand tall as timeless symbols overlooking the breathtaking landscape.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p>

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Day 3: Pátmos (Greece)

<p><p>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. In 95 A.D., during a time of Christian persecution, Saint John was exiled to the Island of Patmos, where he received the vision that inspired Revelation in this small cave, which has since become a revered place of worship and a significant pilgrimage destination. After leaving the Cave, you will drive to the historic village of Chora, perched atop a hill, where you'll have the chance to capture breathtaking panoramic views of the island and explore the stunning architecture of homes dating back to the 15th to 18th centuries. Chora, the island's capital, is home to the 11th-century Monastery of Saint John the Theologian. Here, you can gain insight into monastic life and immerse yourself in the rich history showcased by the magnificent ecclesiastical artifacts in its museum. The monastery boasts treasures such as frescoes depicting its founder, Christodoulou, and the miracles of St. John, along with ancient documents dating back to the 6th century, sacred vestments, silverware, and numerous icons, including a piece attributed to El Greco. From the Monastery, stroll through Chora's charming winding cobbled streets to the house of Simandiris. Here, you will enjoy a unique experience, exploring the interior of a traditional Patmian home filled with antique furniture, exquisite embroidery, and paintings collected by eight generations of the Simandiris family.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

EmeraldACTIVE
Downhill hike
Embark on a transformative journey to the enchanting Sacred Island of Patmos, nestled within the stunning Dodecanese archipelago. This remarkable experience weaves together a rich tapestry of spirituality, history, and breathtaking landscapes that will leave a lasting impression on your heart. 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, built in 1088 by the revered Christodoulos—a true testament to centuries of unwavering spiritual devotion. Step inside the Monastery of St. John, a bastion of faith featuring thick walls, battlements, and eight chapels. The charming courtyard, paved with pebbles and framed by graceful arches, leads you to the museum where you can admire an extraordinary collection of jewelled chalices, crowns, crosses, and religious artifacts. Delight in the intricate frescoes and explore historic writings from 1073, alongside icons and original works by the masterful El Greco. Stroll through the Old Town of Chora, a maze of narrow streets and delightful squares. As you wander the paths once trodden by locals, feel the echoes of history surrounding you. The tour also includes a visit to the Cave of the Apocalypse, the sacred site of the Revelation's origin—the final book of the Holy Bible. In 95 A.D., during a time of persecution, St. John was exiled to Patmos, where this humble cave became the backdrop for his visionary revelations. Today, it stands as a revered site of worship, attracting countless pilgrims. As you return to the port, retrace the footsteps of those who came before you, discovering Patmos's authentic charm with every step, which offers a unique glimpse into its cultural heritage.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours

EmeraldPLUS
Local

folklore performance on board
Experience a classic evening infused with the enchanting aromas of Greece. 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. Following the performance, you'll have the opportunity to join a brief dance lesson and immerse yourself in the joy of dancing.
Duration: 1 hour </p>

Arrives On: 16 Jun 25

Day 4: Kusadasi (Turkey)

<p><p>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.</p></p><p>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, each brimming with rich history and architectural marvels. Join us for an unforgettable day of discovery and exploration. Board your comfortable coach and set off on a picturesque drive through lush fields and vineyards, immersing yourself in the natural beauty of Anatolia. Relax as you journey for approximately 40 minutes to the ancient city of Priene, a true gem of Ionian civilization. Step back in time as you wander the streets of Priene, one of the first cities to be meticulously planned with a grid system. Admire the stunning mountain backdrop and panoramic views overlooking the Meander River, soaking in the ambiance of this ancient Ionian settlement. 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 such as Thales, Anaximandros, and Hippodamos, whose brilliance shaped the city's destiny. 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 worshipers sought divine guidance and inspiration. Explore the grandeur of the temple, rebuilt with the assistance of Alexander the Great after destruction by the Persians in 494 BC.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 6.5 hours</p><p>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. Join us as we delve into the rich tapestry of history and culture that awaits within the hallowed halls of this magnificent ancient site. Wind your way along the picturesque coastal road, soaking in the stunning vistas that unfold before you, before arriving at the ancient city of Ephesus. Step through the Magnesia Gate and into a world of ancient splendor as you explore the awe-inspiring ruins of Ephesus. Marvel at the grandeur of the Forum, the elegance of the Library of Celsus, and the majesty of the Great Theatre, where echoes of the past still linger in the air. Venture to the slopes of Bulbul Mountain and discover the Terrace Houses, once home to the

wealthy elite of Ephesus. Step inside these beautifully preserved dwellings and marvel at the intricate mosaics, ornate wall sections, and original floors that offer a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of ancient Ephesians. Before returning to the port, 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. Sample exquisite mezes and savor the rich flavors of local wine and drinks amidst the serene beauty of the garden surroundings.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Arrives On: 17 Jun 25

Day 5: 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)

Embark on a fascinating journey as we explore the heritage of Hippocrates, often hailed as the father of modern medicine, in his native land of Kos. Our adventure begins at the Asklepieion, an extraordinary sanctuary established in 460 B.C. in honour of Asclepius, the God of Medicine. Amidst the timeless ruins and sacred groves, the principles of Hippocratic Medicine were practiced, establishing the groundwork for contemporary healthcare. Wander through this historic site, where the intersection of healing and spirituality set the stage for one of the earliest hospitals in the world. Next, we'll 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. Pause to enjoy a traditional Greek coffee and indulge in delicious local delicacies while soaking in breathtaking views of Turkey and the neighbouring islands. The highlight of your excursion awaits at Winery, where you'll savour a wine tasting experience unlike any other. Delight in a curated selection of four exquisite wines, each reflecting the island's rich viticultural heritage. From crisp white wines to robust reds, every sip is a story of dedication and craftsmanship waiting to be told.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Arrives On: 18 Jun 25

Day 6: 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.

DiscoverMORE Akrotiri, Oia and winery visit (extra expense)

Start an extraordinary voyage through Santorini, a land steeped in

ancient history and blessed with mesmerizing landscapes. Explore the remnants of the prehistoric city of Akrotiri, often hailed as the "Greek Pompeii," and witness the island's remarkable resilience in the face of cataclysmic events. Step back in time as you venture into the ruins of Akrotiri, a city frozen in time by layers of volcanic ash. Discover the advanced structures of this ancient civilization, featuring multi-story buildings with intricate drainage and water supply systems. Marvel at the resilience of Akrotiri and its mythical connections to the legendary Atlantis, a city that miraculously spared countless lives from the wrath of volcanic eruption. Embark on a sensory journey at one of the most famous wineries, perched above the port of Athinios and overlooking the breathtaking Santorini caldera. Immerse yourself in the family's rich winemaking tradition that dates to 1947. Explore the unique architectural design that utilized gravity for energy efficiency, showcasing Santorini's innovative spirit in winemaking. 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 adorning rugged cliffs that overlook the sprawling caldera. Navigate through labyrinthine alleys and revel in the timeless beauty of Oia's Caldera, offering breathtaking vistas of the volcanic landscape and the picturesque Thirassia island. After a brief drive from Oia, you'll arrive at Thira, the capital of the island. Once you've finished exploring, a quick five-minute walk will lead you to the cable car for your return trip to the pier.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.5 hours

Arrives On: 19 Jun 25

Day 7: Páros (Greece)

Paros is one of the prettiest Greek islands in the heart of the Aegean Sea. Its verdant green landscape is adorned with vineyards and orchards laden with citrus fruits and pomegranates. Wander the winding streets of the capital Parikia, to see the quintessential Cycladic architecture and quaint white houses with bright blue doors and window boxes full of blooming bougainvillea.

Discover MORE

Lefkes and Naoussa with wine tasting (extra expense)

Our adventure begins in the picturesque village of Lefkes, a hidden gem nestled amidst the breathtaking beauty of Paros and once the island's vibrant capital. Stroll through its charming streets, where you'll be captivated by the rich history and traditional architecture that define this enchanting locale. From there, make your way to the quaint fishing village of Naoussa, where you can meander through its inviting alleyways and lively harbour. Immerse yourself in the laid-back atmosphere of this coastal gem, soaking up its authentic charm. The highlight of your journey awaits at a century-old winery, where you'll embark on a guided tour that offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the art of winemaking on Paros. Wander through the underground cellars and organic vineyards, gaining valuable insight into the unique characteristics of the island's terroir and the meticulous winemaking process. As the tour concludes, settle into the atmospheric surroundings of the underground cellars or on the terrace for a private tasting experience unlike any other. Indulge in a selection of three exquisite wines, each sip a celebration of Paros' rich winemaking heritage. Accompanied by artisanal Cycladic cheese and charcuterie

platters, this local produce tasting promises to tantalize your taste buds and leave you yearning for more.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Arrives On: 20 Jun 25

Day 8: Piraeus (Greece)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Athens, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday. Flight to depart out of Athens after 01:00 PM. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

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