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Cruise Details

Name:	Greek Islands & Turkish Coastlines
Reference:	EMERALDE08G280827-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Raiya
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	28 Aug 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	04 Sep 27
Arrives At:	Piraeus
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your unforgettable voyage begins in Greece and its ancient capital, Athens. The birthplace of democracy and western civilisation, this enthralling city presents a remarkable blend of rich traditions and modern dynamism. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald luxury yacht to begin an incredible odyssey along the coasts of Greece and Turkey. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 19:00

Arrives On: 28 Aug 27

Day 2: Delos (Greece)

This morning, step ashore on Delos, one of Greece's most significant mythological and archaeological treasures. According to legend, this sacred island was the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Wander among remarkably preserved ruins, grand mosaics and ancient temples that paint a vivid picture of classical civilisation. Later, sail to glamorous Mykonos, where Cycladic

charm meets cosmopolitan flair. Lose yourself in the maze of narrow lanes lined with whitewashed houses and chapels. Discover chic boutiques, waterfront tavernas and the island’s iconic windmills overlooking the Aegean. As evening falls, Mykonos reveals its vibrant energy, offering
the ideal blend of tradition and modern
sophistication. DiscoverMORE
Guided Tour of Delos (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the extraordinary archaeological treasures of Delos, one of the most important sacred sites of the ancient Greek world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For more than a thousand years, Delos was one of the Mediterranean's most revered religious sanctuaries. According to Greek mythology, it was the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, attracting pilgrims from across the ancient world and becoming a prosperous centre of religion, commerce, and culture. Join a guided walking tour through this remarkable open-air archaeological site, where exceptionally preserved ruins reveal the island's rich history from the 3rd millennium BC through the Hellenistic and early Christian periods. Explore ancient temples, sanctuaries, marketplaces, theatres, and elegant residences while gaining insight into the civilizations that shaped this sacred island and the wider Aegean.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Explore Mykonos Town Highlights on Foot (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Discover the timeless charm of Mykonos on a leisurely walking tour through the island’s enchanting capital, where traditional Cycladic architecture, rich history, and stunning coastal scenery come together. Explore the maze of whitewashed streets in Mykonos Town (Chora) as your guide shares fascinating insights into the island’s culture and history. Along the way, admire the iconic Panagia Paraportiani, one of Greece’s most photographed churches, and the charming Church of St. Nicholas, overlooking the old harbour. Continue through the picturesque waterfront district of Little Venice, where elegant historic houses line the sea, before reaching the famous Mykonos Windmills, offering panoramic views across the town and the sparkling Aegean. Pause to enjoy a traditional Greek cheese pie at a local bakery and a refreshing drink before free time to browse the boutiques, relax at a café, or continue exploring Mykonos Town at your own pace.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 07:30 – 11:00 | 12:30 –22:00

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Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

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Day 3: Pátmos (Greece)

Often referred to as the ‘Island of the Apocalypse’, tranquil Patmos holds deep spiritual significance. In a cave overlooking the sea, Saint John is believed to have received the visions described in the Book of Revelation. Its historic centre, Chora, is a World Heritage Site made up of whitewashed buildings and narrow cobblestone streets lined with traditional Greek tavernas,

shops and some 40 chapels. The island has a wild and rugged volcanic landscape that rolls down to deserted pebbled beaches and the sparkling Aegean Sea. Spend time soaking up the beauty, spirituality, and cultural significance of this island. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option. Included Excursion
Chora, Monastery of St John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse
Discover the spiritual and cultural heritage of Patmos, one of Greece's most sacred islands and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin with a visit to the revered Cave of the Apocalypse, where, according to tradition, St. John the Theologian received the visions that inspired the Book of Revelation. Continue to the hilltop town of Chora, where a guided walk through its narrow cobbled streets reveals elegant mansions, panoramic views, and timeless island charm. Visit the impressive Monastery of St. John the Theologian, founded in the 11th century, and explore its museum housing priceless manuscripts, religious icons, and ecclesiastical treasures. Complete your experience at the beautifully preserved Simandiris Mansion, offering a fascinating glimpse into traditional Patmian life, before enjoying free time to browse Chora's boutique-lined streets.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes EmeraldACTIVE
Downhill Hike to The Monastery of St. John and Cave
Journey through the spiritual heart of Patmos, one of Greece's most sacred islands and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, exploring its most revered religious landmarks and centuries of monastic tradition. Travel to the hilltop village of Chora, where whitewashed houses surround the imposing Monastery of St. John the Theologian, founded in 1088. Explore the monastery's peaceful courtyards and remarkable museum, home to rare manuscripts, ancient icons, religious treasures, and priceless ecclesiastical artefacts. Continue on foot through the atmospheric streets of Chora to the revered Cave of the Apocalypse, where, according to tradition, St. John received the visions recorded in the Book of Revelation. Along the way, admire the island's timeless architecture and experience the tranquil atmosphere that has drawn pilgrims for centuries.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Local folklore performance on board
Step into the vibrant world of Greek culture with a lively presentation of traditional dances from across the country. A talented dance troupe takes you on a colourful journey through rhythm, history, and island spirit. Enjoy iconic favourites such as Zorbas and Sirtaki, along with regional dances including the playful Dodecanese Sousta, the energetic Ikariotikos, the elegant Roditiko, and the popular mainland dances Kalamatianos and Syrtos. In the second part, you are invited to join the celebration as the dancers encourage everyone to learn a few simple steps. Whether experienced or new to Greek dance, this interactive finale transforms the performance into a joyful and memorable celebration of music and community.
Event duration: 1 hour Anchored: 08:00 – 23:00

Arrives On: 30 Aug 27

Day 4: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Set along Turkey’s western Aegean coast, Kusadasi is a lively Turkish coastal town rich in history and culture. Its strategic location has made it a crossroads of civilisations for thousands of years. From here, you may explore the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved classical cities in the Mediterranean. Wander along marble streets lined with grand columns, temples, and the magnificent Library of Celsus. Back in Kusadasi, vibrant bazaars and seaside promenades offer a colourful taste of Turkish hospitality. DiscoverMORE
Priene, Miletus and Didyma (extra expense)
Discover the Treasures of Ancient Anatolia: Priene, Miletus, and Didyma. 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. Continue your odyssey 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: Active, Duration: 6 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Ephesus with folkloric show and tasting (extra expense)
Step back in time at the extraordinary ancient city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved classical cities in the Mediterranean and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel along the scenic Aegean coastline before entering Ephesus through the historic Magnesia Gate. Follow your guide through magnificent ruins, including the grand Forum, the iconic Library of Celsus, and the impressive Great Theatre, while learning about the city's importance as one of the greatest centres of the ancient world. Continue to the remarkable Terrace Houses, where beautifully preserved mosaics, frescoes, and luxurious private residences provide a fascinating insight into the lives of Ephesus' wealthy citizens. Before returning, enjoy a visit to a local cooperative featuring a traditional Turkish folklore performance, accompanied by a selection of regional delicacies, local drinks, and wine in a relaxing garden setting.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00 – 22:30

Arrives On: 31 Aug 27

Day 5: Kos (Greece)

Kos welcomes you with glorious landscapes and remarkable historical heritage. Known as the birthplace of Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, the island offers a fascinating journey into the ancient world. Explore the Asklepion, once a renowned healing sanctuary, along with Roman villas, ancient agora and medieval fortifications. The main town is a mishmash of architectural styles, and you'll find whitewashed dwellings side by side with Muslim mosques, 1930s Italian-style buildings and the medieval Neratzia Castle. Kos also boasts beautiful beaches and relaxed island charm, perfect for leisurely exploration. DiscoverMORE
Walking Tour of Kos (extra expense)
This walking excursion introduces you to the living history of Kos, an island shaped by antiquity, Byzantine heritage, and medieval rule. After a short walk from the ship, you arrive in Kos Town, where layers of history unfold through monuments and architecture spanning thousands of years. Stroll among the excavated ruins of the ancient town, discovering temples and public buildings that reveal Kos' classical past. Admire the imposing Castle of the Knights, a medieval fortress guarding the harbour, and observe the elegant contrasts of mosques and Byzantine churches that reflect later chapters of the island's story. A highlight of the walk is the legendary Tree of Hippocrates, where tradition holds that the great physician once taught his students beneath its branches. In the heart of town, pause at a local café to enjoy a refreshment before some free time to wander independently, browse small shops, or simply soak up the atmosphere of this vibrant harbour town. Afterwards, meet your guide for the return walk.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes Docked: 07:30 –19:00

Arrives On: 01 Sep 27

Day 6: Santorini (Greece)

Arriving by sea at Santorini offers a breathtaking first impression, with whitewashed villages perched dramatically atop volcanic cliffs above the Aegean. Stroll through Oia's narrow lanes, where blue-domed churches and cascading bougainvillea create postcard-worthyscenes at every turn. Relax on distinctive volcanic-sand beaches or sample crisp local wines cultivated in mineral-rich soil. As you sail away, the sun sinks into the Aegean and Santorini's legendary sunset paints the sky in hues of gold and crimson – a moment to cherish forever. Included Excursion
Round Trip Cable Car Ticket to Thira
Experience one of Santorini's most iconic journeys with a roundtrip cable car ride between the Old Port of Gialos and Fira, offering spectacular views over the island's dramatic caldera. After tendering from the ship, proceed to the Old Port of Gialos, where the Santorini Cable Car (Teleferico) provides a quick and scenic ascent up the steep caldera cliffs, connecting the port with Fira, the island's lively capital. As the gondola rises, enjoy sweeping views of volcanic rock faces, whitewashed villages perched high above the cliffs, and the deep blue Aegean Sea below. Upon arrival in Fira, time is available to explore independently—stroll along the caldera rim, browse local shops, enjoy panoramic viewpoints, or relax at a café overlooking the breathtaking scenery. When ready, use the return

cable car ticket to descend comfortably back to the Old Port and tender back to the ship.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: At your leisure DiscoverMORE
Akrotiri, Winery & Oia (extra expense)
Journey through the history, flavours, and iconic landscapes of Santorini as you discover one of the Aegean's most captivating islands. Begin with a visit to the remarkable archaeological site of Akrotiri, often referred to as the "Greek Pompeii." Buried beneath volcanic ash following the island's great eruption, this exceptionally preserved Bronze Age settlement reveals sophisticated multi-storey buildings, advanced drainage systems, and fascinating insights into one of the ancient Mediterranean's most advanced civilisations. Continue to a traditional Santorini winery, where you will learn about the island's unique volcanic viticulture and enjoy a tasting of locally produced wines while overlooking the spectacular caldera. Complete your excursion in the picturesque village of Oia, famous for its whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches, and breathtaking views across the volcanic caldera and Thirassia Island. Afterwards, continue to Fira, where you may either return with the group or remain to explore the island's capital independently before taking the cable car back to the Old Port at your convenience.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 07:30 –22:00

Arrives On: 02 Sep 27

Day 7: Páros (Greece)

The paradise island of Paros rose to power and prosperity in the sixth century BC for its high-quality marble, Parian marble, used for the construction of many temples and public buildings. It’s home to ancient ruins, Venetian castles and traditional Greek architecture,and draws in visitors to its stunning beaches, crystal-clear azure waters and charming local villages. The main town, Parikia, is nestled on a hill overlooking the port. Its cobbled lanes are bustling with activity, lined with shops, cafés and restaurants serving delicious local Greek cuisine. It also has a historic Frankish castle built in the 1200s. The island’s other town, Naoussa, is a picturesque harbour wherewooden boats sway and waterside restaurants grill freshly caught seafood. DiscoverMORE
Lefkes and Naoussa with wine tasting (extra expense)
Journey through the timeless landscapes of Paros, where traditional villages, picturesque harbours, and local winemaking showcase the authentic character of the island. Begin in the charming hillside village of Lefkes, once the island's capital. Enjoy free time to wander its whitewashed alleyways, admire elegant neoclassical houses, and soak up the peaceful atmosphere of one of the Cyclades' most picturesque villages. Continue to the beautiful fishing village of Naoussa, where colourful boats, waterfront cafés, and narrow streets invite you to explore at a relaxed pace. The excursion concludes with a visit to a local winery, where you'll discover the island's long-standing winemaking traditions during a guided tour of the cellars, followed by a tasting of three locally produced wines served with fresh bread and cheese.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 03 Sep 27

Day 8: Piraeus (Greece)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in the dynamic Greek capital, Athens. Farewell your crew and fellow guests, taking with you a lifetime of memories. You will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your journey. DiscoverMORE
Athens City tour with Acropolis (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Experience the timeless wonders of Athens, where ancient history and authentic Greek flavours come together in an unforgettable journey through the city's most iconic landmarks. Begin with a guided visit to the magnificent Acropolis, ascending the sacred hill to admire the Parthenon, Erechtheion, Temple of Athena Nike, and Propylaea, while enjoying panoramic views over Athens and nearby landmarks including the Odeon of Herodes Atticus. Continue into the charming neighbourhood of Plaka, where narrow streets, neoclassical houses, and family-run shops create the perfect setting to experience traditional Athenian life. Stroll through the lively market streets while sampling a variety of authentic Greek specialities, including local cheeses, olives, savoury pies, pastries, olive oil, wine, and regional spirits, as your guide shares the story behind Greece's celebrated culinary traditions.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Notes: This excursion is available for guests continuing on the next cruise and for disembarking guests with flights departing after 5:00 pm. After the visit to Plaka, disembarking guests will transfer directly to the airport, while in-transit guests will return to the ship by separate vehicle. Please book your flight to depart out of Athens after 01:00 PM. Docked: 06:00 The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will operated unaltered from the itinerary states above.

Arrives On: 04 Sep 27

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