



Cruise Details

Name:	Andalusia to the Cote d'Azur
Reference:	EMERALDE11M250425-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	25 Apr 25
Departs From:	Málaga
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Arrives On:	04 May 25
Arrives At:	Nice
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Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Málaga (Spain)

Fly from the UK to Malaga. Your deluxe cruise begins in Malaga, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin your journey of the Western Mediterranean. Flight to arrive into Malaga prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 25 Apr 25

Day 2: Almería (Spain)

The seaside city of Almeria has an enticing mix of relaxation and energetic culture. The vast beaches are popular for sailing, swimming, and sunbathing and the palm-lined esplanade along the harbour is a lovely spot for a stroll. Almeria is renowned for its lively Tapas culture – start with tasty morsels and drinks at a local bar and watch the dancefloors come alive as the night evolves.

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Almeria City Walk and Tapas (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore Almeria, an ancient city that was once an Arab

stronghold. Start your tour with a motorcoach ride to downtown, where you'll walk through the old town, as motorcoaches aren't allowed. Visit the Gothic Cathedral of Almeria, which served as both a place of worship and defence against Berber pirates. Along your walk, see the 17th-century Convent of Las Puras, the Episcopal Palace, Cervantes Theater, and the Mercantile Center. Conclude with a stop at a local tapas restaurant for refreshments before returning to the pier.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.25

hours

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Coast and Villages Panoramic Drive (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

This tour explores stunning mountainous landscapes, the Tabernas Desert, and the charming village of Mojacar, known for its timeless character and unique flavours. Wander through its winding streets to find the fortified church and enjoy breathtaking views of the sea and valley. The return to the ship will follow a scenic coastal route, passing by the Sierra Cabrera Natural Park.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 26 Apr 25

Day 3: Cartagena (Spain)

As a major naval station on the Mediterranean coast, Cartagena has been greatly influenced by various cultures over the centuries. This historical crossroads of civilizations is evident in the city's diverse architectural styles from Roman to Art

Nouveau.

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Spain's most noble tradition: the strikingly elegant Andalusian horses

Just a few kilometers from the Port of Cartagena, this beautiful ranch showcases magnificent pure Spanish-bred horses with fine bloodlines. You can observe and touch the mare and foal pairings, witness Spanish Horse Training and stallion management. Established by the Conesa family for 40 years, the ranch offers a taste of traditional family life in nature.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

3 hours

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Walking tour of Cartagena and Roman Theatre (extra expense)

Embark on a captivating walking tour from the pier, following the sea wall to Town Hall Square and the main avenue. Admire modernist buildings from the early 20th century. Cartagena's strategic location has attracted settlers since its Carthaginian roots in the 3rd century BC, later becoming a crucial naval base in the 18th century. Visit the Roman Theatre, built between the 5th and 1st centuries BC, which could hold 6,000 spectators. Explore the Old Quarter, featuring "Modernist" townhouses from the late 19th to early 20th century, reflecting the city's prosperous mining boom.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

4 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 27 Apr 25

Day 4: Alicante (Spain)

Alicante has a lovely Mediterranean climate, with hot summers and mild winters, making it a popular holiday destination year-round. It's known for beautiful beaches such as Playa de San Juan and Postiguet Beach, which entice travellers from around the world. In the heart of Alicante stands the Castle of Santa Barbara, dating back to the 9th century. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option.

EmeraldACTIVE
Downhill hike from Santa Barbara Castle
Alicante offers a vibrant holiday atmosphere and rich history, making it an appealing destination. On this walking tour, you'll explore the city's landmarks, including the Baroque-style town hall and the Museo de Hogueras, which showcases the history of the midsummer St. John's Eve celebrations. After visiting the museum, enjoy free time in the city. Next, you'll explore the 9th-century Castle of Santa Bárbara atop Mount Benacantil, featuring breathtaking views. The tour concludes with a return walk to the port. Note: uneven terrain may challenge guests with limited mobility.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.15 hours

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Elche: City of Parks and Palms and Alicante (extra expense)
Just south of Alicante and inland from the Costa Blanca lies Elche, known for its abundant palm groves, including the famous Huerto del Cura. After a scenic coach ride, you'll tour Elche's major landmarks before exploring this beautiful municipal garden. Huerto del Cura features a variety of tropical and Mediterranean plants, notably the seven-fronded "Imperial Palm," named after Empress Elisabeth of Austria. Enjoy a relaxing stroll in the dappled shade before concluding your tour with the return drive to Alicante.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.45 hours

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Art Nouveau Novelda and Wine Tasting (extra expense)
Enjoy a pleasant walking tour of Alicante's Main Street and narrow "callejuelas," viewing key monuments like the Town Hall and Con-Cathedral of San Nicolás. Bring your camera for memorable shots before boarding your coach for a 45-minute drive to Novelda, renowned for its quality wines. Visit the Modernist Museum, one of the best-preserved homes showcasing opulent modernist decor, including wooden carvings, stained glass, and marble. The tour concludes with a visit to the wine cellars for a tasting of three wines and snacks. You can buy bottles before returning to Alicante.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 28 Apr 25

Day 5: Valencia (Spain)

Celebrated for its juicy, sweet oranges, Valencia is also a hub of avant-garde architecture and design, particularly embodied in the City of Arts and Sciences. A symbol of the New Valencia, the City of Arts and Sciences is an excellent example of modern architecture – with its fluid lines and reflective pools, it sits in stark contrast to the traditional construction of the city's old town.

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Classic Paella a la Valenciana (extra expense)
Depart from the pier for a scenic 25-minute drive to a traditional Valencian restaurant in a charming, century-old residence. Your chef will greet you and, if desired, cook alongside you. Enjoy a wine tasting of both red and white wines, paired with exquisite Iberico Ham.

Experience a Paella Demonstration, using traditional methods over orange wood. Learn about the rice, saffron, and tips for crafting authentic paella. The experience includes red and white wine, Iberico Ham, three types of paella, starters, and a traditional dessert with dessert wine

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Docked: 07:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 29 Apr 25

Day 6: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

Palma de Mallorca, the capital of Spain's Balearic Islands, is a city steeped in history and adorned with remarkable architecture. One of Palma's most notable landmarks is the stunning Cathedral of Santa Maria, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture with one of the largest rose windows – a decorated circular window with stained glass – in the world.

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Valldemossa and Son Marroig (extra expense)

Embark on a journey to Valldemossa, one of the island's most charming villages. With your guide, explore lanes to discover the Carthusian monastery gardens and Chopin's monument. The monastery was a regal retreat and home to Carthusian monks from 1399 to 1835, gaining fame when Chopin and George Sand visited in 1838. Visit the museum featuring Chopin's music and Sand's manuscripts. Enjoy a mini piano concert at King Sancho Palace, followed by free time to explore flower-strewn streets, savor local treats, and visit boutiques. Finally, enjoy breathtaking views at Son Marroig before returning to the port.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 30 Apr 25

Day 7: Barcelona (Spain)

Barcelona is the capital and largest city of the province of Catalonia. Its rich cultural heritage is reflected in its museums, music, and culinary scene, and several UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the famous Sagrada Familia church and other modernist landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí. Barcelona's Mediterranean climate, stunning architecture, and bustling nightlife, makes it a popular destination.

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Sagrada Familia and Gaudi' (extra expense)

Experience the world of Antoni Gaudí, a key figure in Catalan modernism, on this half-day tour. Begin with a scenic coach ride through Barcelona to the iconic Sagrada Familia, a masterpiece featuring tall towers and colourful stained-glass windows that blend neo-Gothic and modernist styles. After exploring its interior, you'll stroll along Passeig de Gràcia to see more of Gaudí's works. Admire the vibrant Casa Batlló and innovative Casa Milà, known for its undulating stone façades. The tour concludes with a scenic return to the port.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Montserrat (extra expense)

Embark on an enchanting midnight journey to Montserrat. Upon arrival, explore the stunning 16th-century Basílica, a marvel of architecture. Enjoy free time to soak in the serene

ambiance and, if possible, visit the revered Cameron of the Black Madonna, a site of deep significance. After a refreshing break to relax and reflect, we'll take a scenic drive back to the ship, concluding this memorable excursion.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Arrives On: 01 May 25

Day 9: Saint-Tropez (France)

The resort town of Saint-Tropez is one of the most famous holiday destinations in Europe. From the soft white sand edging blue water to the on-trend beach clubs, decadent dining and luxury boutiques, Saint-Tropez is the ultimate French Riviera experience. For history buffs, learn the story of Saint-Tropez at the Musée d'Histoire Maritime, or peruse the incredible modern art inside a former chapel at the Annonciade. Today choose between our Included Excursion or DiscoverMORE option.

Included Excursion
Walking tour of St. Tropez
Embark on a guided tour of Saint Tropez, starting at the pier. Stroll along to see landmarks like café "Senequier" and the historic Town Hall square, reflecting the village's heritage. Visit the church dedicated to Saint Tropez and learn its intriguing legend. Wander through narrow streets and squares with elm trees, symbols of freedom. Trek uphill for stunning panoramic views of the village and the Mediterranean Sea.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.5 hours
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Tour of Gassin and port Grimaud (extra expense)
Just a few miles from St Tropez are the charming villages of Gassin and Port Grimaud. This half-day excursion starts with a motor coach ride to Gassin, a picturesque village high on a rock, offering stunning views of vineyards and the Gulf of St Tropez. You'll have time to explore its alleyways and steps. Next, head to Port Grimaud for a 20-minute motor launch trip. While it looks like a fishing village, it's a modern complex of luxury homes. Enjoy the pastel-coloured walls and Roman tiles as you wander before returning to the pier.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.15 hours
Arrives On: 03 May 25

Day 10: Nice (France)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Nice, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday. Flight to depart out of Nice after 11:00 AM.
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Arrives On: 04 May 25

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