



## Cruise Details

Name:	Golden Coasts of Italy and France
Reference:	EMERALDE12M110525-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	11 May 25
Departs From:	Civitavecchia
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Arrives On:	22 May 25
Arrives At:	Nice
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Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Your deluxe cruise begins in Rome, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin your journey of the Western Mediterranean. Please book your flight to arrive into Rome prior to 01:00 PM.

Arrives On: 11 May 25

### Day 2: Gaeta (Italy)

Gaeta is a popular holiday destination set on a headland that juts out towards the Gulf of Gaeta, in the Lazio region of Southern Italy. A key attraction in Gaeta is Montagna Spaccata (Split Mountain), a natural sea grotto. According to legend the miraculous split rock was created when God sent a lightning bolt making three giant cracks in the mountain.

Arrives On: 12 May 25

### Day 3: Salerno (Italy)

Salerno is in the Campania region of southwestern Italy. One of Salerno's key drawcards is the Duomo di Salerno, a historic cathedral dating back to the 11th century. The city also boasts an impressive medieval castle, Castello di Arechi, which offers panoramic views over the city and the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Arrives On: 13 May 25

### Day 4: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Overlooking the Ionian Sea on the east coast of Sicily, Giardini Naxos holds historical significance as it was the site of the first Greek colony in Sicily, established in 735 BC. Swim in its clear and glimmering waters or visit the nearby beautiful town of Taormina.

Arrives On: 14 May 25

### Day 5: Siracuse, Sicily (Italy)

Siracusa boasts an abundance of sunshine – the city is bathed in golden rays for most of the year, casting a glow on its architecture and highlighting the Mediterranean waters that encircle it. The piazzas of Siracusa are lively spaces where locals and visitors gather to socialise and dine. Piazza del Duomo is considered one of the most beautiful squares in Italy.

Arrives On: 15 May 25

### Day 6: Valletta (Malta)

Valletta, the capital city of Malta, is a living testament to the Baroque period, with well-preserved buildings, ornate churches, and magnificent fortifications. The city is located on a hilly peninsula, offering breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea, and it hosts lively markets and festivals.

Arrives On: 16 May 25

### Day 7: Porto Empedocle (Italy)

Porto Empedocle, positioned on the Strait of Sicily, is named after the philosopher, poet and politician, Empedocles, who resided there in the 5th century BC. It's a popular holiday haven for beach-loving tourists and is near the Valley of the Temples, the largest archaeological site in the world and an outstanding example of Greater Greece art and architecture.

Arrives On: 17 May 25

### Day 8: Palermo (Italy)

**Bold and vibrant, Palermo was under Arabian rule in the 9th and 10th centuries, which left a significant influence on its architecture, culture and cuisine. Palermo is famed for its street food – Must-try dishes include pane e panelle (chickpea fritters) and cannoli, sweet pastry filled with ricotta.**

Arrives On: 18 May 25

#### Day 9: Sardinia (Italy)

Arbatax is known for its maritime heritage, and its port has been a hub of activity since ancient times due to its strategic coastal location. One of the most iconic sights in Arbatax is the Rocce Rosse or Red Rocks, a dramatic outcrop of red porphyry cliffs plunging into the blue sea.

Arrives On: 19 May 25

#### Day 10: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

**Discover** Bonifacio is a picturesque hamlet located on the southern tip of the French island of Corsica. It's often mistaken for an Italian township due to its proximity to the Italian island of Sardinia. Bonifacio is known for its deep natural harbour and the captivating medieval citadel perched atop white limestone cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Arrives On: 20 May 25

#### Day 11: 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. Learn the story of Saint-Tropez at the Musée d'Histoire Maritime or peruse modern art inside a former chapel at the Annonciade.

Arrives On: 21 May 25

#### Day 12: Nice (France)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Nice, 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 Nice after 11:00 AM. 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: 22 May 25

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