



## Cruise Details

Name:	Aegean Odyssey: Athens to Istanbul
Reference:	EMERALDE14G061027-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Raiya
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	06 Oct 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	16 Oct 27
Arrives At:	Istanbul
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Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your enthralling voyage begins in Athens, the historic capital of Greece. The birthplace of democracy and Western civilisation, Athens is renowned for its iconic ancient landmarks and rich culture, as well as a modern vibrancy. From here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on an incredible odyssey through Greece and Turkey. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 06 Oct 27

### Day 2: Náfpليون (Greece)

Famous for its beautiful architecture, historical sites, and stunning sea views, Nafplion is a popular destination for both Greek and international guests. The town is characterised by its narrow cobblestone streets, neoclassical buildings, and charming Venetian and Ottoman

architecture. The iconic Palamidi Fortress, perched on a hill overlooking the town, offers panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Arrives On: 07 Oct 27

#### Day 3: Monemvasía (Greece)

Monemvasia is a hidden gem on the Peloponnese coast of Greece. Step back in time as you explore the medieval fortress town perched atop a rocky peninsula, with its labyrinth of narrow streets and Byzantine churches. Wander through the Lower Town, where charming stone houses and quaint cafes line the cobblestone streets. Climb to the Upper Town for panoramic views of the Aegean Sea and the surrounding countryside.

Arrives On: 08 Oct 27

#### Day 4: Rethimno (Greece)

Rethimno is a beautiful city located on the northern coast of the Greek island of Crete. It is a charming destination that offers a unique blend of traditional Cretan culture, stunning natural beauty, and rich history. The city's historic centre is filled with narrow streets, picturesque alleys, and beautiful Venetian architecture. The old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and it's easy to see why. The buildings are adorned with intricate stone carvings, ornate doorways, and brightly colored shutters.

Arrives On: 09 Oct 27

#### Day 5: Santorini (Greece)

This picturesque Greek island is famed for its iconic, blue-domed churches, transparent azure waters, and charming villages dramatically perched on cliffs overlooking the sea. Santorini's main town, Fira, precariously rests on the edge of a caldera cliff, presenting jaw-dropping vistas of the Aegean Sea. Oia, one of Santorini's traditional villages, is particularly renowned for its quaint narrow streets and stunning sunset and panoramic caldera views.

Arrives On: 10 Oct 27

#### Day 6: Rhodes (Greece)

The lovely Greek island of Rhodes harbors a rich history, boasting fascinating landmarks such as the ancient Acropolis of Lindos, the Palace of the Grand Master in Rhodes Town, and the medieval Old Town, which is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rhodes also entices visitors with its stunning natural scenery, boasting sandy beaches lapped by crystal-clear waters, and lush green hillsides.

Arrives On: 11 Oct 27

#### Day 7: Pátmos (Greece)

Today, you'll arrive in Patmos, a small Greek island in the Aegean Sea renowned for its beautiful scenery, crystal-clear water, delicious local cuisine and picturesque villages. According to local legend, Patmos is also famous for where the Apostle John wrote the 'Book of Revelation'. This is why Patmos is often referred to as the 'Island of the Apocalypse' and is today, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. Explore the island's capital, Chora, an enchanting place revealing whitewashed buildings and narrow cobblestone streets lined with traditional Greek tavernas and family-run shops.

Arrives On: 12 Oct 27

#### Day 8: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Kusadasi, a beachside resort situated along Turkey's western Aegean coast, offers a fascinating blend of history, beautiful beaches, and vibrant markets. Once ruled by Byzantine, Venetian, and Genoese powers, its storied past infuses the town with a character that is both ancient and effortlessly vibrant. It lies near several ancient ruins, including the ancient city of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to remarkable archaeological treasures.

Arrives On: 13 Oct 27

#### Day 9: Chios (Greece)

The Aegean Island of Chios is a stunning destination, famous for its black volcanic beaches. History enthusiasts will appreciate the rare murals and intricate wooden carvings at the Chios Byzantine Museum, set within a historic Ottoman Mosque. As the day winds down, cozy tavernas offering freshly caught fish provide the perfect spot to relax and savour the moment.

Arrives On: 14 Oct 27

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Located along Turkey's coast, this popular destination comes steeped in history and is famed for its authentic Turkish culture and culinary traditions. In addition, Kepez offers numerous outdoor activities, including hiking and cycling in the surrounding parks and verdant forests, as well as enticing beaches.

As the sun begins its descent your luxury yacht sails through the historic Dardanelles Strait— a narrow passage linking the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmara, and separating Asia from Europe. Enjoy views of rugged coastlines, ancient ruins, and rolling hills bathed in golden evening light.

Arrives On: 15 Oct 27

## Day 10: Dardanelles (Turkey)

Arrives On: 15 Oct 27

## Day 11: Istanbul (Turkey)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in the timeless Turkish city of Istanbul, 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 Istanbul after 02:00 PM. 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: 16 Oct 27

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