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Cruise Details

Name:	Aegean Odyssey: Athens to Istanbul
Reference:	EMERALDE14G080628-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Raiya
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	08 Jun 28
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	18 Jun 28
Arrives At:	Istanbul
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, Athensis renowned for its iconic ancient landmarks and rich culture, as well as its modern vibrancy. From here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald 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.

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A narrow waterway that connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf in Greece, the canal was completed in 1893, and it is a feat of engineering. As your luxury yacht navigates through this slender canal, you'll appreciate the stunning views of the soaring, ochre-coloured cliffs. Afterwards, arrive at the picturesque town of Itea, gateway to the

ancient ruins of Delphi, a World Heritage Site and one of the most important archaeological and mythological sites in Greece. The ancient Greeks considered Delphi to be Oracular Sanctuary of Apollo.

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Day 2: Itea (Greece)

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Day 3: Katakolon (Greece)

Located on the western shores of the Peloponnese peninsula, the small seaside town of Katakolon is best known as the gateway to the ancient archaeological site of Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games and now a World Heritage Site. Explore these important ruins, arguably the most celebrated sacred site of Ancient Greece, which include the Temple of Zeus and the original Olympic stadium.

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Day 4: Khania (Greece)

Welcome to Chania, a charming coastal town located on the northwest coast of the island of Crete. Chania is known for its picturesque Venetian harbour, narrow winding streets and vibrant atmosphere. The town boasts a rich history that is evident in its eclectic blend of architectural styles, with Venetian, Ottoman and Greek influences. Here, spend your day relaxing on one of the beautiful beaches, exploring historical sites, or hiking through lush landscapes.

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Day 5: Santorini (Greece)

One of the world’s most photogenic islands, Santorini enchants with its whitewashed buildings cascading down dramatic cliffs overlooking the Aegean. Arriving by sea at Santorini offers a breathtaking first impression. Visit the main town of Fira for breathtaking caldera views or charming Oia, where blue-domed churches and cascading bougainvillea create postcard-worthy scenes in narrow lanes. 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.

Arrives On: 12 Jun 28

Day 6: 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.

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Day 6: Mykonos (Greece)

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Day 7: Pátmos (Greece)

Patmos is a serene island of profound spiritual significance. Dominating the skyline is the World Heritage-listed Monastery of Saint John the Theologian, an imposing fortress-like structure that has stood for centuries. Nearby lies the sacred Cave of the Apocalypse, where Saint?John is believed to have received the visions described in the Book?of?Revelation. Beyond its religious heritage, Patmos charms with its peaceful atmosphere, traditional villages, and pristine coves. Enjoy authentic Greek cuisine featuring freshly caught seafood, local cheeses and sun-ripened produce.

Arrives On: 14 Jun 28

Day 8: 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.

Arrives On: 15 Jun 28

Day 9: Molyvos (Greece)

Charming Molyvos is regarded as the crown jewel of the Greek island of Lesvos and is a beloved destination for those seeking authentic Greek beauty. With its traditional stone-built houses cascading down the hillside, a majestic medieval castle at its peak, and a postcard-

worthy harbour lined with tavernas and fishing boats, Molyvos offers a wonderful blend of history, charm, and Aegean allure.

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Nestled along Turkey's stunning coast, Kepez comes steeped in history and is famed for its authentic Turkish culture and culinary traditions. It is the port for Çanakkale, the historic gateway to the fabled city of Troy. Explore the moving World War I memorials at Gallipoli or visit Troy’s archaeological ruins. Kepez also offers numerous outdoor activities, including hiking and cycling in the surrounding parks and verdant forests, or simply relaxing on the enticing beaches. As the sun begins its descent, your luxury yacht will set sail through the historic Dardanelles Strait – a narrow passage linking the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmara.

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Day 10: Dardanelles (Turkey)

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Day 11: Istanbul (Turkey)

Today, your Aegean adventure concludes in Istanbul, a timeless Turkish city on the boundary of Asia and Europe, where diverse cultures, rich history and modernity seamlessly intertwine. From your yacht, 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.

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