Cruise Details

Name:	Yachting the less-travelled Greek Isles, Mykonos and Turkey
Reference:	EMERALDE15G150927-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Raiya
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	15 Sep 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	25 Sep 27
Arrives At:	Piraeus
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your luxury cruise begins in Athens, the ancient Greek capital, which captivates with a fascinating blend of rich tradition and modern dynamism. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your luxury Emerald yacht to start your enthralling voyage through Greece and Turkey. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 15 Sep 27

Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

Welcome to 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. From here, you'll visit the sacred island of Delos, a World Heritage Site and one of the most important mythological and

archaeological sites in Greece. As evening falls, Mykonos reveals its vibrant energy, offering the ideal blend of tradition and modern sophistication. Included Excursion
Explore Mykonos Town Highlights on Foot
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: 08:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 16 Sep 27

Day 3: Skíathos (Greece)

Today, discover Skiathos, a sparkling gem in the Aegean, where pristine beaches lapped by crystal-clear waters and lush landscapesawait. Along with the vibrant local charm and bustling streets, this Greek island paradise offers the ideal blend of relaxation and adventure in the heart of the Mediterranean. DiscoverMORE
Skiathos Walking Tour (extra expense)
Explore the picturesque town of Skiathos, one of the most charming island capitals in the Sporades. Stroll through its narrow cobbled streets lined with whitewashed houses, traditional shops, cafés, and boutiques while taking in the vibrant atmosphere of the waterfront. Your guided walk includes the Old Port and fish market, where restored sea captains' mansions reflect the island's rich maritime heritage. Visit the Papadiamantis House Museum, the former home of Greece's renowned author Alexandros Papadiamantis, before continuing to Bourtzi, the pine-covered peninsula separating Skiathos' two natural harbours and offering beautiful views across the bay. Skiathos also gained international fame as one of the filming locations for the popular movie Mamma Mia!, adding to the appeal of this beautiful Greek island.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 09:00 – 07:00 (overnight)

Arrives On: 17 Sep 27

Day 4: Skopelos (Greece)

Greece's lush green paradise, the island of Skopelos, is home to unspoilt landscapes carpeted with pine forests, crystalline watersand pretty coves, making it a great escape for nature lovers. Skopelos was also the filming location for the film

‘Mamma Mia’, and you can discover the movie’s magic on the island’s idyllic beaches and quaint towns. DiscoverMORE
Mamma Mia! Highlights of Skopelos (extra expense)
Follow in the footsteps of Mamma Mia! on a scenic journey showcasing the spectacular landscapes and picturesque villages that made Skopelos famous around the world. Travel along the island’s beautiful coastline to the Chapel of St. John (Agios Ioannis), dramatically perched atop a rocky outcrop overlooking the Aegean Sea. Known as the iconic wedding chapel from the film, those wishing to climb the approximately 200 steps will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views. Continue to a traditional family-owned olive press, where you will learn about Skopelos’ long-standing olive oil traditions before visiting Kastani Beach, one of the principal filming locations of Mamma Mia!. Enjoy time to relax, swim, or simply admire the beautiful surroundings. Your final stop is the charming fishing village of Agnontas, where free time is provided to swim, unwind by the waterfront, or enjoy lunch at your leisure. On the return journey, admire the distinctive pine-covered rocks of Amarantos Cape, one of the island’s most photographed natural landmarks.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 10:00 –17:00

Arrives On: 18 Sep 27

Day 5: Chíos (Greece)

The spectacular Aegean Island of Chios is, known for its distinctive dark-shaded volcanic beaches. History buffs 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, inviting tavernas serving up freshly caught fish provide the ideal spot to relax and savour the moment. DiscoverMORE
Medieval Villages of Pyrgi & Mesta (extra expense)
Explore the unique Mastichochoria, the medieval villages of southern Chios, where the island’s world-famous mastic has been cultivated for centuries. Travel through the island’s mastic-producing region while learning about the cultivation of this rare natural resin, prized since antiquity for its culinary, medicinal, and cosmetic uses.Your first stop is Pyrgi, a beautifully preserved 13th-century village renowned for its narrow streets, fortified architecture, and distinctive black-and-white geometric façades. Enjoy a guided walk and admire the Church of the Holy Apostles, one of the island’s finest Byzantine monuments. Continue to Mesta, one of Greece’s best-preserved fortified medieval villages. Wander its maze of stone-paved alleys, discover the impressive Church of Agia Paraskevi, and enjoy free time to explore the village square, browse local shops, or relax at a traditional café before returning to Chios.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Nea Moni Monastery & Villages (extra expense)
Journey through the mountainous landscapes of Chios to discover three of the island’s most historic and picturesque villages. Your first stop is the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Monastery of Nea Moni, founded in the 11th century and renowned for its magnificent Byzantine mosaics, regarded among the finest in Greece. Learn about the monastery’s rich history and admire its remarkable architecture. Continue to the medieval village of

Avgonima, a charming hilltop settlement with traditional stone houses and beautiful views across the Aegean Sea. Enjoy time to stroll its narrow streets or relax at a local café (own expense). The journey concludes at Anavatos, a dramatic stone-built village perched high on a rocky hillside. Often referred to as the ‘Mystra of the Aegean,’ this abandoned medieval settlement offers breathtaking scenery and a fascinating history. It also gained international recognition as one of the filming locations for the James Bond film For Your Eyes Only.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 09:00 – 21:00

Arrives On: 19 Sep 27

Day 6: Kusadasi (Turkey)

Along Turkey’s western Aegean coast, Kusadasi offers a fascinating blend of history, beautiful beaches, and vibrant markets. This popular beach resort town’s history dates to ancient times and has witnessed many rulers, including those from the Byzantine, Venetian, and Genoese eras. Kusadasi is also the gateway to the 8,000-year-old city of Ephesus, a World Heritage Site, which offers a glimpse into the grandeur of one of the ancient world's most important cities. In the afternoon, depart from Kusadasi and set a southerly course through the Mycale Strait, a narrow and picturesque waterway that gracefully threads between the Turkish coast and the island of Samos. As you cruise along this storied passage, take in the tranquil seascapes and sweeping views of both shores bathed in golden afternoon light. By evening, arrive in Samos Island, where your yacht will remain overnight. EmeraldPLUS
Guided tour of Ephesus with folkloric show and tasting
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 – 17:00

Arrives On: 20 Sep 27

Day 6: Samos (Greece)

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Day 7: Samos (Greece)

Wake to the gentle charm of Samos, a lush island steeped in myth and history. From the lively harbour of Pythagoreio, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, explore where ancient ingenuity and sacred tradition meet. Visit the Heraion of Samos, the grand sanctuary dedicated to the goddess Hera, and marvel at the Tunnel of Eupalinos, a remarkable feat of 6th-century BC engineering that once channelled the island's freshwater supply. Wander along the promenade where colourful fishing boats line the waterfront and cafés spill onto sunlit terraces. As evening draws near, relax on deck, savouring tranquil views of the Aegean before your yacht sets sail for nearby Patmos where you will remain overnight. DiscoverMORE
Villages & Heritage of Samos (extra expense)
Explore the cultural and rural highlights of Samos, where ancient history, traditional craftsmanship, and charming villages reveal the authentic character of the island. Depart from Pythagoreion and travel to the Heraion of Samos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most important sanctuaries of the ancient Greek world, dedicated to the goddess Hera. Discover the fascinating history of this remarkable archaeological site before continuing into the island's peaceful countryside. Visit the traditional village of Koumaradei, renowned for its artisan workshops and locally produced goods. Here, enjoy visits to a herb shop and a pottery workshop, where you can learn about centuries-old local traditions and browse handcrafted products. Return to the picturesque harbour town of Pythagoreion for a guided walk through its historic streets, followed by free time to explore the waterfront, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 20:00 (day prior) - 16:00

Arrives On: 21 Sep 27

Day 7: Pátmos (Greece)

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Day 8: 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. 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: 3 hours Docked: 20:00 (day prior) - 21:00

Arrives On: 22 Sep 27

Day 9: 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 where wooden 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 DiscoverMORE
Lefkes valley Hike (extra expense)
Follow one of the oldest pathways on Paros as you hike the historic Byzantine Road, a beautifully preserved marble-paved trail that winds through the island's peaceful countryside. Your journey begins in the picturesque mountain village of Lefkes, one of the most authentic and charming settlements on Paros. After a short introduction to the village, set off along the ancient Byzantine Road, originally built over 1,000 years ago to connect Paroikia with the island's eastern coast. The trail leads through olive groves, fertile valleys, fragrant Mediterranean vegetation, and traditional rural landscapes, offering a glimpse into the island's rich history and timeless way of life. Along the route, enjoy panoramic views across Lefkes, the Paros–Naxos Channel, and the surrounding Cycladic Islands. Pass the historic windmills and take in spectacular island scenery before completing your hike and departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00 –21:00

Arrives On: 23 Sep 27

Day 10: Hydra (Greece)

Life slows down on Hydra. Renowned for its stunning natural beauty and historic charm, there are no cars or motor vehicles allowed on the island, making it a peaceful and low-key getaway from the usual hustle and bustle of urban life. It's ideal for walking, hiking or getting around by donkey, admiring the stone mansions, pebbly beaches and clear turquoise waters. The island's main centre, also named Hydra, presents a charming and bustling port town, brimming with narrow cobblestone streets and traditional, whitewashed buildings adorned with bougainvillea-covered balconies. DiscoverMORE
 A stroll through Hydra (extra expense)
Step into the heroic maritime history of Hydra, once a powerful naval force in the Aegean. In the late 18th century, the island's fleet of brigs, corvettes, and brigantines connected Mediterranean ports and later played a decisive role in Greece's War of Independence. These wooden ships and their fearless crews became known as 'the wooden walls of Greek Independence.' Stroll through Hydra's picturesque harbour and narrow stone alleys, absorbing the atmosphere of a town shaped by seafaring tradition. Visit the Hydra Museum, where artefacts and exhibits vividly recount the island's naval legacy. Continue to the elegant Church of the Virgin Mary, distinguished by its Venetian-style bell tower and graceful dome overlooking the port. The experience concludes with a relaxed stop at a traditional taverna, where you enjoy authentic Greek meze accompanied by a glass of ouzo, embracing the island's warm hospitality and enduring spirit.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00 –19:00

Arrives On: 24 Sep 27

Day 11: Piraeus (Greece)

Your Aegean adventure concludes in Athens, the birthplace of democracy and Western civilisation. Farewell your crew and fellow travelers, taking with you a lifetime of memories. You will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or continuation of your journey. Please book your flight to depart out of Athens after 01:00 PM. 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: Active, 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. 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: 25 Sep 27

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