



## Cruise Details

Name:	Ancient Wonders - Athens to Aqaba via the Suez Canal
Reference:	EMERALDE16G301027-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Raiya
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	30 Oct 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
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Arrives On:	11 Nov 27
Arrives At:	'Aqaba
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Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Welcome to Greece and the historic capital, Athens. The birthplace of democracy and Western civilisation, Athens is renowned for its iconic ancient landmarks and rich culture. as well as its modern dynamism. From here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on your enthralling voyage through the Mediterranean and Red seas.

Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 01:00 PM.

Arrives On: 30 Oct 27

### Day 2: Syros (Greece)

Your first port of call is Syros, a charming island located amid the Cyclades group of islands in the sparkling Aegean Sea. Known for its rich history and vibrant culture, Syros is famed for its unique architectural style, which reflects its storied historical development. The contrast between

the neoclassical mansions in Ermoúpolis and the Cycladic-style whitewashed houses in other parts of the island creates a distinctive aesthetic.

Arrives On: 31 Oct 27

#### Day 3: Bodrum (Turkey)

Known for its turquoise waters, lively marinas, and historical depth, Bodrum stands along Turkey's southwestern coast. Explore the impressive Bodrum Castle, built by the Knights of St John in the 15th century, now home to the Museum of Underwater Archaeology displaying treasures recovered from ancient shipwrecks. Wander the waterfront promenade lined with cafés and boutiques or delve into local markets buzzing with colour and energy.

Arrives On: 01 Nov 27

#### Day 4: Rhodes (Greece)

On the lovely Greek island of Rhodes, the Medieval City, or Old Town, is a must-see attraction, recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Encircled within four-kilometre (two-mile) length of walls, the city's medieval buildings, the Street of the Knights and the Palace of the Grand Master, give you a sense of being transported back to the Middle Ages. Known as the 'Island of Knights,' delightful Rhodes is also famed for its delicious local dishes; be sure to sample melekouni (a traditional sweet) and pitaroudia (chickpea fritters).

Arrives On: 02 Nov 27

#### Day 5: Antalya (Turkey)

Today, you'll discover the Turkish resort city of Antalya. Nestled between the soaring Taurus Mountains and azure Mediterranean beaches, Antalya makes the perfect paradise for nature lovers. History buffs will also be fascinated by the city's rich history, revealed in its well-preserved Old Town, Kaleiçi. Here, the Roman-era harbour walls, Hellenistic gates and Ottoman-era houses pay homage to the city's storied past.

Arrives On: 03 Nov 27

#### Day 6: Limassol (Cyprus)

Welcome to Cyprus and vibrant Limassol, blending Greek, Turkish, and British influences with lively waterfront promenades. Explore the medieval Limassol Castle (with its Crusader-era Museum), stroll the marina lined with tavernas, or relax on nearby golden beaches. The city's rich cultural tapestry shines through its markets, festivals, and centuries-old wine traditions.

Arrives On: 04 Nov 27

#### Day 7: Haifa (Israel)

Your next stop is Israel's third-largest city, Haifa, a bustling port city that offers stunning seaside views and a vibrant urban life. A notable landmark is Mount Carmel, a coastal mountain range that creates an impressive city backdrop. Perched atop Mount Carmel, you'll find the Shrine of the Bab, a majestic golden-domed structure surrounded by the Baha'i Gardens, known as the Hanging Gardens of Haifa.

Arrives On: 05 Nov 27

#### Day 9: Suez (Egypt)

Today, you'll navigate through the historic Suez Canal before reaching Egypt and next port of call, Ain Sokhna. Constructed by Ferdinand de Lesseps and completed in 1869, this feat of engineering connects the Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea, carving through 162-kilometres (100-miles).

Arrives On: 07 Nov 27

#### Day 9: Ain Sukhna (Egypt)

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#### Day 10: Ain Sukhna (Egypt)

Positioned on the western shores of the Red Sea's Gulf of Suez, Ain Sokhna presents an elegant seaside town. Located two hours from the historic Egyptian capital, Cairo, Ain Sokhna is a base for visiting the Great Pyramids of Giza, one of the stupendous 'Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.'

Arrives On: 08 Nov 27

#### Day 11: Sharm El Sheikh (Egypt)

On the tip of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula lies the glamorous resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh. Here, the desert meets the sea, creating an environment rich in biodiversity and a melting pot of cultures. Spend your day diving into the colourful world beneath the Red Sea's shimmering surface, or take a step back in time, strolling through the vibrant souks and Bedouin heritage centers steeped in traditions.

Arrives On: 09 Nov 27

#### Day 12: 'Aqaba (Jordan)

A picturesque city located on the southern tip of Jordan overlooking the Red Sea, Aqaba is a history buff's delight for its rich history that dates back thousands of years. Archaeological sites such as the Aqaba Fort and Ayla ruins showcase its ancient past. Aqaba also serves as a gateway to the ancient city of Petra and Wadi Rum, known as the 'Valley of the Moon' and a UNESCO-protected desert wilderness.

Arrives On: 10 Nov 27

#### Day 13: 'Aqaba (Jordan)

Your luxurious cruise and memorable cruise draws to a conclusion on the southern tip of Aqaba, Jordan, a picturesque city with a rich history dating back thousands of years. Aqaba is a history buff's dream for its esteemed archaeological sites such as the Aqaba Fort and is also the gateway to the ancient city of Petra and incredible Wadi Rum, the 'Valley of the Moon' and a UNESCO-protected desert wilderness.  
From the 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 Aqaba after 11:00 AM.  
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Arrives On: 11 Nov 27

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