Cruise Details

Name:	The Greek Islands, Corinth Canal & Adriatic
Reference:	EMERALDE17D140727-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	14 Jul 27
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	24 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Dubrovnik
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Your journey begins in Greece in its dynamic capital, Athens. Rich in history, this ancient city is renowned as the birthplace of democracy and Western
civilisation. From here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald luxury yacht to embark on
a memorable voyage exploring fascinating towns and extraordinary
coastlines. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 19:00

Arrives On: 14 Jul 27

Day 2: Delos (Greece)

A small rocky island in the heart of the Cyclades archipelago, Delos is regarded as one of the most important mythological and archaeological sites in Greece. In the
afternoon, you'll continue to the world-famous island of Mykonos, which captivates visitors with

its blend of traditional Greek culture and cosmopolitan flair. Take a stroll through the winding, narrow streets of atmospheric Mykonos town to admire the trademark whitewashed dwellings fronted by distinctive blue doors. Be sure to also visit the historic windmills, another iconic sight on this popular island. DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Delos (extra expense)
Discover the extraordinary archaeological treasures of Delos, one of the most important sacred sites of the ancient Greek world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For more than a thousand years, Delos was one of the Mediterranean's most revered religious sanctuaries. According to Greek mythology, it was the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, attracting pilgrims from across the ancient world and becoming a prosperous centre of religion, commerce, and culture. Join a guided walking tour through this remarkable open-air archaeological site, where exceptionally preserved ruins reveal the island's rich history from the 3rd millennium BC through the Hellenistic and early Christian periods. Explore ancient temples, sanctuaries, marketplaces, theatres, and elegant residences while gaining insight into the civilizations that shaped this sacred island and the wider Aegean.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
Explore Mykonos Town Highlights on Foot (extra expense)
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: 07:30 - 11:30 | 12:30 – 19:00

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Day 2: Mykonos (Greece)

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Day 3: Port information not found

On board your luxury yacht, you'll pass through the 19th-century Corinth Canal, a slender waterway and feat of engineering that crosses the Isthmus of Corinth in Greece. This is a rare sailing experience, as few cruise vessels can navigate through this man-made canal. Cruise on to the small port of Itea, before embarking on a journey to Delphi, a World Heritage-

listed archaeological site, regarded by the Ancient Greeks as the centre of the world. DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Delphi (extra expense)
Follow the scenic slopes of Mount Parnassos to Delphi, one of Greece's most important archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, once regarded as the centre of the ancient world. Visit the legendary Sanctuary of Apollo, where the famous oracle Pythia delivered her prophecies to pilgrims from across the ancient world. Walk along the Sacred Way, admire the impressive Temple of Apollo, the ancient Theatre, and the sacred Castalian Spring, where visitors once purified themselves before consulting the oracle. Continue to the Delphi Archaeological Museum, home to an exceptional collection of ancient treasures, including the famous Bronze Charioteer, one of the finest surviving masterpieces of classical Greek sculpture, and the Omphalos, believed by the ancient Greeks to mark the centre of the world. After exploring this remarkable sanctuary, depart for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 13:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 16 Jul 27

Day 3: Itea (Greece)

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Day 4: Nydri, Lefkada Island (Greece)

Known as the ‘Caribbean of Greece’, Lefkada is connected to the mainland by a narrow bridge, making it one of the few islands accessible by car. One of the most fascinating places on this beautiful island is the Castle of Agia Mavra, dating back to the 14th century and built to protect Lefkada from invaders. As well as soaking up the island’s natural beauty and centuries-old history, enjoy sampling the delicious local wines produced here. DiscoverMORE
Lefkada tour with Faneromeni Monastery (extra expense)
Sample the flavours and traditions of Lefkada while exploring the island's spiritual heritage and vibrant capital. Begin with a visit to the peaceful Monastery of Faneromeni, Lefkada's most important religious site, beautifully set amidst pine forests overlooking the Ionian Sea. Discover its fascinating history, admire the traditional architecture, and enjoy time to explore the tranquil grounds. Continue to Lefkada Town, where you will savour a selection of local specialities showcasing the island's rich culinary traditions. Afterwards, enjoy free time to stroll through the charming streets, browse local boutiques, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Flavors of Lefkada (extra expense)
Escape into the peaceful countryside of Lefkada for an authentic farm-to-table experience, where sustainable farming, traditional flavours, and hands-on cooking celebrate the island's rich culinary heritage. Travel to the island's only regenerative organic farm, a proud member of the Slow Food International network. During a guided walk, discover how traditional

farming methods combine with modern sustainable practices before enjoying a guided tasting of the farm's award-winning extra virgin olive oil. Learn how to recognise premium-quality olive oil and gain practical tips for selecting and using it at home. Continue with a hands-on Greek cooking experience, preparing classic local dishes under the guidance of your hosts. Afterwards, relax and enjoy a delicious meal prepared with fresh seasonal ingredients, accompanied by locally produced wine. Before departing for the return journey, take time to explore the farm, browse local products, or simply unwind in the tranquil surroundings.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours 15 minutes Anchored: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 17 Jul 27

Day 5: Parga (Greece)

On mainland Greece, the resort town of Parga radiates a carefree holiday atmosphere. Enjoy the Mediterranean sunshine on one of the many lovely beaches, wander through traditional Greek villages and marvel at the hilltop Venetian castle, with origins in the 11th century, which reveals an incredible bird’s-eye view of this popular town and sparkling Ionian coastline. From Parga, you’ll cruise Corfu, known for its sandy coves and rugged, verdant hills studded with olive, cypress, and citrus trees. DiscoverMORE
Sightseeing tour of Meteora monasteries including a Greek lunch (extra expense)
Travel through the scenic landscapes of mainland Greece to the extraordinary Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where centuries-old monasteries crown towering sandstone pillars in one of the world's most remarkable cultural landscapes. Enjoy a scenic drive to Meteora, where monks first settled in the caves during the 11th century before establishing the first monasteries in the 14th century. Visit two monasteries, admiring their remarkable frescoes, gilded icons, intricate wood carvings, and priceless religious treasures while learning about the monastic way of life that continues today. Following your visits, continue to Kalambaka for a traditional Greek lunch before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 10 hours DiscoverMORE
Kayaking Adventure (extra expense)
Paddle along the spectacular coastline of Parga, discovering hidden coves, crystal-clear waters, and dramatic sea cliffs on an unforgettable sea kayaking adventure. After a short transfer to Ai Giannakis Beach, receive your safety briefing and equipment before setting off by kayak. Paddle through the turquoise waters, passing secluded bays and towering limestone cliffs while taking in views of Aphrodite's Sea Cave and the picturesque harbour of Parga, overlooked by the small green island of Panagia. Pause for a short break to enjoy refreshments before continuing your journey through the area's beautiful islets and returning to Valtos Beach.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 08:00 - 18:30

Arrives On: 18 Jul 27

Day 6: Corfu (Greece)

Explore Corfu today, one of Greece’s largest and greenest islands. Explore authentic Greek villages and take a refreshing dip in
the inviting, clear waters. Don’t miss a visit to the picturesque UNESCO-listed Old Town, which harbours a rich history and magnificent heritage architecture displaying Renaissance and Baroque influences. Here, stroll through the largest square in Greece, the impressive Spianada and soak up the local ambience and history. Included Excursion
Guided walking tour of Corfu town
Wander through the timeless streets of Corfu Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Venetian elegance, rich history, and vibrant local life combine to create one of Greece’s most enchanting historic centres. Pass beneath the historic Bonati Arch before exploring the atmospheric Jewish Quarter, home to a synagogue that reflects centuries of Corfu’s multicultural heritage. Admire the elegant Town Hall, a fine example of Venetian architecture, and continue to the iconic Church of St. Spyridon, recognised by its distinctive red-domed bell tower and dedicated to the island’s patron saint. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to browse local boutiques, relax at a café (own expense), or continue exploring the charming streets and hidden squares before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
4x4 adventure of the Corfiot countryside (self-driving tour, extra expense)
Take the wheel and discover the hidden landscapes of Corfu on a self-drive 4x4 adventure through mountain villages, scenic viewpoints, and spectacular coastline. Drive through the seaside resorts of Kontokali, Gouvia, and Alykes before climbing winding mountain roads to the traditional village of Sokraki, one of the island’s oldest settlements. Surrounded by olive groves and pine forests on the slopes of Mount Korakio, enjoy breathtaking views across the Ionian and Adriatic Seas. Continue through the picturesque villages of Troubetta, Vistonas, and Makrades, where traditional Corfiot life remains largely unchanged. Pause at a local restaurant in Lakones to enjoy a selection of traditional Greek meze while taking in panoramic views over the island. Your adventure concludes at the beautiful Paleokastritsa Bay, where you may enjoy a swim in the crystal-clear waters or simply relax beside one of Corfu’s most picturesque bays before departing for the return journey.
Note: This is a self-driving tour; a valid driver’s license is required. For no EU guests an international driving license is required. Vehicles are all manual transmission and self-driven.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30
minutes EmeraldPLUS
Greek dance performance onboard
Experience the vibrant spirit of Greek culture during this lively onboard excursion celebrating both tradition and modern expression. The performance begins with authentic traditional dances from Corfu and the Ionian Islands, including Lefkada, Ithaca, and Kefalonia. Performed in colourful traditional costumes, each dance reflects the rhythm, history, and character of island life, offering genuine insight into local customs and heritage. The program continues with energetic modern Greek favourites, such as Syrtaki, Zorba, and Zeibekiko, bringing a contemporary flair to the celebration. You are warmly invited to participate in a short and enjoyable Syrtaki lesson, making it easy for everyone to join the fun — no prior experience required.
Event duration: 40 minutes Docked: 23:00 (day prior) - 23:00

Arrives On: 19 Jul 27

Day 7: Sarandë (Albania)

Today you'll cruise the Straits of Corfu to Albania and Sarandë, a popular coastal town perched on a crescent-shaped bay. This once sleepy fishing village welcomes you with a bustling seaside promenade and pebbled beaches. Its relaxed atmosphere makes it a perfect base for exploring the nearby ancient ruins of Butrint, a World Heritage-listed Site renowned for its archaeological significance. Included Excursion
Included Excursion Butrint UNESCO Ruins & Lekursi Castle View
Follow the scenic coastline of southern Albania to discover the remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint, where ancient history and unspoilt natural beauty combine in one extraordinary setting. Travel through the fertile Vurgu Plain, passing Lake Butrint, a protected wetland renowned for its rich birdlife and biodiversity, before arriving at the ancient city of Butrint. Once a thriving Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Venetian settlement, this remarkable archaeological site invites you to explore its fascinating ruins, including temples, theatres, and ancient city walls, while your guide reveals the story of more than two thousand years of history. Continue to Lekursi Castle, a magnificent 16th-century Ottoman fortress perched high above Sarandë. From its commanding position, enjoy spectacular panoramic views across the Ionian Sea, Sarandë, and the island of Corfu. Relax with refreshments at the castle before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes Docked: 09:00 - 13:30

Arrives On: 20 Jul 27

Day 8: Kotor (Montenegro)

Encircled by medieval walls, the fortified city of Kotor on Montenegro's beautiful coastline is a fascinating port that seamlessly combines ancient history and vibrant modern culture. Nestled between imposing mountains and the Adriatic Sea, the Old Town of Kotor, a World Heritage-listed site, is sure to charm with its elegant Venetian palaces, cobblestone narrow lanes and café-hemmed squares. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or our DiscoverMORE option. EmeraldACTIVE
Explore Historic Kotor on foot
Explore Kotor from a unique perspective on a guided walk along the lower section of the city walls. This relaxed stroll reveals the impressive defensive architecture that once protected the town and highlights Kotor's strategic importance throughout centuries of Venetian and regional rule. As you walk through this historic area, hear fascinating stories connected to the old fortifications and gain insight into daily life within the walled city. The experience offers an authentic atmosphere and a deeper understanding of Kotor's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
Our Lady of the Rocks and walking tour of Kotor (extra expense)
A relaxing boat ride carries you across the breathtaking

Bay of Kotor to the legendary island of Our Lady of the Rocks, a man-made islet steeped in maritime tradition. Visit the charming church and learn about the centuries-old custom of seafarers who gradually created the island by sinking stones and ships in honour of a sacred icon. Continue to the elegant town of Perast, known for its well-preserved Baroque architecture and picturesque waterfront. Stroll along cobblestone streets and enjoy the timeless atmosphere before visiting the Maritime Museum, where exhibits reveal the rich naval heritage of Montenegro and the strategic importance of the Bay of Kotor in European trade and naval history. The journey then returns to Kotor for a guided walking tour of its UNESCO-listed Old Town. Explore narrow medieval lanes, visit historic churches, and uncover the stories that shaped this fortified coastal city nestled between mountains and sea.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 21 Jul 27

Day 9: Vis Island (Croatia)

Set off the Croatian mainland, the charming Island of Vis was closed to visitors until 1989. Today, this historical background has given Vis a rare sense of tranquillity and authenticity. Its rocky coastline, azure waters and well-preserved Venetian architecture made Vis the ideal backdrop for the popular film, Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again in 2018. DiscoverMORE
Komiža - Guided Intro & Free Exploration (extra expense)
Discover the unspoilt beauty of Vis, Croatia's most remote inhabited island, where dramatic viewpoints, fascinating military history, and traditional fishing villages showcase a slower pace of Adriatic life. Travel across the island to a spectacular panoramic viewpoint, offering sweeping views over the coastline, crystal-clear waters, and rolling countryside. Continue to a second viewpoint overlooking the former Royal Air Force airfield, built during the Second World War, where your guide will share the island's remarkable military history and decades of isolation. Continue to the charming fishing village of Komiža, nestled at the foot of Mount Hum. Wander its narrow stone streets, admire the traditional Dalmatian architecture, and enjoy free time to browse local shops, relax at a waterfront café (own expense), or soak up the authentic island atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Blue cave on Bisevo Island (extra expense)
Travel from Vis to the picturesque fishing town of Komiža, enjoying scenic views along the way. Upon arrival, board speedboats for an exhilarating cruise across the Adriatic toward the island of Biševo. On Biševo, collect your entrance tickets before transferring to small local boats for a visit to the famous Blue Cave (Modra Špilja). Inside the cave, witness the extraordinary natural phenomenon created by sunlight reflecting through an underwater opening, illuminating the interior with a magical blue glow.
After the visit, return by speedboat to Komiža and enjoy free time to relax along the harbour, explore the narrow streets, or soak up the laid-back island atmosphere before concluding the excursion.
Activity Level: Moderate,

Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes Anchored: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 22 Jul 27

Day 10: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Welcome to the dazzling city of Dubrovnik on Croatia’s stunning Dalmatian Coast. Known as the ‘Pearl of the Adriatic’, this World Heritage-listed city is renowned for its breathtaking architecture with red terracotta-tiled roofs and white stone walls contrasting against the turquoise waters that lap below. DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Dubrovnik (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Step inside the magnificent walls of Dubrovnik Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where centuries of history, elegant architecture, and vibrant city life await. A short coach transfer brings you to Pile Gate, the grand entrance to the Old Town, where your guided walk begins along the famous Stradun, Dubrovnik's historic main street. Visit the beautiful Franciscan Monastery, renowned for its peaceful cloister and home to one of Europe's oldest working pharmacies, established in 1317. Along the way, admire the exteriors of Dubrovnik's most celebrated landmarks while your guide shares the fascinating history of this remarkable medieval city. Following the guided tour, enjoy free time to explore the Old Town at your own pace, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before returning independently to the designated coach departure point for the transfer back.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes DiscoverMORE
Traditional Dalmatian Meal Experience at family owned local restaurant (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Escape to the peaceful Konavle Valley and experience authentic Croatian hospitality with a traditional meal in one of the region's most renowned family-run restaurants. Travel through the picturesque countryside to family owned Konoba, beautifully situated on the banks of the Ljuta River. Surrounded by lush greenery, this charming family-owned restaurant is celebrated for preserving the culinary traditions of Konavle and Dalmatia using fresh, locally sourced ingredients and recipes passed down through generations. Relax in the tranquil riverside setting while enjoying a traditional meal accompanied by local wines. Afterwards, take time to browse the small shop offering regional wines, local delicacies, and handcrafted souvenirs before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours Docked: 08:00 - 06:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 23 Jul 27

Day 11: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Your time aboard comes to an end. From your luxury yacht, you’ll be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. DiscoverMORE
Dubrovnik & Cavtat (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Explore two of Croatia's most enchanting coastal towns,

where medieval history, magnificent architecture, and Adriatic scenery create an unforgettable experience. A scenic drive brings you to Pile Gate, the grand entrance to Dubrovnik Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Follow your guide along the famous Stradun, discovering the city's rich history and architectural treasures. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, home to a beautiful cloister and one of Europe's oldest working pharmacies, founded in 1317, while admiring the elegant exteriors of Dubrovnik's most celebrated landmarks. Continue with a panoramic drive to the charming seaside town of Cavtat, nestled on a picturesque bay between two peninsulas. Enjoy free time to stroll along the waterfront promenade, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey. A brief stop will be made at the airport for guests ending their cruise.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 45 minutes

Note: This excursion is available for guests continuing on to the next cruise and for disembarking guests with flights departing after 4:00 pm. Luggage will be stored on the coach. Please book your flight to depart out of Dubrovnik after 11:00 AM. Docked: 08:00 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. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

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