



Cruise Details

Name:	Catalonia to Andalusia
Reference:	EMERALDE17M181026-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	18 Oct 26
Departs From:	Barcelona
Arrives On:	26 Oct 26
Arrives At:	Málaga
Cruise Nights:	8
Total Vacation Days:	9

Itinerary

Day 1: Barcelona (Spain)

Your journey begins in the cosmopolitan city of Barcelona, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin your cruise along the Spanish coastline.

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

Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 18 Oct 26

Day 2: Castellón de la Plana (Spain)

Welcome to Castellón de la Plana, an eclectic city marrying natural beauty with rich culture. Enjoy the beautiful beaches and inviting green spaces such as Columbretes Islands Natural Park, popular for hiking. The city is also home to Jaume I University, one of Spain's most important universities, elevating Castellón de la Plana's already dynamic culture with a youthful energy.

Discover
E-Bike Adventure (extra

expense, must be pre-booked)
We'll begin cycling along the beautiful coastlines of Playa del Pinar and Gurugú, using a bike path by the shore. Next, we'll visit Benicassim's beaches to explore the historic San Vicente Tower and the villas from the Belle Epoque era, when notable families chose the area as their seaside resort, dubbing it the "Valencian Biarritz." If time allows, we may venture towards the Sea Greenway, a peaceful route connecting Oropesa del Mar and

Benicassim.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3

hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Beautiful Peñíscola (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore the charm and history of Peñíscola on this captivating tour. A scenic drive leads you to this picturesque coastal town, offering stunning Mediterranean views. First, admire "El Bufador," a fascinating rock formation where waves dramatically crash against the cliffs. Then, stroll to the iconic Faro de Peñíscola lighthouse for panoramic vistas. Discover the imposing Peñíscola Castle, a medieval fortress rich in history. As the tour concludes, relax on the drive back to the port, reflecting on the landscapes, history, and warm hospitality of this coastal gem.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 09:00 - 17:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 19 Oct 26

Day 3: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

<p><p>Set along Majorca's southern shores and the capital of Spain's Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca is a city steeped in history and home to remarkable architecture. One of Palma's most notable landmarks is the stunning Cathedral of Santa Maria, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture with one of the largest rose windows — a decorated circular window with stained glass — in the world.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Valldemossa and Son Marroig (extra expense)
Discover Valldemossa, a charming village known for its stunning landscapes. Guided by an expert, explore the Carthusian Monastery, a historic site where composer Chopin and writer George Sand stayed in 1838. Visit its museum featuring original Chopin sheets and Sand's manuscripts. Enjoy a mini piano concert at the nearby King Sancho Palace, followed by free time to stroll through vibrant streets, savor local treats like Coca de patata and frozen almond milk, and shop for souvenirs. Finally, admire breathtaking views from the ancient residence of Archduke Luis Salvador at Son Marroig before returning to the port.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 17:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 20 Oct 26

Day 4: Alicante (Spain)

<p><p>Along Spain's southeastern Costa Blanca coast, Alicante enjoys a lovely Mediterranean climate, bearing hot summers and mild winters, making it a popular holiday destination year-round. This port city is also known for its beautiful beaches such as Playa de San Juan and Postiguet Beach, which entice travellers from around the world. Set atop a hill in the heart of Alicante, you

can discover the Castle of Santa Barbara, dating back to the 9th century. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion
Elche: City of Parks and Palms and Alicante
Elche, a city south of Alicante, is renowned for its lush palm groves, particularly the Huerto del Cura, a stunning municipal garden. Following a scenic coach ride, a guided tour showcases Elche's key landmarks before exploring Huerto del Cura, where visitors can enjoy the shade and diverse tropical and Mediterranean plants. Notably, the garden features the seven-fronded "Imperial Palm," named after Empress Elisabeth of Austria, affectionately known as Sisi. The tour concludes with a return drive to Alicante.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.45 hours

EmeraldACTIVE
Alicante & Downhill walk from Santa Barbara Castle
Explore Alicante on a captivating tour that blends history with leisure. Start with a scenic walk showcasing landmarks like the 18th-century Baroque town hall and the Museo de Hogueras, dedicated to the city's midsummer St. John's Eve celebration. After some free time, take a coach to the 9th-century Castle of Santa Bárbara, perched atop Mount Benacantil. The castle offers breathtaking views of the city and harbor. The tour concludes with a walk back to the port.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.15 hours

Docked: 12:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 21 Oct 26

Day 5: Cartagena (Spain)

As a major naval station on the Mediterranean coast, Cartagena has been greatly influenced by various cultures over the centuries. This historical crossroads of civilisations is evident in the city's diverse architectural styles, ranging from Roman to Art Nouveau. A must-see landmark is the ancient Roman Theatre, unearthed in 1987 and restored for public viewing.

EmeraldPLUS
Spain's most noble tradition: the strikingly elegant Andalusian horses
Just a few kilometres from Cartagena, this charming ranch showcases magnificent pure Spanish-bred horses with elegant bloodlines. For over 40 years, the Conesa family has operated this ranch, where visitors can observe broodmares and foals, and witness Spanish horse training and stallion management. The experience includes snacks while watching a coordinated training by an Andalusian dancer and a stallion. Recognized as a finalist for the 2018 Seatrade Cruise Awards, this tour offers a unique glimpse into traditional ranch life and close interaction with nature and animals.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

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Walking tour of Cartagena and Roman Theatre (extra expense)
Embark on a walking tour from the pier, following the sea wall to Town Hall Square and the main avenue, where you'll see striking modernist buildings from the early 20th century. Cartagena's historical significance, from a Carthaginian trading post in the 3rd century BC to an 18th-century naval base, is evident. Visit the Roman Theatre, built between the 5th and 1st centuries BC, which highlights the city's ancient glory. Explore the Old Quarter, showcasing "Modernist" townhouses from the late 19th to early 20th century, reflecting the wealth from a

mining boom.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 22 Oct 26

Day 6: Almería (Spain)

<p><p>Tucked away on the southeast corner of Spain's Mediterranean coast, one of the most remarkable features of Almería is its diverse landscapes. This Andalusian city is the home of the Tabernas Desert, the only desert in Europe, as well as the imposing Sierra de Alhamilla mountain range and captivating coastal stretches.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Almeria City Walk and Tapas (extra expense)
Experience the rich history of Almeria, once an Arab stronghold, with a motorcoach ride to downtown, followed by a walking tour of the old town. Visit the Gothic Cathedral of Almeria, designed for dual purposes as a church and a defence against Berber pirates. Along the way, explore the 17th-century Convent of Las Puras, the Episcopal Palace, Cervantes Theatre, and the Mercantile Center. Conclude your adventure with tapas and refreshments at a local restaurant before heading back to the pier.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.25 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Coast and Villages Panoramic Drive (extra expense)
This tour explores stunning mountainous landscapes, the Tabernas Desert, and the charming village of Mojacar. Known for its flat-roofed houses and white-washed walls, Mojacar offers breathtaking sea views. Stroll through its winding streets and discover the fortified church. On the return journey to the ship, you'll enjoy a scenic coastal route, passing the beautiful Sierra Cabrera Natural Park. This adventure combines natural beauty, cultural richness, and picturesque scenery, making it a memorable experience.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 23 Oct 26

Day 7: Gibraltar (Gibraltar)

<p><p>Immerse yourself in the territory of Gibraltar, notable for its incredible position on the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula, akin to a 'guardian' to the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. It's interesting to note that despite being surrounded by Spain, Gibraltar has been under British rule since 1704. From traditional English pubs to Moroccan tea houses, Gibraltar offers visitors a truly unique cultural fusion.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Tour of the Rock (extra expense)
The Rock of Gibraltar, a 1400-foot landmark, is tied to the legend of Hercules and features a British flair with its policemen and pubs. Our tour begins at the British/Spanish Frontier, leading us to Europa Point for panoramic views and photo opportunities of the Mediterranean and Atlantic convergence. We explore St. Michael's Cave's stunning formations set to classical music, spot the playful Rock Apes at King Charles "V" Wall, and pass the historic Moorish Castle before concluding the tour in the upper town area.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 12:00 - 06:00 (next day)</p></p>

Arrives On: 24 Oct 26

Day 8: Tangier (Morocco)

Enjoy a morning sail to Tangier. Guarding the Strait of Gibraltar, Tangiers has been Europe's gateway to Africa for centuries, welcoming with a blend of exotic cultures and influences unique to Morocco. Look, listen and smell: the diversity of the bustling local crowds, the heavy fragrances of spices in the colourful markets and murmurs of the sea and vibrant Old Town – a feast of sensations that stuns the senses.

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Walking tour of Medina and Kasbah with American Legation (extra expense)

Discover Tangier, where Europe meets Africa, creating a vibrant cultural fusion. Experience the lively crowds, fragrant markets, and the soothing rhythms of land and sea in this captivating "white city." Start your adventure from the pier, exploring the enchanting Kasbah and the winding souks of the Medina, where you can barter for unique souvenirs and admire local handicrafts. Your journey also includes a visit to the American Legation and a well-earned break at Palais Zahia with traditional mint tea, fresh juices, and Moroccan pastries in a charming Andalusian setting.

Activity Level: Moderate to Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours

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Cooking class at Blue Door (extra expense)

Begin your tour with a stroll through the Medina, exploring its narrow streets and vibrant markets. Guided by an expert, learn basic Arabic phrases as you navigate the souks. Next, head to a local culinary school for a hands-on cooking experience in English, where each participant actively engages in crafting a delicious Moroccan Tagine. The event culminates in a delightful, shared meal, allowing guests to savour the fruits of their labor after a day of cultural immersion and culinary adventure.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Docked: 11:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 25 Oct 26

Day 9: Málaga (Spain)

Your luxurious yacht cruise returns to the beautiful Andalusia region, concluding in Málaga, 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 Malaga after 01:00 PM.

Docked: 08:00

*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day.

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Arrives On: 26 Oct 26

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