Cruise Details

Name:	Catalonia to Andalusia
Reference:	EMERALDE17M231027-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	23 Oct 27
Departs From:	Barcelona
Arrives On:	31 Oct 27
Arrives At:	Málaga
Cruise Nights:	8
Total Vacation Days:	9

Itinerary

Day 1: Barcelona (Spain)

Welcome to Spain and the cosmopolitan city of Barcelona. Your journey begins here, among the vibrant colours and cultures of the Catalan region. You'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin your cruise around the Spanish coast. Please book your flight to arrive into Barcelona prior to 01:00 PM. Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 23 Oct 27

Day 2: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

The capital of the Balearic Islands, Mallorca is famous for its stunning coastline, historic towns and delicious cuisine. Its capital city, Palma de Mallorca, dates to the 13th century and is a vision in honey-coloured stone. Marvel at its grand Gothic cathedral, walk the medieval streets lined with aristocratic townhouses and sip coffee in bustling public squares. Elsewhere on the island, discover the authentic village of Valldemossa, the unspoilt beaches and natural beauty

of the landscape. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Palma de Mallorca
Step back through centuries of history as you explore the medieval heart of Palma de Mallorca, from its historic Jewish Quarter to one of the island's most iconic castles. Begin with a guided walk through Call Major, Palma's historic Jewish Quarter, before visiting the magnificent Cathedral of Santa María (La Seu), Spain's second-largest Gothic cathedral. Admire its soaring columns and elegant interior before exploring the Cathedral Treasury Museum, home to an impressive collection of religious art, manuscripts, and historic treasures. Continue along the scenic Paseo Marítimo, lined with luxury yachts and waterfront hotels, en route to Bellver Castle. This unique 14th-century circular fortress offers spectacular panoramic views over Palma and its beautiful bay while revealing fascinating stories from its royal and military past.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 24 Oct 27

Day 3: Ibiza (Spain)

Ibiza's party scene is legendary, attracting thousands of revellers each year from around the world. This gorgeous Balearic Island, just off the coast of Spain, has become synonymous with electronic dance music, jetsetters lifestyle, and late-night revelry. Despite its hedonistic reputation however, Ibiza also promotes responsible tourism, with initiatives to ensure that the island's natural beauty, including beautiful sandy coves backed by pine-clad hills, is preserved for future generations. DiscoverMORE
Dalt Vila walking tour (extra expense)
Wander through the enchanting streets of Dalt Vila, Ibiza's beautifully preserved Old Town and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where centuries of history unfold within impressive Renaissance walls. Enter the historic quarter through the iconic Ses Taules Gate before exploring its maze of narrow cobbled streets, picturesque squares, and panoramic terraces overlooking Ibiza Town and its harbour. Along the way, admire landmarks including the magnificent Cathedral of Santa María, the elegant Episcopal Palace, the historic Town Hall, and the former Dominican Convent, while your guide shares stories of the island's fascinating past. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace before relaxing over a traditional ensaimada pastry accompanied by coffee.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00–20:00

Arrives On: 25 Oct 27

Day 4: Alicante (Spain)

Part of Spain’s southeastern Costa Blanca coast, Alicante enjoys a lovely Mediterranean climate of hot summers, mild winters and almost endless sunshine, making it a popular holiday destination year-round. This picturesque port city is 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 ninth

century. It’s also considered one of the best cities for eating out in Spain, so expect street snacks, delicious restaurants and late-night haunts. DiscoverMORE
Alicante & Downhill hike from Santa Barbara Castle (extra expense)
Discover the rich history and vibrant atmosphere of Alicante, where elegant architecture, local traditions, and a commanding medieval fortress overlook the sparkling Mediterranean. Begin with a guided walk through the historic centre, passing landmarks including the 18th-century Baroque Town Hall before visiting the Museo de Hogueras, dedicated to Alicante's famous Hogueras de San Juan festival. Through its fascinating displays, learn about the spectacular bonfire celebrations that have become one of the city's most treasured traditions. Following free time to explore the city at your own pace, continue by coach to the impressive Santa Bárbara Castle, perched 166 metres above sea level on Mount Benacantil. Originally built in the 9th century during Moorish rule, the fortress offers a fascinating insight into Alicante's past together with magnificent panoramic views across the city, harbour, and Mediterranean coastline.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 15 minutes Docked: 12:00–22:00

Arrives On: 26 Oct 27

Day 5: Cartagena (Spain)

Part of the Mediterranean's Costa Cálida, Cartagena was one of the most important naval ports in Spain until the 18th century. This portside town has been inhabited by several cultures over the centuries, all of whom have left their mark on its streets. Walk its beautiful streets and see layers of history unfold before you, from the Roman Amphitheatre to the Torre Ciega and the Castillo de la Concepción. EmeraldPLUS
Andalusian Horses Cartagena Spain
Step into the world of the magnificent Pure Spanish Horse with a visit to a traditional family-owned ranch just outside Cartagena, where generations of the Conesa family have dedicated themselves to breeding these elegant animals. Meet mares and their foals in the paddocks before witnessing impressive demonstrations showcasing the beauty, intelligence, and agility of these celebrated horses. Learn about the art of breeding and training while experiencing daily life on this authentic working ranch. Your visit concludes with traditional Spanish tapas and refreshments, accompanied by a captivating performance combining the grace of an Andalusian dancer with the precision and harmony of a beautifully trained stallion.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours DiscoverMORE
Walking Tour of Cartagena with Visit to Roman Theatre (extra expense)
Explore the historic port city of Cartagena, where Roman monuments, elegant modernist architecture, and authentic Spanish flavours come together in one of Spain's oldest settlements. Begin with a guided walk from the waterfront through the city's historic centre, passing the Town Hall Square and impressive early 20th-century modernist buildings. Visit the magnificent Roman Theatre, one of Cartagena's most important archaeological treasures, dating from the 1st century BC and once capable of seating up to 6,000 spectators. Afterwards, enjoy some free time before continuing through the charming Old Quarter, where centuries of history are reflected in its streets and grand

façades. Complete your excursion with a true taste of Spain as you visit three local restaurants or bars to sample a selection of traditional tapas, accompanied by a glass of sangría, local wine, or a soft drink.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 27 Oct 27

Day 6: Almería (Spain)

Tucked away on the southeast corner of Spain's Mediterranean coast, Almeria is one of the quieter ports of Andalusia. The city has a handsome historic centre, with palm tree-lined plazas, stone churches, the incredible Moorish Alcazaba and many excellent tapas bars. On the northern edge of the town is the remarkable Tabernas Desert, the only desert in Europe. This dramatic, bone-dry landscape has been used as a filming location for classic Westerns since the 1950s. EmeraldACTIVE
Almeria City Walk and Tapas
Journey through the historic streets of Almería, where Moorish heritage, impressive architecture, and Andalusian traditions reveal the city's rich past. A short drive brings you to the city centre, where your guided walk begins. Visit the impressive Cathedral of Almería, a remarkable blend of Gothic and Renaissance architecture that was built to serve as both a place of worship and a defensive fortress against pirate attacks. Continue through the historic quarter, passing landmarks including the Convent of Las Puras, the Episcopal Palace, the Cervantes Theatre, and the Mercantile Centre, while learning about the city's fascinating history. Conclude your excursion at a traditional local restaurant, where you'll enjoy a selection of authentic Spanish tapas accompanied by refreshments.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 15 minutes Docked: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 28 Oct 27

Day 7: Gibraltar (Gibraltar)

A little slice of England on the edge of Spain, Gibraltar has been under British rule since 1704. It's incredible position on the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula has made it the guardian of the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea for centuries. You'll be amazed by the highlight of this British Overseas Territory: the towering limestone monolith known as the Rock of Gibraltar, which dominates the landscape. From its summit, you can enjoy breathtaking views across the Strait. Designated as a nature reserve, the rock is also home to a colony of Barbary apes—the only wild monkeys found in Europe. DiscoverMORE
Tour of the Rock (extra expense)
Discover the highlights of Gibraltar, where dramatic natural landscapes, centuries of military history, and unique wildlife come together at the gateway to the Mediterranean Sea. Travel to Europa Point, the southernmost tip of Gibraltar, for spectacular views across the meeting point of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, with the historic Trinity Lighthouse standing proudly on the headland. Continue to the Upper Rock Nature Reserve to explore the

impressive St. Michael's Cave, a vast limestone cavern renowned for its spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. Visit King Charles V Wall, home to Gibraltar's famous Barbary macaques, the only wild monkey population in Europe, before passing the historic Moorish Castle and its iconic Tower of Homage as you descend through the Upper Town.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours Docked: 13:00–23:59

Arrives On: 29 Oct 27

Day 8: Cádiz (Spain)

The coastal town of Cádiz, in the Andalusian region of Spain, is your stop for today. Considered to be the oldest continually inhabited city in Europe, it was founded by the Phoenicians around 1100BC. Cádiz has been a prominent trading port for centuries and is often referred to as the 'City of the Watchtowers' for its striking defensive structures from the 16th and 17th centuries. With a rich cultural, historical and architectural heritage, the city is filled with landmarks, antique quarters and lush gardens that will capture all your senses. DiscoverMORE
Jerez and the unique taste of sherry (extra expense)
Step into the heart of Andalusia with a visit to the historic city of Jerez de la Frontera, renowned for its rich heritage and world-famous sherry. Discover the city's highlights on a guided walk, including the impressive Alcázar of Jerez, a magnificent Moorish fortress that reflects centuries of Andalusian history. Continue to the renowned Tio Pepe Winery, where you'll explore its historic cellars, learn about the traditional art of sherry production, and enjoy a tasting of its celebrated wines. Your excursion concludes with a scenic drive back to Cádiz, offering a final opportunity to admire the landscapes of Andalusia.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Docked: 10:00–16:00

Arrives On: 30 Oct 27

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. DiscoverMORE
Malaga Tour & Transfer (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Discover the highlights of Málaga on an excursion combining panoramic views, artistic heritage, and authentic Andalusian flavours. Begin with a panoramic drive through the city, passing the waterfront, beaches, and historic landmarks before stopping at Gibralfaro Castle to admire spectacular views over Málaga, the Mediterranean Sea, and the historic centre. Continue to the Casa Natal Picasso, the birthplace of Pablo Picasso, where you will learn about the artist's early life and his enduring connection to Málaga through the museum's exhibits. A short walk leads to a traditional tapas bar, where you will sample two authentic Andalusian tapas accompanied by a drink. Afterwards, enjoy a guided walk through Málaga's historic centre, taking in the exterior of the magnificent Cathedral of Málaga, the ancient Roman

Theatre, and the lively Plaza de la Merced, one of the city's most vibrant squares. Free time is then provided to browse local boutiques, relax at a café, or continue exploring before departing for the transfer to the airport.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Notes: Available for debarking participants with flights departing after 5:00 pm. Luggage will be stored securely on the coach during the excursion. Please book your flight to depart out of Malaga after 12:00 PM. Docked: 06:00 The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons, including changes to port timings and berth status. Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee that the cruise will operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

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