Cruise Details

Name:	Andalucia to Catalonia with Chef Rachel Hargrove
Reference:	EMERALDE17M240427-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	24 Apr 27
Departs From:	Málaga
Arrives On:	02 May 27
Arrives At:	Barcelona
Cruise Nights:	8
Total Vacation Days:	9

Itinerary

Day 1: Málaga (Spain)

Your journey begins in the cosmopolitan city of Malaga, the heart of the Costa del Sol. You'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin your cruise around the Spanish Peninsula. Please book your flight to arrive into Malaga prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 24 Apr 27

Day 2: 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, must be pre-booked)
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: 07:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 25 Apr 27

Day 3: Tangier (Morocco)

Sail across the Strait of Gibraltar to Tangier. Europe's gateway to Africa for centuries, Tangier welcomes you with a blend of exotic cultures and influences unique to Morocco. The diversity of the bustling local crowds, the heavy fragrances of spices in the colourful markets and the murmurs of the sea and – it’s a feast of sensations that stuns the senses. DiscoverMORE
Tangier City Tour with American Legation & Tea (extra expense)
Uncover the vibrant sights, flavours, and rich heritage of Tangier, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea and Europe and Africa are separated by just a narrow strait. Explore the historic Kasbah, the city's fortified hilltop quarter, and visit the Kasbah Museum of Mediterranean Cultures, housed within the former Dar El-Makhzen Palace. Admire its elegant courtyards, tranquil gardens, remarkable Roman mosaics, and fascinating collections reflecting Tangier's multicultural past. Continue through the winding streets and lively souks of the Medina, where colourful stalls display traditional Moroccan crafts, spices, and textiles, offering time to browse for local souvenirs. Your visit also includes the historic American Legation, the first American public property established outside the United States and a symbol of the long-standing friendship between the two nations. Before concluding your exploration, relax with traditional Moroccan hospitality while enjoying mint tea, freshly squeezed orange juice or coffee, accompanied by a selection of Moroccan pastries at Palais Zahia.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Cooking class at Blue Door (extra expense)
Step into the heart of Tangier's Medina and discover the flavours and traditions of Moroccan cuisine on this immersive culinary experience. Follow your guide through the bustling souks and vibrant market, where you'll gain an insight into daily life while learning a few useful Arabic phrases along the way. Continue to a local culinary school for a hands-on cooking class, where you'll prepare a traditional Moroccan tagine using authentic ingredients and time-honoured techniques. Working together under the guidance of

local chefs, you'll discover the secrets behind one of Morocco's most iconic dishes before sitting down to enjoy the delicious meal you have helped create.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00–16:00

Arrives On: 26 Apr 27

Day 4: 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: 10:00–18:00

Arrives On: 27 Apr 27

Day 5: Cartagena (Spain)

Wake up early this morning and stand on your balcony to admire the spectacular natural harbour of Cartagena as your yacht sails into port. 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: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 28 Apr 27

Day 6: Ibiza (Spain)

The most famous party island in the world, Ibiza has become synonymous with electronic dance music, luxury living and late-night revelry. But while it’s a clubber’s paradise, it is also home to glorious beaches, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town and Bohemian wellness retreats. Despite its hedonistic reputation, Ibiza promotes responsible tourism, with initiatives to ensure the island's natural beauty 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: 08:00–22:00

Arrives On: 29 Apr 27

Day 7: 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: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 30 Apr 27

Day 8: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

The quietest and most relaxed of the Balearics, Menorca gives you a taste of how these islands used to be. The island’s capital, Mahón, is on the east coast and is yours to explore today. It sits on the largest natural harbour in the Mediterranean and was colonised by the British in the 18th century, leaving a legacy of grand naval buildings and Georgian townhouses. Beyond that, there’s a wealth of prehistoric structures to explore and the interior of the island remains largely untouched, dotted with rolling farmland and whitewashed villages. DiscoverMORE
Villages of Menorca & Caves (extra expense)
Take in some of Menorca's most spectacular scenery, combining panoramic viewpoints, dramatic coastal landscapes, and one of the island's most picturesque villages. Begin at Monte Toro, the highest point on the island, where a peaceful 17th-century sanctuary offers sweeping views across Menorca and the surrounding coastline. Continue to the spectacular Cova d'en Xoroi, dramatically perched on limestone cliffs above the Mediterranean. Enjoy a refreshing drink while admiring the breathtaking views and hearing the romantic legend associated with this unique cave setting. Complete your excursion in the charming village of Binibeca, where whitewashed houses and narrow lanes recreate the atmosphere of a traditional Mediterranean fishing village. Enjoy free time to stroll through its picturesque streets or browse the local shops before returning.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Cultures of Menorca (extra expense)
Discover the authentic charm of Menorca, where picturesque fishing villages, local culinary traditions, and elegant historic streets offer a true taste of island life. Begin in the peaceful

harbour village of Fornells, where whitewashed houses and a relaxed waterfront invite you to explore at your own pace. Continue to a traditional cheese farm to learn how the island's famous Mahón Cheese is produced, before enjoying a tasting of this celebrated local speciality. Conclude your excursion with a guided walk through Mahón, Menorca's historic capital. Admire its elegant architecture and visit landmarks including the Church of Santa María, while discovering the island's rich history and cultural heritage.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 01 May 27

Day 9: Barcelona (Spain)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes today in Barcelona, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your travels. DiscoverMORE
The Gothic Quarter & its Public Markets (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Discover the historic heart of Barcelona as you explore medieval streets, vibrant markets, and traditional Catalan flavours on foot. Begin in the atmospheric Gothic Quarter, where narrow alleyways and centuries-old buildings reveal the city's rich history. During your guided walk, visit Plaça de Sant Jaume, the political heart of Barcelona, before continuing to the famous La Boqueria Market. Enjoy free time to browse the colourful stalls filled with fresh produce, local delicacies, and regional specialities, then pause at a traditional churrería to sample freshly made churros. Continue through Cathedral Square, the historic Jewish Quarter, and Plaça de Santa Maria del Pi, before concluding your exploration at the lively Santa Caterina Market, renowned for its distinctive colourful roof and vibrant local atmosphere.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours
Notes: This excursion is available for guests continuing on the next cruise. DiscoverMORE
Barcelona Tour and Transfer (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Take in the highlights of Barcelona on this panoramic excursion, combining world-famous landmarks with the charm of the city's historic centre before continuing to the airport. Begin with a drive to La Sagrada Família, Antoni Gaudí's iconic masterpiece. Pause for an exterior visit and photographs while learning about the history and remarkable design of this world-famous basilica. Continue to Montjuïc, where panoramic views stretch across the city, harbour, and Mediterranean coastline. Travel onward to the historic Gothic Quarter, where free time allows you to explore at your own pace or relax at a local café. Afterwards, join a guided walk through its medieval streets and picturesque squares, culminating with a visit inside the magnificent Barcelona Cathedral, one of the city's finest examples of Gothic architecture. Following your visit, continue directly to Barcelona Airport for your onward journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 6 hours

Notes: This excursion is available for participants on flights after 5:30pm. Luggage will remain securely stored on the coach throughout the excursion. Please book your flight to depart out of Barcelona after 02:00 PM. Docked: 08:00 The itinerary is a guide

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