



## Cruise Details

Name:	Catalonia to Andalusia
Reference:	EMERALDE17M251025-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	25 Oct 25
Departs From:	Barcelona
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Arrives On:	02 Nov 25
Arrives At:	Málaga
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Cruise Nights:	8
Total Vacation Days:	9

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Barcelona (Spain)

Fly from the UK to Barcelona. Your deluxe cruise begins in Barcelona, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin your journey of the Spanish coastline.

Flight to arrive into Barcelona prior to 01:00 PM.

Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 25 Oct 25

### Day 2: Castellón de la Plana (Spain)

Castellón de la Plana is an eclectic city melding natural beauty with rich culture. It has 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 the most important universities in Spain, elevating Castellón de la Plana's already dynamic culture with a youthful energy.

**DiscoverMORE**  
E-Bike Adventure (extra

expense, must be pre-booked)<br />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.<br />Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

3 hours </span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Beautiful Peñíscola (must be pre-booked)<br />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.<br />Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours</span></p><p><p><p>Docked: 09:00 -

17:00</p></p>

17:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 26 Oct 25

### Day 3: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

<p><p>Palma de Mallorca, the capital of Spain's Balearic Islands, is a city steeped in history and adorned with 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><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Valldemossa and Son Marroig (extra expense)<br />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.<br />Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5

hours </span></p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 17:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 27 Oct 25

### Day 4: Alicante (Spain)

<p><p>Alicante has a lovely Mediterranean climate, with hot summers and mild winters, making it a popular holiday destination year-round. It's known for beautiful beaches such as Playa de San Juan and Postiguet Beach, which entice travellers from around the world. In the heart of Alicante stands 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**  
Downhill hike 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: 28 Oct 25

#### 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 civilizations is evident in the city's diverse architectural styles from Roman to Art Nouveau. A must-see landmark is the ancient Roman Theatre, unearthed in 1987 and restored for public

**DiscoverMORE**  
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  
**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

Docked: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 29 Oct 25

### Day 6: Almería (Spain)

Almeria is tucked away on the southeast corner of Spain's Mediterranean coast. One of the most remarkable features of Almería is its diverse landscapes. It has the Tabernas Desert, the only desert in Europe, and it's also home to the Sierra de Alhamilla mountain range and captivating coastal areas.

**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

**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

Arrives On: 30 Oct 25

### Day 7: Gibraltar (Gibraltar)

Immerse yourself in the territory of Gibraltar, notable for its incredible position on the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula, almost like a 'guardian' to the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. Did you know despite being surrounded by Spain; Gibraltar has been under British control since 1704? From traditional English pubs to Moroccan tea houses, Gibraltar offers a unique cultural fusion.

**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

Docked: 12:00 - 06:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 31 Oct 25

### Day 8: Gibraltar (Gibraltar)

Enjoy a morning sail to Tangier. Guarding the Strait of Gibraltar, it has for centuries been Europe's gateway to Africa. Its blend of cultures and influences is unique in Morocco. Look, listen and smell: the diversity of the bustling crowds, the heavy fragrances in the markets, the murmurs of the sea and city blending – a feast of sensations that stuns the senses.

**DiscoverMORE** Walking tour of Medina and Kasbah (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, enriching your understanding of Tangier's rich history and significant international role.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.5 hours

**DiscoverMORE** 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: 01 Nov 25

### Day 9: Málaga (Spain)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Malaga, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday.

Flight to depart out of Malaga after 11:00 AM.

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Docked: 08:00

Arrives On: 02 Nov 25

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