Cruise Details

Name:	Adriatic Discovery: Venice, Istria & the Croatian archipelago
Reference:	EMERALDE18D050627-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	05 Jun 27
Departs From:	Venice
Arrives On:	12 Jun 27
Arrives At:	Venice
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Venice (Italy)

Your Adriatic cruise begins in the centuries-old, Italian city of Venice and legendary ‘City of Canals.’ Upon arrival, you’ll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for a memorable journey, cruising through the traditional passage past St. Mark’s Square—an exclusive route reserved for only a few cruise vessels. Please book your flight to arrive into Venice prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 05 Jun 27

Day 2: Piran (Slovenia)

Your first stop is Piran, a pretty town of red-tiled, whitewashed buildings clustered on the tip of the Piran peninsula and Slovenia’s glamorous yachting destination. Part of the Venetian empire from the late 13th century to the end of the 18th century, this Slovenian town is esteemed for its gothic-style, Venetian architecture. EmeraldPLUS
A

Stroll Through Piran’s Tastes & Melodies
Discover the timeless charm of Piran, a beautifully preserved Venetian coastal town where honey-coloured stone buildings, terracotta rooftops, and narrow streets overlook the sparkling Adriatic Sea. Walk to St. George’s Cathedral for spectacular views across Piran Bay before exploring the old town, passing Brotherhood Square, Tartini Square, and the elegant Venetian House. Visit Tartini House, birthplace of the renowned composer Giuseppe Tartini, and learn about his connection to Piran’s centuries-old salt-making tradition. Meet local hosts in traditional costume for an artisan experience celebrating Piran Sea Salt. Learn about the historic salt pans before creating your own herbal sea salt blend to take home. Conclude with a tasting of local wines and Istrian tapas, accompanied by a live violin performance inspired by Tartini’s legacy, before returning or enjoying more time in town at your leisure.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 06 Jun 27

Day 3: Mali Losinj (Croatia)

Welcome to Croatia. Set at the apex of a long natural harbour and ringed by elegant yet gently weathered, townhouses and verdant hills, this fascinating Croatian town sits on the narrowest part of the island, with sea on both sides. As you’ll discover today, Mali Lošinj boasts countless natural wonders, as well as historical sites that testify to its turbulent and storied past. DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Mali Losinj (extra expense)
Discover the charm of Mali Lošinj on this guided walking excursion along the Adriatic coast. Known for its crystal-clear waters and Mediterranean elegance, this picturesque island town invites exploration at a relaxed pace. Stroll through cobbled streets lined with historic façades while a knowledgeable local guide shares stories of Lošinj’s maritime heritage and its blend of Venetian and Mediterranean influences. Along the way, admire lush gardens, visit ancient churches, and see highlights such as the Lošinj Aromatic Garden and the Church of St. Nicholas (inside visit). This excursion offers a delightful combination of history, culture, and scenic beauty — perfect for those wishing to experience the authentic atmosphere of this Adriatic gem.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
Losinj Archipelago Speedboat Adventure (extra expense)
Explore the crystal-clear waters and hidden islands of the Lošinj Archipelago on an exhilarating speedboat adventure, combining spectacular coastal scenery, swimming, and island exploration. Meet your local guide before walking to the marina to board your speedboat. Cruise through the beautiful archipelago, passing secluded coves and rugged coastline before stopping near the famous Apoxyomenos discovery site, where the ancient Greek bronze statue was found. Here, enjoy time for swimming and snorkelling in the clear Adriatic waters. Continue to the peaceful island of Ilovik, known for its colourful gardens, relaxed atmosphere, and car-free streets. Following a short introduction by your guide, enjoy free time to stroll through the village, relax by the waterfront, or take another swim before departing for the return journey by speedboat.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5

hours Anchored: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 07 Jun 27

Day 4: Senj (Croatia)

Today, you'll first enjoy a brief, scenic stop in the charming town of Senj, gateway to the renowned Plitvice National Park and breathtaking natural beauty. This UNESCO World Heritage Site will leave you in awe, as you wander along wooden walkways and winding paths, passing cascading waterfalls and crystal-clear lakes. DiscoverMORE
Plitvice Lake National Park tour (extra expense)
Enjoy a full-day excursion to the UNESCO-listed Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Croatia's most spectacular natural treasures. A scenic drive leads you through beautiful landscapes before arriving at the park, where cascading waterfalls, crystal-clear lakes, and lush forests create an unforgettable setting. Follow well-maintained walking paths and wooden boardwalks as your guide shares insights into the park's history, geology, and unique flora and fauna. After exploring this remarkable natural wonder, enjoy a leisurely lunch before returning passing picturesque Croatian villages along the way. Your bus takes you back to Senj where you will board a speed boat and be transferred to Baska. Here you will be meeting our ship again.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 9 hours 15 minutes Later you will re-join your cruise in Baška, a picturesque resort town on the Croatian island of Krk, famous for its Old Town, containing centuries-old stone houses and atmospheric narrow streets. While here, you can also appreciate the beautiful local beaches and stunning nature of this scenic island. DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Krk and Vrbnik (extra expense)
Discover the history, culture, and scenic beauty of Krk Island on this charming excursion to Krk Town and Vrbnik. A scenic drive from Baška brings you to Krk Town, where a guided walk introduces the highlights of the island's historic capital. Stroll through its atmospheric streets and admire landmarks such as the Krk Cathedral and the impressive Frankopan Castle (both viewed from outside). Free time follows to explore independently, browse local shops, or relax at a café. Continue to the picturesque hilltop village of Vrbnik, renowned for its narrow stone streets, rich cultural heritage, and long-standing wine-making tradition. During a guided walk, discover its fascinating history and visit the famous Klancic Street, considered one of the narrowest streets in the world. Conclude your visit with a refreshing drink at a local restaurant before drive back.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 07:30 - 09:00 | 10:30 – 23:00

Arrives On: 08 Jun 27

Day 4: Krk Island (Croatia)

Arrives On: 08 Jun 27

Day 5: Opatija (Croatia)

Located on Croatia’s northern Adriatic coast, overlooking the Kvarner Gulf, Opatija boasts alluring views across the Adriatic towards the Kvarner Islands and distant Istrian mountains. Known as the ‘Nice of Croatia,’ this resort town is home to lovely seaside promenades and fairy-tale villas from the Habsburg-era. During your time in Opatija, be sure to sample some of the traditional local specialities, mussels with pršut, or fish stew. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option. EmeraldACTIVE
Opatija Riviera Promenade Walk
Stroll along the elegant Opatija Riviera, where grand Austro-Hungarian villas, beautiful coastal scenery, and the sparkling Adriatic Sea create one of Croatia's most refined seaside destinations. Begin in the historic resort town of Opatija, renowned for its 19th-century architecture and long tradition as a fashionable health and wellness retreat. Follow the famous Franz Joseph I Promenade (Lungomare), a picturesque coastal walkway offering magnificent views across Kvarner Bay as your guide shares the history of the region. Arrive in the peaceful seaside village of Ika, where you will have free time to relax on the beach, enjoy a swim in the Adriatic, or simply soak up the tranquil atmosphere before walking back along the scenic promenade to Opatija.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Kayak the Opatija Riviera (extra expense)
Experience Opatija’s beautiful coastline from the sea on this guided kayaking excursion, ideal for beginners and suitable for all ages (except infants). The route covers approximately 4.5 kilometres of gentle paddling along the Adriatic, combining light activity with scenic views and relaxation. After a short 500-metre walk to the beach, your adventure begins with kayaks, paddles, life jackets, and waterproof bags provided for comfort and safety. Accompanied by your guide, paddle along the shoreline with several pauses at notable landmarks, while hearing engaging stories from Opatija’s rich past. A stop for swimming and snorkelling is included, with masks provided, offering the chance to explore the clear Adriatic waters. Throughout the excursion, your guide captures digital photos, and waterproof phone cases are available upon request.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 08:00 – 21:00

Arrives On: 09 Jun 27

Day 6: Rovinj (Croatia)

Resting on Croatia’s Istrian Peninsula, the delightful town of Rovinj is intertwined with a myriad of Italian influences. Here, you’ll have time to admire the Old Town and its meandering streets, colourful façades of old buildings, as well as the picturesque harbour dotted with fishing boats. Rovinj is a quaint and easily walkable town, where you can also discover plenty of art galleries and small, historic squares. Today choose between our Included Excursion or DiscoverMORE option. Included Excursion
Walking Tour of Rovinj
Explore the charming coastal town of Rovinj, often regarded as one of the most picturesque destinations on the Adriatic, where colourful houses, narrow medieval streets, and Venetian heritage create an unforgettable atmosphere. Join your guide for a leisurely walk through

Rovinj's Old Town, discovering its maze of cobbled lanes, lively squares, and historic waterfront. Visit the magnificent Church of St. Euphemia, whose impressive Baroque architecture and prominent bell tower dominate the skyline, while learning about the town's fascinating history as a former fishing village that has grown into one of Istria's most beloved destinations. Following the guided walk, you may return to the ship with your guide or remain in Rovinj to continue exploring independently before returning at your leisure.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
The Heart of Istria Hills, History & Flavors (extra expense)
Journey through the heart of Istria, where medieval hilltop towns, breathtaking landscapes, and renowned regional cuisine showcase the very best of Croatia's largest peninsula. Travel through rolling vineyards and picturesque countryside to Hum, officially recognised as the world's smallest town. Wander its charming stone streets and discover centuries of history while learning about the legends and traditions that have shaped this remarkable settlement. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace. Continue to the hilltop town of Motovun, celebrated for its medieval architecture, spectacular panoramic views, and world-famous truffles. A local shuttle transports you from the coach park to the town entrance, where a guided walk reveals ancient stone walls, historic squares, and narrow cobbled streets. Afterwards, enjoy free time to browse artisan shops, relax at a café (own expense), or simply soak up the unique atmosphere. A traditional Istrian lunch featuring regional specialities completes your visit before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 6 hours 45 minutes Docked: 08:00 – 22:00

Arrives On: 10 Jun 27

Day 7: Venice (Italy)

Venice is an enchanting city that exudes an atmosphere not found anywhere else in the world. Established in the 5th century, this historic Italian city stretches across 118 small islands in the marshy Venetian Lagoon along the Adriatic. Among the many highlights in Venice, admire the grandeur of the city’s iconic canals and magnificent St. Marks Basilica. DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Venice with Doge's Palace (extra expense)
Experience the timeless beauty of Venice as you explore its iconic landmarks, magnificent architecture, and rich maritime history in the heart of this extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel by private motorboat along the Giudecca Canal to St. Mark's Square, where your guided walk begins. Admire the elegant Marciana Library, Sansovino's Loggetta, the impressive Bell Tower, the famous Clock Tower with its bronze Moors, and the historic Procuratie buildings surrounding one of the world's most celebrated squares. Continue with a guided visit to the magnificent Doge's Palace, the former seat of the Venetian Republic. Explore its lavish chambers, climb the famous Golden Staircase, and admire masterpieces by Tintoretto and Veronese before crossing the legendary Bridge of Sighs, which once connected the palace to the historic prison. Admire the exterior of the magnificent St. Mark's Basilica, whose origins date back to the 9th century, before enjoying free time to explore Venice at

your own pace. Rejoin your assistant at the designated meeting point before departing for the return journey by private motorboat.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:30 - Overnight

Arrives On: 11 Jun 27

Day 8: Venice (Italy)

Your Adriatic discovery and Emerald Cruises luxury voyage concludes in Venice. From here, you'll be transferred to the airport for your journey home, or to continue your holiday. DiscoverMORE
Murano With Glass Demonstration & Visit to Burano (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Cruise through the enchanting Venetian Lagoon to explore two of its most celebrated islands, renowned for centuries of craftsmanship, colourful traditions, and unique character. Travel by private motorboat across the lagoon to Murano, world-famous for its artistic glassmaking tradition. Visit a renowned glass factory where skilled artisans demonstrate the delicate techniques that have made Murano glass famous worldwide for over seven centuries. Afterwards, enjoy time to browse the showroom featuring a remarkable collection of handcrafted glass creations. Continue to the picturesque island of Burano, instantly recognisable by its brightly coloured fishermen's houses lining the canals. Stroll through the charming streets while learning about the island's historic lace-making tradition, once regarded as the finest in Europe. Enjoy free time to explore the village, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey by private motorboat.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes

Note: This excursion is available for guests continuing on to the next cruise, as well as disembarking guests with flights departing after 5:00 pm. Luggage will be stored at the terminal, and a transfer to the airport will be provided upon completion of the excursion. Those staying in Venice may also participate; however, upon returning from the excursion, luggage must be collected from the terminal, and onward travel to the final destination is at their own arrangement and expense. Please book your flight to depart out of Venice after 11:00 AM. 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.

Arrives On: 12 Jun 27

© 2026 Deluxe Cruises. This cruise itinerary was printed from https://deluxecruises.co.uk