



Cruise Details

Name:	Adriatic discovery: Venice, Istria & the Croatian archipelago
Reference:	EMERALDE18D250726-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	25 Jul 26
Departs From:	Venice
Arrives On:	01 Aug 26
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. Here, you will be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on a compelling journey of history, art, and natural wonders. Please book your flight to arrive into Venice prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 25 Jul 26

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, Piran is esteemed for its gothic-style Venetian architecture. **DiscoverMORE**
Postoina cave and Predjana Castle with Home Hosted Experience (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

>Experience the natural and cultural treasures of Slovenia on a captivating journey to two of its most iconic sites. Begin with a visit to the world-famous Postojna Cave, a breathtaking underground marvel carved by nature over millions of years. Accompanied by expert guides, explore its awe-inspiring chambers and spectacular limestone formations, uncovering the hidden secrets of this vast subterranean world. After the cave visit, enjoy time to browse for local souvenirs and keepsakes before continuing to the nearby Predjama Castle. Built dramatically into a cliffside cave, this extraordinary medieval fortress is steeped in legend and offers stunning views and fascinating tales of knights, sieges, and rebellion. Your day continues with a warm welcome at a private local home, where you'll enjoy an authentic Slovenian lunch prepared with traditional ingredients—offering a taste of the region's rich culinary heritage.

>Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 7.50 hours

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>Slovenia's alluring Lipica Stud

>Embark on an unforgettable journey to the prestigious Lipica Stud Farm, renowned for its rich equestrian heritage and majestic Lipizzaner horses. Immerse yourself in the splendour of the stud farm with a guided walking tour, where you'll discover the elegant stables and lush pastures that have bred these noble creatures for centuries. Enjoy the added charm of a horse carriage ride through the picturesque surroundings.

>Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

>Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 26 Jul 26

Day 3: Mali Losinj (Croatia)

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Set at the apex of a long natural harbour and ringed by elegant, gently weathered Adriatic town houses and verdant hills, this fascinating Croatian town straddles both coasts on the narrowest section of the island. Mali Lošinj boasts countless natural wonders, as well as historical sites that testify to its turbulent and storied past.

>**Included Excursion**

>Walking tour of Mali Losinj

>Step into the heart of the Adriatic with a guided Walking Tour of Mali Lošinj. This charming island town captivates with its blend of Venetian flair, Mediterranean spirit, and maritime legacy. Stroll cobbled lanes past colourful facades, explore the fragrant Losinj Aromatic Garden, and visit historic sites like the Church of St. Nicholas. Your local guide brings the island's history to life with stories of sailors, traders, and centuries-old traditions. With stunning sea views and lush gardens, this leisurely walk reveals the soul of one of Croatia's best-kept secrets.

>Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

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>Losinj Archipelago Speedboat Adventure (extra expense)

>Discover the untouched beauty of the Losinj Archipelago on this exhilarating speedboat adventure. Departing from Mali Lošinj, you'll cruise past dramatic coastlines and crystal-clear waters, stopping at scenic bays perfect for swimming and snorkeling. Marvel at the historic Apoxyomenos site before continuing to the peaceful island of Ilovik. There, enjoy a brief guided orientation followed by free time to explore the island's charming village or relax by the sea. With stunning views and refreshing ocean breezes throughout, this half-day escape blends natural beauty with a dash of adrenaline.

>Activity Level: Moderate,

Duration: 5 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 22:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 27 Jul 26

Day 4: Senj (Croatia)

<p><p>Stop in Senj, gateway to the renowned Plitvice National Park.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Plitvice Lake National Park tour (extra expense)
Journey from Senj to one of Croatia's most breathtaking natural treasures on this full-day excursion to Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel through scenic countryside before arriving at the park, where cascading waterfalls, vivid turquoise lakes, and lush forest trails await. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, stroll along wooden boardwalks and tranquil paths while learning about the park's unique ecosystem. Following your exploration, enjoy a traditional Croatian lunch before a leisurely return drive to your ship in Baska, Krk—passing charming villages and stunning landscapes along the way.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 9.5 hours</p><p>Later in the morning, sail to Baška, famous for its old town with old stone houses and narrow streets. You will also appreciate the beautiful beaches and stunning nature here. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Krk and Vrbnik (extra expense)
Experience the cultural charm of Krk Island on this guided walking tour through the historic towns of Krk and Vrbnik. Begin with a scenic drive from Baska to Krk Town, where you'll explore landmarks such as the impressive Frankopan Castle and Krk Cathedral. Enjoy free time to stroll at your leisure before heading to Vrbnik, a hilltop village known for its wine heritage and panoramic Adriatic views. Walk through its labyrinth of cobbled streets, including the famously narrow Kamenita ulica, and end your visit with a relaxing local refreshment before returning to Baska.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 10:30 - 23:00</p></p>

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Day 4: Krk Island (Croatia)

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Day 5: Opatija (Croatia)

<p><p>Located on the western peninsula of Croatia, Opatija boasts alluring views across the Adriatic towards the Kvarner Islands and distant Istrian mountains. Known as the 'Nice of Croatia', Opatija is home to lovely seaside promenades and fairy-tale villas. While here, be sure to sample some of the local specialities, mussels with pršut or fish stew. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Picturesque Opatija & Moscenice (extra expense)
Discover the timeless beauty of Croatia's Istrian coast on this scenic half-day excursion. Begin with a visit to the medieval hilltop

village of Moscenice, where narrow stone lanes and panoramic views of Kvarner Bay await. Enjoy a guided walk and savor a tasting of local specialties, including Istrian prosciutto, cheeses, olives, and regional wine. Continue to elegant Opatija for a guided stroll along its famed seaside promenade, surrounded by lush gardens and 19th-century villas. Conclude your tour with leisure time to shop or explore before making your way back to the ship.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

EmeraldACTIVE
Ucka Mountain Hike Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of the Rijeka region. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive from the Port of Opatija to the charming Poklon Lodge, where lush forests, rolling hills, and sparkling glimpses of the Adriatic set the tone for the day. From Poklon Lodge, join a professional guide for a hike to the summit of Vojak, the highest peak of Ucka Mountain. Along the way, breathe in the fresh mountain air and take in sweeping panoramas of the Istrian Peninsula and the northern Adriatic islands. At the summit, pause while soaking in the spectacular 360-degree views—a truly unforgettable moment. After descending, return to Poklon Lodge before a comfortable drive back to the Port of Opatija. Relax as the region's final scenic vistas unfold, bringing your nature-filled adventure to a perfect close.

Tour
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.75 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 29 Jul 26

Day 6: Rovinj (Croatia)

Located on the Istrian Peninsula, the lovely Croatian town of Rovinj is interwoven with Italian influences. Rovinj is a charming, easily walkable town and visitors here love to explore the narrow, winding streets that reveal old buildings with colourful façades and small, striking squares. There are also plenty of art galleries as well as a picturesque harbour dotted with fishing boats

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The Heart of Istria: Hills History & Flavors (extra expense0
Embark on a captivating journey through Istria's medieval towns, rolling hills, and breathtaking landscapes. This full-day adventure brings you closer to the region's rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning scenery. Your day begins in Hum, officially the smallest town in the world. Stroll along its charming stone-paved streets, admire centuries-old architecture, and immerse yourself in the legends that give this tiny town its unforgettable character. Next, travel to Motovun, one of Istria's most iconic hilltop towns. A short local shuttle takes you to the town entrance, where a guided walking tour reveals cobbled streets, ancient city walls, and picturesque squares steeped in history. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore at your own pace—browse local shops, relax in a café, or simply take in the panoramic views of the Istrian countryside. Savor a traditional Istrian lunch featuring local specialties that celebrate the region's unique culinary heritage. The day concludes with a comfortable drive back to Opatija, leaving you with lasting memories of Istria's charm, history, and natural beauty.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 7 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 30 Jul 26

Day 7: Venice (Italy)

<p><p>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. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Venice with Doge's Palace (extra expense)
Begin with a scenic 20-minute private motorboat ride along the Canale della Giudecca to St. Mark's Square, where your expert guide will lead you through Venice's iconic landmarks. Marvel at the Marciana Library, Loggetta, Bell Tower, Clock Tower, and the Procuratie Vecchie and Nuove, and admire St. Mark's Basilica (exterior). Explore the legendary Doge's Palace, including the Golden Staircase, grand halls, and masterpieces by Tintoretto and Veronese, then cross the Bridge of Sighs, steeped in romantic legend. Enjoy free time to explore Venice at your own pace, before a guided walk back to the motorboat for your return to the pier.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:30 - Overnight</p></p>

Arrives On: 31 Jul 26

Day 8: Venice (Italy)

<p><p>Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes in the grand, historic city of Venice. From the yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday.</p></p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Venice after 11:00 AM.</p><p><p>*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day. </p></p><p><p>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.</p></p><p><p>Docked: 08:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 01 Aug 26

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