



Cruise Details

Name:	Exploring the Balearic Islands
Reference:	EMERALDE18M181025-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	18 Oct 25
Departs From:	Barcelona
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Arrives On:	25 Oct 25
Arrives At:	Barcelona
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

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 02:00 PM. Docked: 19:00

Arrives On: 18 Oct 25

Day 2: Port-Vendres (France)

Port-Vendres, in the Occitanie region of France, is a pleasant port town known for its deep-water harbour. In fact, it's one of the few ports in this region of France that can accommodate large freighters and cruise ships. Port-Vendres is just north of the Spanish border on the Vermilion Coast, a length of coastline famed for its red cliffs contrasting with the azure waters. Discover MORE A Côte Vermeille Scenic Drive

(extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Experience the stunning "Côte Vermeille" on a leisurely morning excursion by air-conditioned motor coach, exploring the picturesque Mediterranean region between Argeles and Cerbere. This area, known for its beautiful seaside resorts and charming villages with ochre and pink facades, has inspired many 20th-century artists. Discover the historic "road to Spain," a vital route to Catalonia, and enjoy scenic stops along the way, including the artist-favored Collioure and Banyuls-sur-Mer, the birthplace of sculptor Aristide Maillol, perfect for photos.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours
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Hiking through Wine Country (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore Port-Vendres, a Catalan natural port in Southern France, nestled between the Mediterranean and Pyrenees. Enjoy breathtaking landscapes, Banyuls vineyards, and coastal activities on a guided hike to Collioure, known for its art and gastronomy. Meet your guide by the pier, traverse scenic paths, and appreciate panoramic views. After the hike, visit a family-run winery for wine tasting, fostering a convivial atmosphere.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5 hours
Docked: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 19 Oct 25

Day 3: Palamós (Spain)

Famous for its sweet-flavoured Palamós prawns, this charming coastal town in the heart of Spain's Costa Brava has a rich fishing heritage. Palamós boasts a vibrant port and a picturesque old town, nestled between the mountains and the crystal-clear Mediterranean Sea.
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Visit Girona (extra expense)
A scenic one-hour drive from Palamós takes you to Girona, known as the Immortal City, rich in history and one of Spain's most fascinating monumental cities. Explore El Call, a well-preserved Jewish Quarter with nearly seven centuries of continuous habitation. Visit the Arab Baths, showcasing beautiful arches in a Romanesque style, and the Bonastruch Ca Porta Museum at the old synagogue site. Don't miss the medieval city walls, remnants of Gironella Tower, and the stunning Monastery of Sant Pere de Galligants before returning to Palamós.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours
Docked: 08:00 - 15:00

Arrives On: 20 Oct 25

Day 4: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

The compelling city of Mahón is the capital of Menorca, one of Spain's Balearic Islands. Mahón's uniquely shaped, deep harbour is among the largest in the world. Mahón is also well-known for its cuisine, markets and eateries – it's the birthplace of mayonnaise (named after the city) and famous for its local cheese, Mahón, a bold-flavoured, semi-firm cow's milk cheese.
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Villages of Menorca and Caves (extra expense)
Explore Menorca's beauty, beginning at Monte Toro, the island's highest point with a historic sanctuary and stunning views. Visit the ancient "taula" of Torralba, a remarkable

stone monolith symbolizing stability. Experience the island's vibrant culture at the Xoroi Caves, a lively entertainment venue with breathtaking cliff-top views and a romantic tale. End your day in Binibeca, a charming resort town designed like a fishing village, perfect for leisurely shopping and exploration, blending history and modernity in one enchanting journey.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5 hours

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[Cultures of Menorca \(extra expense\)](#)
Discover the beautiful island of Menorca, starting in Ciutadella with its charming houses and traditional architecture. Travel to Mahón, home to the world's largest natural port. Stop at the picturesque fishing village of Fornells for photo opportunities. Visit Monte Toro for breathtaking views and the Monte Toro Virgin Chapel. Explore Subaida cheese farm and vineyard, enjoying tastings of their products. If time allows, sample local gin in Mahón before taking a guided walk through the town and returning to your ship.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4 hours
Docked: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 21 Oct 25

Day 5: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

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. Today choose between our Included Excursion or [DiscoverMORE](#) option.
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Walking tour of Palma de Mallorca
Embark on a walking tour of the Jewish quarter, exploring the historic "Call Maior," and ending at the stunning Spanish Gothic Cathedral, notable for its tall columns and arches over 500 years old. Inside, visit the Treasure Museum, featuring ancient manuscripts, artwork, and religious artifacts. Next, enjoy a scenic drive to Bellver Castle, a 14th-century medieval fortress that once served as a royal retreat and prison. From its elevated location, savor panoramic views of Palma and the Bay, concluding your excursion steeped in Palma's history and beauty.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

4 hours
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[Valldemossa and Son Marroig \(extra expense\)](#)
Embark on a captivating journey to Valldemossa, known for its charming village streets, the Carthusian monastery gardens, and Chopin's monument. Discover the Carthusian Monastery, a historic sanctuary from 1399 to 1835, where Chopin and George Sand stayed in 1838. Visit the museum featuring their original works, followed by a mini piano concert at King Sancho Palace. Enjoy free time exploring vibrant streets, tasting local delicacies like Coca de patata, and browsing boutiques. Conclude with a visit to Son Marroig, the former residence of Archduke Luis Salvador, offering stunning views of the northern coast.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours
[EmeraldPLUS](#)
On board performance
Docked: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 22 Oct 25

Day 6: Ibiza (Spain)

Ibiza's party scene is world-renowned, attracting thousands of visitors each year. The island, just off the coast of Spain, has become synonymous with electronic dance music, luxury, and late-night revelry. Despite its reputation, Ibiza also promotes responsible tourism, with initiatives to ensure the island's natural beauty is preserved for future generations.

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Dalt Vila walking tour
Discover the medieval charm of Old Town Ibiza, or D'Alt Vila, on a guided walking tour through its UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll narrow lanes and steep cobbled streets, soaking in stunning views from panoramic terraces. Enter through the impressive Ses Taules Gate, flanked by Roman statue replicas. Explore key landmarks like the 14th-century cathedral, Episcopal Palace, historic Town Hall, and Convent of the Dominicans.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours
Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 23 Oct 25

Day 7: 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.

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E-Bike Adventure (extra expense)
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.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours

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Beautiful Peñíscola (extra expense)
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.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours
Docked: 08:00 - 14:00

Arrives On: 24 Oct 25

Day 8: Barcelona (Spain)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Barcelona, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to the UK or to continue your holiday. Flight to depart out of Barcelona after 11:00 AM. 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. Docked: 08:00

Arrives On: 25 Oct 25

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