



Cruise Details

Name:	Islands of the Mediterranean: Spain to Malta
Reference:	EMERALDE22M250426-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	25 Apr 26
Departs From:	Barcelona
Arrives On:	05 May 26
Arrives At:	Valletta
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Barcelona (Spain)

Your unforgettable cruise begins in Spain and the cosmopolitan city of Barcelona, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin a voyage discovering the Mediterranean's beautiful islands. Please book your flight to arrive into Barcelona prior to 01:00 PM. Docked: 19:30

Arrives On: 25 Apr 26

Day 2: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

Part of the Spanish Balearic Islands, Menorca may not be as famous as its neighbouring islands of Mallorca and Ibiza, but equals them in natural beauty, blessed with stunning white sandy beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and lush green landscapes. The island's capital, Mahón, welcomes as a bustling port town with a charming old quarter and is worth exploring for its narrow cobblestone streets, colourful buildings, and bustling waterfront lined with restaurants and

cafés.

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Villages of Menorca and Caves (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
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, must be pre-booked)
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: 09:30 - 18:00

Arrives On: 26 Apr 26

Day 3: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

Perched atop a narrow limestone peninsula on the southern shores of the French island of Corsica, Bonifacio reveals breathtaking views of the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. This picturesque town is known for its deep natural harbour and atmospheric Old Town, an imposing medieval citadel perched atop white limestone cliffs.
Docked: 19:00 - Overnight

Arrives On: 27 Apr 26

Day 4: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

Sitting high above the Mediterranean Sea, Bonifacio is known for its dramatic cliffs, ancient fortifications, and a labyrinth of medieval streets. The town is built on a promontory carved out by wind and wave erosion over time, creating a stunning backdrop of white cliffs. You will overnight in Porto Cervo.

EmeraldPLUS
Highlights of Bonifacio with local produce tastings
Begin your Bonifacio adventure with a mini train ride through the Bosco quarter, featuring St. Francis convent and a mariners' cemetery. Enjoy panoramic views of Sardinia before visiting the Corsican Gothic St. Dominique church, likely built by the Templars in 1270. Stroll through narrow streets, past the 14th-century St. Marie Majeure church, and explore historical sites like Two Emperors Street and Place des Armes. Savor local delicacies and Corsican wine at a wine bar.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours
Docked: Overnight - 14:00

Arrives On: 28 Apr 26

Day 4: Porto Cervo (Italy)

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Day 5: Porto Cervo (Italy)

Welcome to Sardinia and Porto Cervo, one of Italy's most renowned beach resort towns and a favourite holiday playground for yachting enthusiasts and the rich and famous. Porto Cervo's impressive marina is crammed with gleaming mega yachts and is known for hosting prestigious sailing competitions, such as the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. Despite its reputation for luxury, Porto Cervo has not however, lost its unmistakable Sardinian charm and its striking architecture is defined by colourful villas, narrow winding streets, and lovely

piazzas.

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Panoramic tour and visit to La Maddalena (extra expense)

Depart from Porto Cervo to Palau, passing through the charming villages of San Pantaleo and Arzachena. In Palau, board a public ferry to La Maddalena Island and enjoy panoramic views of Sardinia's coastline. Stop at Guardia Vecchia for stunning vistas of the Maddalena Archipelago and Corsica. Upon reaching Maddalena, explore the town center, including Garibaldi Square, known as Red Square for its unique red paving. End your day with the return public ferry to Palau, then head back to Porto Cervo. Conclude your adventure by returning to the ship or leisurely exploring Porto Cervo.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Offshore: 19:00 (day prior) - 16:00

Arrives On: 29 Apr 26

Day 6: Cagliari (Italy)

The capital of Sardinia, Cagliari comes prettily sandwiched between rolling verdant hills and the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. It is home to one of the longest beaches in Italy, Poetta Beach, and Molentargius-Saline Regional Park, known for its bright pink flamingo colonies. For a unique culinary experience, sample some of the traditional local dishes, such as malloreddus (Sardinian gnocchi) and porceddu (roast suckling pig).

Included Excursion

City tour of Cagliari and Nora Archeological site

Begin with a visit to the imposing citadel and delve into its fascinating past at the National Archaeology Museum. Marvel at the magnificent Cathedral of Santa Marta, adorned with exquisite Baroque furnishings and intricate marble balustrades. Witness the breathtaking beauty of the Santa Gilla and Molentagus lagoons, teeming with vibrant wildlife including flamingos, cormorants, ducks, and herons. Continue your exploration to Arsenale Square, where the echoes of centuries past resonate through its ancient architecture. Ascend the San Pancrazio Tower for panoramic vistas, and stroll through the charming Piazzetta Mundula, immersing yourself in the city's vibrant atmosphere and timeless charm.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

Docked: 08:00 -

14:00

Arrives On: 30 Apr 26

Day 7: Trapani, Sicily (Italy)

Located on the western coast of Sicily, Trapani is famous for its storied history as a trading port, interwoven with influences from diverse civilisations, including the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and Normans. Trapani's scenic setting, nestled between the sea and nearby hills, offers visitors breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes. The city centre is defined by narrow winding streets, baroque-era architecture, and bustling markets selling fresh seafood and local produce. Noteworthy historic landmarks include the 14th-century Castello di Terra and 17th-century Palazzo della Giudecca.

DiscoverMORE Segesta and Erice (extra expense) Discover two of western Sicily's most captivating destinations on this full-day adventure. Travel inland to the archaeological park of Segesta, home to a remarkably preserved 5th-century BC Doric temple and an ancient Greek theatre with panoramic views of rolling hills and the sea. Continue to Erice, a hilltop medieval town with cobblestone streets, ancient gates, and striking vistas over the Mediterranean and Egadi Islands. Stroll past historic churches, towers, and gardens, enjoy a traditional Sicilian lunch, and soak in the timeless charm of this remarkable region before returning to Trapani.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 8 hours

DiscoverMORE Marsala, salt panes and wine tasting and Punic Warship Museum (extra expense) Experience a scenic journey along the 'Salt Road,' passing windmills and salt mounds on your way to Marsala. Your first stop will be at the remarkable Ettore Infersa salt flats, where a centuries-old mill, restored by Ettore and Infersa, stands as a testament to their passion for preservation. The unique climatic conditions, including high temperatures and winds, contribute to the mesmerizing landscape of the salt flats. Continue your journey to downtown Marsala, a charming town situated on Cape Boeo, known as the ancient Lilybaeum. Rich in Carthaginian, Roman, Norman, Arab, and Spanish influences, Marsala offers a delightful walking tour where you can admire the exterior of the Cathedral, built upon a pre-existing Norman castle. Enjoy some leisure time in Marsala before proceeding to one of the world-renowned wineries. Here, indulge in a wine tasting experience.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 01 May 26

Day 8: Lipari (Italy)

Lipari is the largest and most populated of the Aeolian Islands, a volcanic archipelago off the coast of Sicily amid the sparkling Tyrrhenian Sea. Its stunning scenery is characterised by rugged coastline, beautiful beaches lapped by crystal-clear waters and lush vegetation. In the charming Old Town, explore the winding, narrow streets and alleys lined with a contrasting blend of pastel-hued town houses and simple dwellings and the 16th-century castle, which offers

panoramic views of the surrounding area.

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Volcano island tour by boat (extra expense)
Experience the captivating wonders of Vulcano Island on this thrilling excursion departing from Lipari's Marina Corta. Meet your guide and board a private motorboat for a scenic journey across the Aeolian archipelago. As you sail towards Vulcano, marvel at the island's volcanic landscape, characterized by its three distinct peaks. Upon arrival, disembark at the pier and set out on foot to explore the island's natural wonders. Take some free time to wander through the charming streets of the village, filled with quaint shops and cafes. As your excursion comes to a close, return to the motorboat for a scenic sail back to Lipari. Enjoy panoramic views of Vulcano's west coast, including the iconic I Faraglioni rock formations, before arriving back at Marina Corta.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

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Lipari island tour and Malvasia tasting (extra expense)
Departing from the pier, your first stop is a visit to a local bakery where you'll sample homemade cookies and enjoy a brief 30-minute break. Then, journey through the island's picturesque hills to reach Quattrocchi, a lookout point offering spectacular views of Vulcano island and its unique geological formations. From there, you'll proceed to a viewpoint overlooking Salina island, providing panoramic vistas of the surrounding islands on clear days. Explore the island's geological wonders with stops at the pumice stone quarries and obsidian streams, where you'll learn about Lipari's diverse landscapes. Afterward, visit the charming village of Canneto on the east coast before continuing your adventure on foot with your guide. Embark on a guided walk to Lipari Castle, built by the Spaniards in the 16th century. Within its imposing walls, discover the Cathedral, originally constructed by the Normans and later rebuilt after being destroyed by pirates. Delve into the island's fascinating history as you explore the castle's historic ramparts and architectural wonders. After the tour, you'll have free time to explore Lipari at your own pace.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours

Offshore: 09:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 02 May 26

Day 9: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Set on Sicily's eastern shores, the picturesque town of Giardini Naxos reveals stunning views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna – the fabled active volcano. This seaside town is popular for its beautiful sandy beaches, clear blue waters, and vibrant waterfront promenade edged with bustling restaurants, shops, and cafés. Giardini Naxos also harbours a rich history, with archaeological sites dating back to ancient times. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Taormina
Settle in for a comfortable ride through the heart of Giardini Naxos, leading you to the crown jewel of Sicily—Taormina. Admire the exterior of the Cathedral, explore the ancient ruins of the Greek Theatre with the majestic Mount Etna as a backdrop, and take in the striking views of Palazzo Corvaia and the Odeon. Enjoy a leisurely walk along Corso Umberto, the vibrant shopping street that captures the lively spirit of the town.

Activity Level:

Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

EmeraldACTIVE

Hike to Madonna della Rocca
Begin a scenic walk that will lead you to the small sanctuary of Madonna della Rocca, situated 400 meters above sea level. Perched on Mount Tauro, near the ruins of the Saracen Castle, you'll find a charming church built into the hillside, known as "Madonna della Rocca." This unique structure features part of its ceiling formed by the natural rock of the mountain. Adjacent to the sanctuary lies an abandoned monastery that once served as a place of penance for the Basilian monks.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3.5 hours

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Mount Etna & Wine tasting (extra expense)
Embark on an unforgettable excursion that combines the awe-inspiring beauty of Mt. Etna with the flavors of Sicilian wines. Ascend to the remarkable Mt. Etna-Crater Silvestri, situated at approximately 6400 feet above sea level. Embark on a guided tour of the spent craters, witnessing the dramatic landscapes shaped by volcanic activity. Capture the essence of this geological marvel that has left a mark on Sicily's history.

Following the awe-inspiring encounter with Mt. Etna, descend to a local winery nestled in the Sicilian countryside. Immerse yourself in the rich winemaking tradition of the region as you explore the winery and indulge in a tasting of their diverse wine offerings.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 03 May 26

Day 10: Siracuse, Sicily (Italy)

Syracuse is a historic city located on the southeastern coast of Sicily, renowned for its ancient ruins, picturesque architecture, and stunning waterfront views. Syracuse's historical centre, Ortygia, is a charming island connected to the mainland by a series of bridges. Stroll through the meandering narrow streets lined with Baroque-era buildings, visit the stunning Cathedral of Syracuse, and enjoy fresh seafood at the delightful waterfront restaurants.

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Noto, the Baroque Jewel of Sicily and cannoli tasting (extra expense)
Discover the grandeur of Sicilian Baroque in the charming town of Noto, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a scenic 45-minute drive, walk through the Porta Nazionale into a city of golden stone and ornate facades. Marvel at architectural gems like the 18th-century cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, and the elegant Villadorata Palace. Learn how the town rose from the rubble of a 1693 earthquake to become one of Sicily's most beautiful destinations. Cap off your visit with a delicious tasting of a traditional Sicilian cannolo at the famed Caffè Sicilia before enjoying free time to explore or shop.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Ortigia and local produce tasting (extra expense)
Step into the heart of ancient Syracuse with a guided walking tour of Ortigia, the city's picturesque island district. From the ruins of Apollo's Temple in Pancali Square to the elegant Corso Matteotti and lively Archimede Square, discover centuries of history and charm. Stroll through Cathedral Square and admire the stunning Arethusa Fountain overlooking the bay. Your journey concludes with a visit to the vibrant local market, where

you'll sample regional specialties at a traditional dairy. After the tasting, return to the pier with your guide or continue exploring Ortigia at your leisure.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 04 May 26

Day 11: Valletta (Malta)

<p><p>Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in the tiny capital of Malta, Valletta – the entire city designated a UNESCO World Heritage Centre – where you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday. </p></p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Valletta after 12:00 PM.</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00</p></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>

Arrives On: 05 May 26

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