



Cruise Details

Name:	Malta, Sicily & Amalfi Coast
Reference:	EMERALDE23M050526-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	05 May 26
Departs From:	Valletta
Arrives On:	14 May 26
Arrives At:	Civitavecchia
Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Valletta (Malta)

Your cruise begins in Malta and Valletta, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to commence your memorable voyage, sailing through the glorious Mediterranean Sea. Valletta, the tiny capital of Malta and UNESCO World Heritage Centre, is a living testament to the Baroque period, with well-preserved buildings, ornate churches, and magnificent fortifications.

Please book your flight to arrive into Valletta prior to 07:00 PM.

Docked: Overnight

Arrives On: 05 May 26

Day 2: Valletta (Malta)

This stunning fortified city is strategically positioned on a hilly peninsula, offering breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea. As well as storied history, Valletta is the host of lively markets and festivals.

Included Excursion
Guided tour

of Mdina and Valletta
Begin with a scenic drive to Mdina, Malta's ancient capital, perched on a hilltop with sweeping island views. Often called the "Silent City," Mdina is one of Europe's best-preserved medieval towns. Stroll through its narrow, winding streets as your guide shares over 4,000 years of history. Enjoy free time to visit St. Paul's Cathedral, Palazzo Falson, browse for local crafts, or relax at a charming café.
Continue by coach to Valletta, Malta's bustling present-day capital. Visit the stunning St. John's Co-Cathedral (closed Sundays), then enjoy a guided walking tour passing notable landmarks such as the Grand Master's Palace, Our Lady of Victories Church, and the Renzo Piano-designed Parliament.
Conclude your visit at the Upper Barrakka Gardens, offering a peaceful setting and panoramic views of the Grand Harbour, the Three Cities, and Fort Ricasoli.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

4 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Panoramic tour of Malta with wine tasting (extra expense)
Begin your journey with a scenic drive to Marsaxlokk, a traditional fishing village known for its colorful luzzu boats and tranquil harbor. Next, travel to Zurrieq for a slow drive past the iconic Blue Grotto, offering mesmerizing views of the vivid blue waters, dramatic sea caves, and the remote Filfla Island, a protected seabird sanctuary.
Continue through Malta's rural countryside to a local winery, where you'll be welcomed by the vintners for a guided introduction to Maltese winemaking. Enjoy a tasting of local wines paired with a traditional Maltese platter, highlighting the island's rich culinary heritage.
From there, head to the coast for a photo stop overlooking St. Paul's Islands, where, according to tradition, the Apostle Paul was shipwrecked in 60 AD—an event that marked the beginning of Christianity in Malta.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p><p>Docked: Overnight - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 06 May 26

Day 3: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

<p><p>Set on Sicily's eastern shores, the picturesque town of Giardini Naxos offers stunning views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna – the fabled active volcano. This seaside town is known 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.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Taormina (extra expense)
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</p><p>DiscoverMORE
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</p><p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 21:00</p></p>

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Day 4: Lipari (Italy)

<p><p>Lipari is the largest and most populated of the Aeolian Islands, a volcanic archipelago off the coast of Sicily amid the shimmering Tyrrhenian Sea. Its stunning scenery is defined by its rugged coastline, beautiful beaches lapped by crystal-clear turquoise waters and lush vegetation. The island also boasts a charming old town with narrow streets and traditional houses painted in pastel hues, as well as a 16th-century castle, which reveals panoramic views of the surrounding area.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Volcano island tour by boat (extra expense)
Experience the captivating wonders of Vulcano Island on this thrilling excursion departing from Lipari's Marina Corta. 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. 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</p><p>DiscoverMORE
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. After the tour, you'll have free time to explore Lipari at your own pace.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 08 May 26

Day 5: Amalfi (Italy)

Amalfi is a charming coastal town, perched on the cliffs of the Amalfi Coast, overlooking the azure waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Amalfi is known for its stunning views, picturesque streets, and rich history. The town is famous for its beautiful cathedral, the Duomo di Amalfi, which dates to the 9th century and features intricate Byzantine mosaics. Explore the historic centre of Amalfi, with its narrow alleys, colourful buildings, and quaint shops selling local ceramics.

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Amalfi and Ravello (extra expense)

Hop aboard a comfortable minibus and leave the coastal charm behind as you drive inland, surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Italian mountains. Begin your exploration with a visit to Villa Rufolo, a monumental complex that dates back to the 13th century. Admire the iconic tower and the Moorish-influenced architecture that has captured the imaginations of visitors for centuries. The villa, once described as having "more rooms than there are days in the year," stands as a testament to Ravello's rich history. Immerse yourself in a haven of blooming flowers, lush greenery, and breathtaking views that stretch beyond the mountains. Before returning to your yacht, enjoy a leisurely walking tour through the charming streets of Amalfi. Wander past colorful storefronts, historic piazzas, and picturesque alleys that reveal the town's rich history and vibrant culture. Before returning to the port, experience the enchanting beauty of Amalfi. Discover the historic charm, vibrant streets, and stunning coastal vistas as you stroll through this picturesque Italian town.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Offshore: 12:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 09 May 26

Day 6: Capri (Italy)

A legendary island set in Italy's Bay of Naples, Capri is synonymous with stunning natural beauty. Turquoise waters and beautiful coves dot the dramatic, rugged coastline, and high-end hotels, luxury shopping outlets and gastronomic fine-dining attract the rich and famous – who dock their yachts in the island's stunning Marina Grande.

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Capri from the sea (extra expense)

After tendering ashore, board a boat for a scenic tour of Capri's striking coastline. Explore its grottoes, gorges, and rocky formations, home to about 850 plant species, including ancient Roman villa plants like Tarantine Myrtle and Acanthus. The island is renowned for its citrus and olive cultivation. During your cruise, view the Villa of Tiberius and the Blue Grotto, while visiting beaches like "Marina Piccola" and "Bianca Grotto." Afterward, you can explore Capri at your leisure or return to the ship by tender.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours

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Cabriolet tour of Capri (extra expense)

Meet your guide at the pier for an unforgettable day in Capri. After a short walk to the taxi station, hop into a convertible taxi to the enchanting village of Anacapri. Choose between a

chairlift ride to Mt. Solaro for breathtaking views or visit Axel Munthe's Villa. After exploring on your own, head to Capri town and enjoy free time at the main square, La Piazzetta, where you can shop and relax.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5 hours

Offshore: 09:00 - 07:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 10 May 26

Day 7: Sorrento (Italy)

Another gem to discover on the stunning Amalfi Coast, Sorrento is a much-loved resort town best known for its breathtaking views of the Bay of Naples and imposing Mount Vesuvius across the water. Sorrento is also a popular destination for those seeking a mix of breathtaking scenery, delicious cuisine, and ancient sites. The town's historic centre is filled with atmospheric narrow streets, lined with shops selling traditional products, such as ceramics and limoncello, made from locally grown lemons.

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Guided tour of Pompeii (extra expense)

Step back in time and explore the captivating ruins of Pompeii, frozen in history by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. This archaeological site showcases the resilience of an ancient Roman town, waiting to be rediscovered. After a scenic 45–60-minute drive, with glimpses of Mount Vesuvius, embark on a guided walking tour through ancient streets, seeing well-preserved mansions, frescoes, and mosaics that reveal the opulence of its 20,000 inhabitants. Enjoy a soft drink and a slice of Neapolitan pizza before returning to Sorrento, with options to explore or head directly to the harbour.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5.30 hours

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Tarantella performance on board

Immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of Tarantella, a celebration of Sorrento's rich culture and music from the late 19th century. Experience traditional dances and lively melodies that create unforgettable festivities. Watch mesmerizing footwork and engaging performers bring Tarantella to life on stage, while delightful musical interludes and strolling artists keep you entertained. Feel the rhythm and join in the dance, clapping along with the performers. Embrace the lively atmosphere and let Sorrento's cultural heritage sweep you off your feet!

Duration: 1.15 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 11 May 26

Day 8: Gaeta (Italy)

Gaeta is a charming coastal town nestled amid the Italian Lazio region and between the grand cities of Rome and Naples. Offering stunning views of the Tyrrhenian Sea, Gaeta is renowned for its beautiful beaches and crystal-clear turquoise waters. The town however is also rich in history, with ancient Roman ruins and medieval churches scattered throughout its picturesque streets. Gaeta is also famed for its seafood, with many restaurants serving fresh fish caught daily by local fishermen and its distinctive olives and olive oil, which are sold in markets and shops

throughout the area.

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Montecassino Abbey and Matilde Winery (extra expense)

Step back through centuries of history and resilience with a guided visit to the legendary Montecassino Abbey, founded in 529 A.D. by St. Benedict. Discover its spiritual significance, war-torn past, and striking reconstruction, all set atop a hill with panoramic views. Then journey to Villa Matilde, a celebrated winery in the lush Campania countryside. Tour the vineyards and cellar, learn about traditional and modern winemaking methods, and enjoy tastings of a white and red wine paired with savory bruschetta before returning to port.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 6 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 15:00

Arrives On: 12 May 26

Day 9: Porto Ercole (Italy)

Within Italy's romantic Tuscany region, you'll find Porto Ercole a laid-back harbour town with a picturesque bay dotted with luxury yachts and bobbing fishing boats. This stunning historic town is worth exploring for its maze of narrow laneways, stone houses and several important landmarks, including old fortresses, Forte Filippo, Forte Stella, and La Rocca – built during Spanish domination in the 16th century. Today choose between our Included Excursion or EmeraldACTIVE option.

Included Excursion

Tour of Porto Ercole

Explore the charming town of Porto Ercole on a guided walking tour. Stroll through the fishermen's port and narrow streets of the historic center, admire noble palaces, and discover the town's rich history. Learn about the legacy of Caravaggio, honored with a monument in the local cemetery. After the tour, enjoy free time exploring Porto Ercole at your own pace—shop, dine, or simply soak in the scenic coastal atmosphere.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2 hours

EmeraldACTIVE

Hiking tour to Forte Filippo

Explore the scenic beauty and rich history of Porto Ercole on a guided hiking tour. Begin at the pier with a visit to Forte Filippo, a Spanish fortress perched on the Argentario promontory and enjoy panoramic views along a pleasant uphill walk. Pause at the Tomb of Caravaggio to learn about the legendary artist who spent his final days here. Continue through the town's historic streets, discovering noble palaces, the Rocca, and traces of Caravaggio's legacy. Descend at your leisure, with the option to return to the pier or enjoy local cafés and restaurants along the way. This tour offers a perfect blend of history, stunning landscapes, and coastal charm.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 3 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 13 May 26

Day 10: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Civitavecchia, an important seaport that traces its origins back to the 2nd century AD and the gateway to the ancient Italian capital, Rome. Here, 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 Rome after 11:00 AM.</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>

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