Cruise Details

Name:	Amalfi Coast, Sicily & Malta
Reference:	EMERALDE23M100527-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	10 May 27
Departs From:	Civitavecchia
Arrives On:	19 May 27
Arrives At:	Valletta
Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Your cruise begins in Italy at Civitavecchia, the historic seaport and main gateway for Rome. Known as the ‘Eternal City,’ Rome is filled with iconic landmarks that bear testament to its former status as the epicentre of the mighty Roman Empire. Here, you’ll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to begin your voyage along the glamorous Italian coast. Please book your flight to arrive into Rome prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 10 May 27

Day 2: Porto Ercole (Italy)

Amid Italy’s romantic and world-famous Tuscany region, you’ll find Porto Ercole, a laid-back harbour town with a scenic bay dotted with luxury yachts and fishing boats. This stunning historic town is worth exploring for its maze of narrow laneways, stone houses and several important

landmarks, which include a series of old fortresses, Forte Filippo, Forte Stella, and La Rocca – built during an era of Spanish domination in the 16th century. DiscoverMORE
Tour of Porto Ercole (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Explore the picturesque harbour village of Porto Ercole, one of the gems of the Monte Argentario peninsula, where colourful fishing boats, Spanish fortresses, and narrow medieval streets reflect centuries of maritime history. Meet your guide at the harbour and begin a leisurely walk through the charming waterfront before entering the historic old town. Stroll past elegant noble residences, picturesque squares, and historic alleyways while learning about the village's fascinating past, including its role during the Spanish period, whose impressive fortifications still dominate the surrounding hills. Along the way, discover the story of the renowned artist Caravaggio, who spent his final days in Porto Ercole and is closely associated with the town. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to continue exploring at your own pace or relax at one of the cafés overlooking the harbour.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours Anchored: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 11 May 27

Day 3: Gaeta (Italy)

Set halfway between Naples and Rome, Gaeta is on a headland that juts out into the sea, making for sweeping views up and down the coast. It remains one of the hidden gems of this region and a popular weekend getaway for Italians. As well as its beautiful beach and abundant fresh fish, Gaeta is best known for Montagna Spaccata (Split Mountain), a natural sea grotto and 11th century sanctuary. According to local legend, the miraculous rock split was created when God sent a lightning bolt that formed three giant cracks in the mountain, which dramatically plunges into the sea. DiscoverMORE
Sperlonga National Archaeological Museum with Tiberius’ Villa (extra expense)
Discover the timeless beauty of Sperlonga, one of Italy's most picturesque seaside villages, where whitewashed houses, ancient history, and spectacular coastal views combine to create an unforgettable experience. Travel by coach to the National Archaeological Museum of Sperlonga, where remarkable marble sculptures known as the "Marble Odyssey" reveal scenes inspired by Homer's epic tales. Continue to the archaeological remains of Emperor Tiberius' Villa, including the famous seaside grotto and ancient fish ponds, once part of the emperor's luxurious coastal retreat. After your visit, continue into the heart of Sperlonga for a guided walk through its charming historic centre. Wander the narrow whitewashed streets, pass through the ancient town gates, visit the Church of Santa Maria di Spelonca, and admire the historic Truglia Tower, overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea. Free time allows you to browse local boutiques, relax at a café (own expense), or simply enjoy the atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Montecassino Abbey and Matilde Winery (extra expense)
Journey into the heart of southern Italy to visit one of Europe's most important monasteries before discovering the renowned wines of the Campania

region. Travel by coach to the magnificent Montecassino Abbey, founded by St. Benedict in 529 AD on the site of an ancient Roman settlement. Throughout its remarkable history, the abbey has been destroyed and rebuilt several times, most notably following the devastating Battle of Monte Cassino during the Second World War. Today, the beautifully restored monastery stands as a symbol of faith, resilience, and cultural heritage. During your guided visit, admire its impressive architecture, peaceful cloisters, and learn about the Benedictine order and the abbey's extraordinary past. Continue to Villa Matilde Winery, one of Campania's most respected wine estates. Enjoy a guided visit through the vineyards and cellar, where traditional winemaking techniques blend with modern innovation to produce award-winning wines. Your visit concludes with a tasting of selected white and red wines accompanied by traditional bruschetta before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 6 hours Docked: 09:00–22:00

Arrives On: 12 May 27

Day 4: Sorrento (Italy)

The much-loved resort town of Sorrento perched dramatically atop cliffs that overlook the Bay of Naples and boasting stunning views of Mount Vesuvius across the water. An impossibly romantic haven, Sorrento bewitches with its elegant Italian villas, world-class restaurants serving up mouth-watering cuisine and fragrant lemon groves, which contribute to the production of limoncello – famous the world over. Get a glimpse into its storied past as you explore grand cathedrals and palazzos built of warm golden stone, then sit down at a cafe to watch the world go by. Cruise across the strait this evening and overnight to the island of Capri. EmeraldACTIVE
Discover Pompeii
Step back in time at Pompeii, one of the world's most remarkable archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where an entire Roman city was preserved beneath volcanic ash for nearly 1,700 years. After tendering ashore, board the local shuttle to the coach departure point before travelling to Pompeii. En route, enjoy views of the Bay of Naples and, weather permitting, a glimpse of Mount Vesuvius. Upon arrival, join a guided walk through the ancient streets, discovering the Forum, Stabian Baths, theatres, elegant villas, and beautifully preserved frescoes and mosaics. Learn how the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 buried the thriving city beneath ash, preserving an extraordinary snapshot of everyday Roman life. Following your visit, enjoy a slice of traditional Neapolitan pizza accompanied by a soft drink before returning by coach to Sorrento.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00–18:00

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Day 4: Capri (Italy)

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Day 5: Capri (Italy)

The allure of Capri is timeless. From the first century AD, Roman Emperors chose this spectacularly beautiful island as their private retreat – the ruins of their grand villas still dot the shore. Take a leisurely stroll along the narrow, winding streets and dine al fresco under twinkling fairy lights, sampling the island’s traditional specialties that have become world-famous, like caprese salad and limoncello, a sweet lemon liqueur. Sail back to the mainland to overnight in Amalfi. DiscoverMORE
Capri from the Sea (extra expense)
Discover the spectacular coastline of Capri from the sea, where dramatic cliffs, hidden grottoes, and crystal-clear waters reveal the island's extraordinary natural beauty. After tendering ashore (local tender boat), board a local boat for a scenic cruise around Capri, passing towering limestone cliffs, secluded coves, and striking rock formations. Admire the island's lush Mediterranean vegetation while viewing landmarks including Villa Jovis, the magnificent palace where Emperor Tiberius is believed to have ruled during the final years of his reign. Continue past the entrance to the famous Blue Grotto, the picturesque Marina Piccola, and the beautiful White Grotto, one of Capri's most impressive sea caves. Following the cruise, enjoy free time to explore Capri at your own pace before returning independently by tender.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Neapolitan Evening Tarantella (performance on board)
Celebrate the vibrant traditions of southern Italy with an energetic onboard performance inspired by the famous Tarantella, one of the country's most iconic folk dances. Performed by talented dancers and musicians in traditional costume, this lively show recreates the music, dances, and festive spirit of the late 19th century. Dynamic dance performances are interwoven with live music and entertaining audience interaction, bringing the colourful heritage of southern Italy to life in a fun and engaging atmosphere.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes Anchored: 19:30 (day prior) –18:00

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 5: Amalfi (Italy)

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Day 6: Amalfi (Italy)

Welcome to Amalfi, a delightful coastal town, set on the clifftops of the Amalfi Coast, a stretch of coastline now protected under UNESCO World Heritage-listed status. Amalfi has long attracted visitors for decades for its stunning views of the azure Tyrrhenian Sea., picturesque streets, and rich history. The town is also 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, enchanting with its narrow alleys, colourful buildings, and quaint shops selling local artisan ceramics. DiscoverMORE
Amalfi and Ravello (extra expense)
Perched high above the Amalfi Coast, Ravello is renowned for its spectacular views, elegant villas, and artistic heritage, inspiring generations of writers, musicians, and artists. Travel inland by minibus along the winding mountain road to Ravello, enjoying breathtaking views of the dramatic coastline. Stroll through the town's charming cobbled streets, passing the Cathedral Square and picturesque alleyways before visiting the magnificent Villa Rufolo. Dating back to the 13th century, this remarkable villa is celebrated for its Moorish-inspired architecture, iconic tower, and beautifully landscaped gardens overlooking the Mediterranean. Following your guided visit, enjoy free time to admire the gardens, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 21:00 (day prior) –17:00

Arrives On: 15 May 27

Day 7: Lipari (Italy)

The largest and most populated of the Aeolian Islands, Lipari presents a volcanic archipelago set off the coast of Sicily and embedded within the shimmering Tyrrhenian Sea. The gorgeous island scenery comes defined by a rugged coastline, beautiful beaches lapped by crystal line turquoise waters and lush vegetation. Lipari also boasts a charming Old Town, delightful with its quaint streets and traditional houses painted in pastel hues, as well as a 16th- century castle, which reveals panoramic views of the surrounding area. DiscoverMORE
Vulcano Island 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, relax at the beach, or to enjoy a mud bath in the local renewed thermal complex, famous for treating mainly problems in joints, skin and respiratory system. 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 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Lipari Island Tour and Malvasia Tasting (extra expense)
Discover the fascinating history, dramatic volcanic landscapes, and panoramic viewpoints of Lipari, the largest island in the UNESCO-listed Aeolian Archipelago. Meet your guide in Marina Corta before a short walk to the coach for a scenic drive around the island. Learn about Lipari's remarkable history, dating back to around 4000 BC, while admiring its rugged coastline, volcanic scenery, and crystal-clear waters. Visit a traditional local bakery, where you can sample authentic homemade biscuits before continuing into the

island's interior. Stop at the spectacular Quattrocchi Viewpoint, perched 300 metres above the sea, offering magnificent views of Vulcano, its dramatic cliffs, fumaroles, and volcanic landscape. Continue to another panoramic viewpoint overlooking Salina, with clear-day views extending across the other Aeolian Islands. Return to Lipari Town and continue on foot to the historic Lipari Castle, built by the Spanish in the 16th century. Within its impressive fortified walls, visit the Cathedral of St. Bartholomew, originally constructed by the Normans, rebuilt after its destruction by the pirate Barbarossa, and today one of the island's most important religious landmarks. Following the guided visit, enjoy free time to browse local shops or explore the charming streets of Lipari at your own pace.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 09:30–21:00

Arrives On: 16 May 27

Day 8: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

The picturesque seaside town of Giardini Naxos is on the eastern coast of Sicily, Italy. Its sprawling seafront offers stunning views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna. The town is known for its beautiful sandy beaches, clear blue waters, and vibrant waterfront promenade lined with restaurants, shops, and cafes. Giardini Naxos is the gateway to the exclusive resort of Taormina, perched on the side of the mountain above. One of Italy’s most popular summer destinations, it draws the rich and famous from around the world to its luxury hotels and fine dining restaurants. The area also has a rich history, with archaeological sites dating back to ancient Greek and Roman times. Included Excursion
Guided Tour of Taormina
Experience the timeless elegance of Taormina, one of Sicily's most celebrated hilltop towns, renowned for its spectacular views, ancient monuments, and charming medieval streets. Travel along the scenic eastern coastline, passing through Giardini Naxos before arriving in beautiful Taormina. Join your guide for a walking tour through the historic centre, viewing the exterior of the Cathedral, the magnificent Ancient Greek Theatre with its breathtaking backdrop of Mount Etna, the medieval Palazzo Corvaja, and the remains of the Odeon. Stroll along lively Corso Umberto, lined with elegant boutiques, cafés, and historic buildings. After the guided tour, enjoy free time to browse local shops, relax at a café (own expense), or continue exploring Taormina's picturesque squares, stairways, and medieval alleyways at your own pace. At the designated time, rejoin your guide for the return coach journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 9: Valletta (Malta)

The city of Valletta, the capital of Malta, is the smallest city in the European Union and covers just over half a square kilometre (less than 0.2 miles). Built by the Knights of St John in the 16th century, it’s a living testament to the Baroque period, with well-preserved buildings, ornate

churches and magnificent fortifications. The city is located on a hilly peninsula, offering breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea. Despite its compact size, Valletta has a vibrant cultural life and regularly hosts lively markets and festivals. Included Excursion
Guided Tour of Mdina & Valletta
Travel through Malta’s scenic countryside to Mdina, the island’s former capital, perched high on a hill with sweeping views across the island. Considered one of Europe’s finest examples of a fortified city, Mdina’s blend of medieval and baroque architecture reflects its long and storied past. Stroll through the narrow, winding streets as your guide shares 4,000 years of history and introduces you to the city’s highlights. From the bastions, admire panoramic vistas reaching the distant coastline before enjoying some free time to explore independently. Continue by coach to Valletta, Malta’s present-day capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the magnificent St. John’s Co-Cathedral, renowned for its baroque splendour, and enjoy a guided walk past key landmarks, including the Grand Master’s Palace, the Renzo Piano-designed Parliament Building, and Our Lady of Victories Church. Pass the Auberge de Castille, now housing the office of the Prime Minister, before reaching the Upper Barrakka Gardens. Perched high above the Grand Harbour, this peaceful spot offers shade, tranquillity, and one of the most spectacular panoramic views in Malta.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours Docked: 08:30–overnight

Arrives On: 18 May 27

Day 10: Valletta (Malta)

Your luxury yacht cruise will conclude here this morning. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your travels. DiscoverMORE
Panoramic Tour of Malta (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Journey through the diverse landscapes of Malta, where picturesque fishing villages, dramatic coastlines, celebrated wines, and centuries of history combine to showcase the island's unique Mediterranean character. Travel to the charming fishing village of Marsaxlokk, famous for its colourful luzzu boats, traditional harbour, and rich maritime heritage. Continue with a scenic drive to Zurrieq, where you will enjoy spectacular views of the famous Blue Grotto and the rugged coastline, with Filfla Island visible in the distance. Your journey continues through Malta's rural countryside to a local winery, where you will learn about the island's winemaking traditions before enjoying a tasting of selected local wines accompanied by a platter of traditional Maltese delicacies. The final stop is at St. Paul's Islands, where a scenic photo stop offers beautiful coastal views and the opportunity to learn about the island's connection to the shipwreck of St. Paul in 60 AD, an event that played a significant role in Malta's Christian heritage. Relax during the scenic return drive to the port.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Notes: This excursion is available for guests continuing on the next cruise and for disembarking guests with flights departing after 4:30 pm. Luggage will be stored securely on the bus at the end of the tour guests with late flights will be transferred to the airport. Please book your flight to depart out of Valletta after 11:00 AM. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for

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