



Cruise Details

Name:	Mediterranean delights
Reference:	EMERALDE24M200726-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	20 Jul 26
Departs From:	Valletta
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Arrives On:	30 Jul 26
Arrives At:	Valletta
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Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Valletta (Malta)

Your unforgettable cruise begins in the island-nation of Malta and its capital city, Valletta, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Centre. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the start of your marvellous voyage through the Mediterranean.

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

Docked: 06:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 20 Jul 26

Day 2: Mgarr, Gozo (Malta)

Your first stop is Mgarr, a small Maltese village known for its picturesque countryside and agricultural landscape, with abundant vineyards and olive groves scattered throughout the area. The village has a quaint and traditional feel, with charming old stone houses and winding cobbled streets and offers a unique and authentic Maltese experience. Today choose between our

EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option. </p></p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Walk to Ramla Bay
Set off on foot from the quay in Mgarr and discover the tranquil beauty of Gozo's countryside during a scenic 30-minute guided walk. Your route winds through rustic landscapes and peaceful farmland, leading you to Ramla l-Hamra—Gozo's famed red-sand beach. Weather permitting, enjoy time to swim, relax, or simply take in the stunning coastal views before returning to the port refreshed and recharged.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Culinary and artistic Gozo (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Begin your journey at an artisan food-making facility, where you'll witness the meticulous process of creating Gozitan delicacies. From infused oils and vinegars to sun-dried figs and succulent fruit jams, experience the craftsmanship behind these delectable treats. Continue your exploration at Fontana Cottage, where traditional cottage industries come to life. Marvel at the intricate art of spinning and weaving wool, and admire the delicate lacemaking known as "Bizzilla". Conclude your excursion at a sculpture gallery nestled within a private home, where you'll meet a local sculptor renowned for his Neolithic-style sculptures. Relax in the tranquil surroundings of the private garden as you savor a local snack and refreshing Maltese soft drink.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 09:00 - 19:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 21 Jul 26

Day 3: Porto Empedocle (Italy)

<p><p>Located on the southern coast of Sicily, Porto Empedocle is a charming port town, named after the ancient Greek philosopher, Empedocles, who, as local legend attests, was born in the area. Here, you'll discover a picturesque town with a lively waterfront area filled with fishing boats and yachts and a reputation for the freshest seafood and traditional Sicilian cuisine. Porto Empedocle also makes a convenient base for exploring the surrounding area, including the striking Scala dei Turchi cliffs and historic sites of Agrigento.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento (extra expense)
Travel back 2,500 years as you explore one of Sicily's most breathtaking archaeological sites—the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento. From Porto Empedocle, travel by coach to this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where your guide will lead you through ancient ruins surrounded by olive and almond trees. Marvel at the grandeur of temples dedicated to Zeus, Hera, Hercules, and more, with highlights including the remarkably preserved Temple of Concordia. Conclude your visit with a stop at the Archaeological Museum before returning to port, enriched by history and spectacular views.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 22:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 22 Jul 26

Day 4: Mazara del Vallo (Italy)

Translating as 'castle' or 'port' in Arabic, Mazara looks directly out across the Strait of Sicily; its position in fact, the exact reason, it developed as a strategic focal point and crossroads for cultures that successively arrived here over the centuries. Mazara proudly shows the world its splendid historic centre, the Casbah, where Islamic philosophers and men of letters, judges and merchants once walked.

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Walking tour of Mazara del Vallo (extra expense)

Step into the rich cultural tapestry of Mazara del Vallo, a city shaped by Arab, Norman, and Mediterranean influences. Begin with a guided walk through its historic center, where narrow alleyways reveal a blend of Islamic and Baroque architecture. Visit the Church of Sant'Egidio to see the famed Dancing Satyr—a remarkable Hellenistic bronze statue pulled from the depths of the sea. Then, continue to a winery, nestled within a coastal nature reserve. Enjoy a curated tasting of local wines paired with Sicilian bites, while taking in views of vineyards stretching toward the Mediterranean.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 23 Jul 26

Day 5: Sidi Bou Said (Tunisia)

Perched on steep cliffs in Tunisia, on the Mediterranean coast of northwest Africa, Sidi Bou Said is acclaimed for its quaint, whitewashed buildings, adorned with vivid blue doors and windows draped with tumbling fuchsia bougainvillea. A haven for artists, writers and musicians, Sidi Bou Said is often compared to Santorini because of its similar striking architectural style and scenic beauty.

Included Excursion

Medina and guided visit of the village of Sidi Bou Said

Immerse yourself in Tunisia's vibrant culture with a guided tour through two of its most iconic destinations. Begin in the historic Medina of Tunis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site teeming with narrow alleyways, colorful markets, and centuries-old architecture. Enjoy guided exploration followed by free time to browse local shops. Then, continue to the postcard-perfect village of Sidi Bou Said, perched above the Bay of Tunis. Stroll its cobbled streets lined with whitewashed walls and vivid blue accents, and soak up the atmosphere with free time to shop, photograph, or enjoy mint tea in a charming café.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.45 hours

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Carthage tour (extra expense)

Step back in time with a visit to the legendary ruins of Carthage, where ancient history and myth come alive. Explore the remains of this once-mighty Phoenician city, including the Baths of Antoninus, the Roman amphitheatre, Punic ports, and the Carthage Museum. Continue along the scenic coastline to the charming village of Sidi Bou Said. With its signature blue-and-white architecture, cobbled lanes, and blooming courtyards, it's the perfect place to wander, shop, or relax with mint tea while taking in stunning views over the Gulf of Tunis.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Docked 08:00 - 18:00

Arrives On: 24 Jul 26

Day 6: Trapani, Sicily (Italy)

Located on the western coast of Sicily, Trapani is famous for its storied history as a trading port with influences from various civilisations, including the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and Normans. Trapani's scenic setting, nestled between the sea and the nearby hills, offers visitors breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes. The city centre is characterised by narrow winding streets, baroque architecture, and lively markets selling fresh seafood and local produce. Notable historic landmarks here 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 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 **EmeraldPLUS** Local performance on board Step into the heart of Sicily with an unforgettable evening of music, dance, and tradition. Feel the rhythm of traditional Sicilian songs and dances as the performers fill the stage with color, energy, and passion. Don't miss this enchanting cultural experience—a true taste of Sicilian heritage, right on board! Duration: 1.15 hours

Docked: 09:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 25 Jul 26

Day 7: Palermo (Italy)

Welcome to Palermo, a vibrant and historic city located on the northern coast of Sicily, renowned for its rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant street markets. The island's capital reveals a mix of cultures, including Italian, Arabic, and Norman influences, which is evident in its diverse architectural styles and cuisine. Palermo's historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, brimming with beautiful churches, palaces, and bustling squares. Palermo is also popular for

its street food scene, with markets like Mercato Ballarò and Mercato Vucciria serving up a wide range of local specialties, such as arancini, panelle, and sfincione.

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Walking tour of Palermo and tour of Monreale (extra expense)

Located on a wide bay beneath the shadow of Mount Pellegrino, Palermo is a jewel in the crown of Sicily. You will stop at the Cathedral for visit it. .After a panoramic walking tour around historical city centre, rejoin your bus and you will be driven to Monreale, that was just a country area in the Palermo hinterland inhabited by Saracens. In 1172, Guglielmo II ordered the building of an abbey. This complex consisted of the Royal Palace, the abbey and the Church, of which only the latter is perfectly preserved. Afterwards walk back to the bus and drive to the ship.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 26 Jul 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. The stunning scenery is characterised by a rugged coastline, beautiful beaches lapped by crystal-clear waters, and lush vegetation. In the charming Old Town, explore the winding, narrow streets and alleys, a contrasting blend of pastel-hued, elegant town houses and simple dwellings and the 16th-century castle, which presents 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: 08:00 - 18:30

Arrives On: 27 Jul 26

Day 9: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

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 lined with restaurants, shops, and cafés. Giardini Naxos also harbours a rich history, with archaeological sites dating back to ancient times. Explore the ruins of a Greek settlement and Roman villas, as well as visit the famous Taormina Archaeological Park, which is nearby.

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
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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: 28 Jul 26

Day 10: Siracuse, Sicily (Italy)

Syracuse is a historic city nestled along the southeastern shores 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 meandering narrow streets lined with Baroque-era buildings, visit the stunning Cathedral of Syracuse, and enjoy fresh seafood at one of 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

Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 29 Jul 26

Day 11: Valletta (Malta)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes back in Malta and its miniscule yet charming capital city, Valletta, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday.

Please book your flight to depart out of Valletta after 12:00 PM.

Docked: 07:00

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Arrives On: 30 Jul 26

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