Cruise Details

Name:	Mediterranean crossroads
Reference:	EMERALDE28M281028-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	28 Oct 28
Departs From:	Piraeus
Arrives On:	07 Nov 28
Arrives At:	Valletta
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Piraeus (Greece)

Welcome to Greece and its ancient capital, Athens, the compelling birthplace of democracy and Western civilisation, home to iconic sites such as the Acropolis. From here, you'll be transferred to your luxury Emerald yacht to begin your journey through the spellbinding Mediterranean. Please book your flight to arrive into Athens prior to 04:00 PM.

Arrives On: 28 Oct 28

Day 2: Náfplion (Greece)

One of the loveliest towns on the eastern Peloponnese region of mainland Greece, Napflion enchants visitors with its striking architecture, historical sites and stunning sea views. The town is distinctive for its narrow cobblestone streets, Neo-classical buildings, and charming Venetian and Ottoman architecture. The iconic Palamidi Fortress, resting on a hill overlooking Napflion, offers

panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Arrives On: 29 Oct 28

Day 3: Khania (Greece)

Today, you'll arrive in Chania, a charming coastal town on the northwest shores of the stunning Greek Island of Crete. Chania is renowned for its picturesque Venetian harbour, quaint narrow streets and vibrant atmosphere. The Old Town harbours a rich history that is evident in its eclectic mix of architectural styles, with Venetian, Ottoman and Greek influences. Enjoy a choice of leisure pursuits, from relaxing on one of Crete's beautiful beaches or hiking its lush landscapes to exploring ancient ruins and museums that come drenched in history.

Arrives On: 30 Oct 28

Day 4: Gythio (Greece)

A lovely seaside town on the southern side of the Peloponnese on the Greek mainland, Gythio is your gateway to explore Ancient Sparta and the Byzantine town of Mystras. You also have an opportunity to pay a visit to the unique Museum of Olive Oil in Sparta and Valley of Keada, the place where, according to local legend, the Spartans used to throw traitors and criminals from the clifftops.

Arrives On: 31 Oct 28

Day 6: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Today, you'll cruise the eastern shores of magnificent Sicily – Italy's largest island – to the coastal town of Giardini Naxos. This picturesque seaside town reveals stunning views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna, the fabled active volcano. Giardini Naxos is popular for its beautiful sandy beaches lapped by clear aquamarine blue waters and vibrant waterfront promenade lined with restaurants, shops, and cafés. The town also harbors a rich tapestry of history, with archaeological sites dating back to ancient Greek and Roman times. Explore the ruins of a Greek settlement and Roman villas, as well as visit the nearby Taormina Archaeological Park. It is also 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.

Arrives On: 02 Nov 28

Day 7: Siracuse, Sicily (Italy)

An historic city situated on the southeastern coast of Sicily, Syracuse is renowned for its ancient sites, picturesque architecture and stunning waterfront views. One of Syracuse's most

famous landmarks is the Archaeological Park of Neapolis, home to well-preserved Greek and Roman-era amphitheatres and an ancient quarry known as the 'Ear of Dionysius'.

The historical centre, Ortygia, is a charming island connected to the mainland by a series of bridges. Stroll through the narrow, winding streets lined with striking Baroque buildings, visit the stunning Cathedral of Syracuse and savour freshly caught seafood at charming waterside restaurants.

Arrives On: 03 Nov 28

Day 8: Mgarr, Gozo (Malta)

Welcome to the island-nation of Malta and Mgarr, a small village popular for its picturesque countryside and agricultural landscape, brimming with green vineyards and olive groves. The village has a quaint and traditional feel, with charming old stone houses and winding cobbled streets that provide a unique and authentic Maltese experience.

Arrives On: 04 Nov 28

Day 9: Porto Empedocle (Italy)

Positioned on the coast of the Strait of Sicily, Porto Empedocle is named after the philosopher, poet and politician, Empedocles, who resided here in the fifth century BC. Today, this port town is a popular holiday haven for beach-loving tourists. Getaway to the Valley of the Temples, one of the most extensive and important archaeological sites of the ancient Greek world.

Arrives On: 05 Nov 28

Day 10: Valletta (Malta)

Valletta, the historic capital city of Malta, is a living – and stunning – testament to the Baroque period, resplendent with well-preserved buildings, ornate churches and palaces, and magnificent fortifications. The World Heritage-listed city is located on a hilly peninsula, revealing breathtaking views of the sparkling Mediterranean Sea, and is the host of lively markets and festivals. Your yacht will remain docked here overnight, giving you a chance to explore the city after dark.

Arrives On: 06 Nov 28

Day 11: Valletta (Malta)

Today, your luxury voyage concludes here in Valletta. 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 11:00 AM. This itinerary is a guide only and may be

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Arrives On: 07 Nov 28

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