



## Cruise Details

Name:	Best of the Amalfi Coast & Greek Isles
Reference:	EMERALDE29M020526-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	02 May 26
Departs From:	Civitavecchia
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Arrives On:	12 May 26
Arrives At:	Piraeus
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Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Your unforgettable cruise begins in Civitavecchia, the main seaport and gateway for Rome, the ancient capital of Italy. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and begin your voyage along the glamorous French and Italian rivieras. Please book your flight to arrive into Rome prior to 01:00 PM. Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 02 May 26

### Day 2: Positano (Italy)

Positano is a picturesque coastal village located on the Amalfi Coast. Renowned for its stunning cliffside views, colourful houses cascading down to the Mediterranean Sea, and narrow winding streets, Positano is often considered one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. The village features a mix of striking architecture, with vibrant buildings adorned in pastel hues, bougainvillea draping over balconies, and charming shops selling local crafts and

goods. Positano's charm lies not only in its breathtaking scenery but also in its rich history and culture. Here, visitors can indulge in delicious cuisine, including fresh seafood and traditional Italian dishes, often accompanied by local wines. We overnight in

Sorrento

**DiscoverMORE**

Positano walking tour with local foodie tasting (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

Stroll through the sun-soaked splendor of Positano on this immersive walking tour that blends culture, cuisine, and craftsmanship. Accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide, ascend the village's vibrant, winding streets to discover historic sites like the cathedral, charming boutiques, and postcard-worthy viewpoints. Along the way, savor authentic local flavors with tastings from family-run markets and bars. Visit a traditional sandal workshop to watch artisans create Positano's iconic handmade footwear. Conclude with the option to return to the pier or linger in town at your leisure.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

2.5 hours

**DiscoverMORE**

Leisurely Amalfi by local motorboat (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

Discover the beauty and flavor of the Amalfi Coast on this delightful journey by land and sea. Begin with a scenic 45-minute motorboat ride along dramatic cliffs, secluded coves, and colorful villages. Arrive in Amalfi and enjoy free time to explore at your own pace—visit the striking Moorish cathedral or browse the charming shops and cafés. Later, rejoin your guide for a cruise to Positano, where vibrant streets, artisan boutiques, and local tastings await. Sample authentic specialties and soak in the coastal charm before your tour concludes.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours

Offshore: 12:00 - 20:00

Arrives On: 03 May 26

## Day 2: Sorrento (Italy)

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## Day 3: Sorrento (Italy)

Sorrento is a charming town located on the Amalfi Coast of Italy. Known for its stunning views of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius, Sorrento is a popular destination for guests seeking a mix of breathtaking scenery, delicious cuisine, and historical sites. The town's historic centre is filled with narrow streets, lined with shops selling locally made ceramics, limoncello, and other traditional products. Visitors can also explore the town's ancient Greek and Roman ruins, including the Villa Pollio and the Museo Correale di

Terranova.

**DiscoverMORE**

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: 5.3 hours

In the evening, we set sail and overnight in Capri.

Offshore: 23:00 (day prior) - 17:00

Arrives On: 04 May 26

### Day 3: Capri (Italy)

Arrives On: 04 May 26

### Day 4: Capri (Italy)

An island in Italy's Bay of Naples, Capri is synonymous with stunning natural beauty. Turquoise waters and beautiful coves dot the dramatic coastline, and high-end hotels, shopping outlets and fine cuisine attract the rich and famous as they dock in the beautiful Marina Grande.

**DiscoverMORE** 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

**DiscoverMORE** 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: 19:00 (day prior) - 18:00

Arrives On: 05 May 26

### Day 5: 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.

**DiscoverMORE** Noto, the Baroque Jewel of

Sicily and cannoli tasting (extra expense)<br />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. <br />Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</span></p><p><p>Docked: 15:00 - 22:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 06 May 26

### Day 6: Valletta (Malta)

<p><p>Valletta, the capital city of Malta, is 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, and Valletta hosts lively markets and festivals. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Mdina and Valletta<br />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. <br />Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 5 hours</span></p><p><strong>Discover MORE</strong><br /><span>Panoramic tour of Malta with wine tasting (extra expense)<br />Begin your journey with a scenic drive to Marsaxlokk, a traditional fishing village known for its colorful luzzu boats and tranquil harbor. Steeped in maritime history, Marsaxlokk is also where Napoleon is said to have landed in 1798. Enjoy the charm of this coastal gem as you take in its vibrant, authentic atmosphere. 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. On your return to the ship, relax and enjoy the passing panoramic views of Malta's rural and coastal beauty—a perfect ending to this immersive island experience. <br />Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours</span></p><p><p>Docked: 8:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 07 May 26

### Day 8: Milos (Greece)

Milos, a Greek island renowned for its unique natural beauty, often referred to as the 'Island of Colours' due to its diverse soil shades, including yellow, orange, red, and dazzling white. This is made even more dramatic, set against the backdrop of turquoise waters. Milos is also the original home of the iconic marble statue, Venus of Milo.

**Included Excursion**  
Landscapes of Milos  
Start from the harbour along the dramatic Milos coastline toward Papafranga, explore Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. Stroll through the village to admire its traditional architecture and sample some homemade sweets at a few of the village's local pastry shops. Visit the ruins of ancient Melos and its Roman amphitheatre, stop at the site where the Venus of Milo was discovered before strolling around the Plaka, the traditional capital of Milos.  
Activity Level: Moderatae, Duration: 5.50 hours  
Offshore: 12:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 09 May 26

### Day 9: Páros (Greece)

Paros is one of the prettiest Greek islands in the heart of the Aegean Sea. Its verdant green landscape is adorned with vineyards and orchards laden with citrus fruits and pomegranates. Wander the winding streets of the capital Parikia, to see the quintessential Cycladic architecture and quaint white houses with bright blue doors and window boxes full of blooming bougainvillea.

**DiscoverMORE**  
Lefkes and Naoussa with wine tasting (extra expense)  
Our adventure begins in the picturesque village of Lefkes, a hidden gem nestled amidst the breathtaking beauty of Paros and once the island's vibrant capital. From there, make your way to the quaint fishing village of Naoussa, where you can meander through its inviting alleyways and lively harbour. The highlight of your journey awaits at a century-old winery, where you'll embark on a guided tour that offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the art of winemaking on Paros. As the tour concludes, settle into the atmospheric surroundings of the underground cellars or on the terrace for a private tasting experience unlike any other.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours  
**EmeraldPLUS**  
Local performance on board  
Experience the spirit of Paros onboard with a vibrant cultural performance at sea that brings the rhythms, movements, and melodies of the Cyclades vividly to life. This lively showcase blends authentic Greek music and dance with the magic of open waters. Energetic performances and soulful melodies create a festive atmosphere that invites you to connect with local tradition. It's an immersive cultural moment that enriches your cruise journey and leaves you with unforgettable memories of Greek heritage.

Duration: 1 hour  
Offshore: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 10 May 26

## Day 10: Hydra (Greece)

Renowned for its stunning natural beauty and historic charm, this picturesque island is distinctive for its rugged terrain, clear turquoise waters, and lush greenery. The main centre, also named Hydra, is a charming and bustling port town brimming with narrow cobblestone streets and traditional, whitewashed buildings adorned with bougainvillea-covered balconies. There are no cars or motor vehicles allowed on the island, making it a peaceful and low-key getaway from the usual hustle and bustle of city life.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Discover the Island's Wild Beauty  
Uncover the untamed charm of Hydra on a guided hiking tour that blends scenic exploration with local insight. Led by a knowledgeable guide, you'll journey along tranquil trails that reveal the island's hidden gems—breathtaking viewpoints, rugged coastlines, and stories rooted in centuries of history. The hike adjusts to the group's pace, making it suitable for both relaxed walkers and those seeking a bit more adventure. With energy bars and water provided along the way, you'll be free to take in the pristine Aegean surroundings and enjoy an authentic taste of Hydra's natural and cultural heritage.

Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 3 hours  
**EmeraldACTIVE**  
A stroll through Hydra  
Step back into the heroic past of Hydra – once a proud maritime powerhouse of the Aegean. In the late 18th century, the island's impressive fleet of brigs, corvettes, and brigantines connected ports across the Mediterranean and played a vital role in Greece's struggle for independence.

Today, Hydra invites you to experience this rich legacy firsthand. Wander through its charming harbor and cobbled alleys, where history blends effortlessly with timeless island beauty. Discover the island's seafaring heritage at the Hydra Museum, where captivating artifacts and exhibits bring its naval story vividly to life. Visit the elegant Church of the Virgin Mary, distinguished by its Venetian bell tower and graceful dome – a serene symbol of the island's cultural heritage.

Complete your journey with a relaxed stop at a traditional taverna, savoring authentic Greek meze and a glass of ouzo while soaking up Hydra's warm hospitality and unmistakable charm – an unforgettable blend of history, culture, and island atmosphere.  
Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 2.30 hours  
Offshore: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 11 May 26

## Day 11: Piraeus (Greece)

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in the dynamic Greek capital, Athens, the birthplace of democracy and Western civilisation, 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 Athens after 01:00 PM.

Docked: 08:00  
\*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day.

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Arrives On: 12 May 26

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