Cruise Details

Name:	Italy's Islands, Corsica to Monaco
Reference:	EMERALDE33M061027-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sakara
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	06 Oct 27
Departs From:	Civitavecchia
Arrives On:	16 Oct 27
Arrives At:	Nice
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 and ‘Eternal City,’ world-famous for its iconic architectural wonders. From here, you’ll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and embark on your voyage to discover the wonders of the Western Mediterranean. Please book your flight to arrive into Rome prior to 01:00 PM. Docked:18:00

Arrives On: 06 Oct 27

Day 2: Gaeta (Italy)

Your first port of call is Gaeta, a popular destination set on a headland that juts out towards the Gulf of Gaeta, within the Lazio region of southern Italy. Apart from the beautiful beach, the key attraction in this historical seaside town is 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 Tiberio Villa (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
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, must be pre-booked)
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: 08:00–19:00

Arrives On: 07 Oct 27

Day 3: Salerno (Italy)

Located in the lovely Campania region of southern Italy, Salerno boasts a rich history that dates back to ancient times, influenced by a variety of civilisations that covers the Greek, Roman and Norman eras. You'll find this a captivating destination that combines historical richness, natural beauty and vibrant culture, making it an appealing spot for visitors and locals alike. DiscoverMORE
Paestum Temples & Mozzarella Cheese Tasting (extra expense)
Travel through the beautiful landscapes of Campania to explore one of Italy's most remarkable archaeological treasures before experiencing the region's

world-famous buffalo mozzarella. A scenic drive brings you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Paestum, founded by Greek settlers in the 6th century BC and home to some of the best-preserved ancient Greek temples in the world. During your guided visit, walk among the impressive ruins and discover the fascinating history of this once-thriving city, whose magnificent temples and archaeological remains have endured for over 2,500 years. Continue to a traditional buffalo mozzarella dairy, where the farm's own buffalo milk is transformed into authentic Campania D.O.P. Mozzarella di Bufala. Watch a demonstration of the traditional cheesemaking process before enjoying a tasting of freshly produced mozzarella and other local dairy specialities. After the tasting, depart for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours DiscoverMORE
Explorations of Pompeii (extra expense)
Journey back nearly 2,000 years with a visit to Pompeii, one of the world's most extraordinary archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A scenic drive brings you to the ancient Roman city, where glimpses of Mount Vesuvius may be enjoyed along the way. Buried beneath volcanic ash following the catastrophic eruption of 79 AD, Pompeii remained hidden until its rediscovery in the 18th century. Today, it offers an unparalleled insight into everyday life in the Roman Empire. Join your guide for a fascinating walk through the remarkably preserved streets, discovering grand villas, bustling public squares, bathhouses, theatres, and the impressive Forum. Admire ancient frescoes, intricate mosaics, and inscriptions that reveal the daily lives, businesses, and traditions of the city's former inhabitants while learning about the dramatic events that brought this thriving settlement to an abrupt end. Following your guided visit, depart for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 08 Oct 27

Day 4: Giardini Naxos (Italy)

Nestled on Sicily’s eastern shores, the picturesque town of Giardini Naxos reveals stunning views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna, the fabled active volcano. This seaside town is known for its beautiful sandy beaches, clear aquamarine waters and a vibrant waterfront promenade lined with restaurants, shops, and cafés popular with locals and visitors alike. Giardini Naxos also harbours a rich tapestry of history, with archaeological sites dating back to ancient Greek and Roman times and is near to the esteemed Taormina Archaeological Park. 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: 12:00–19:00

Arrives On: 09 Oct 27

Day 5: Valletta (Malta)

The tiny capital of the island-nation of Malta and a UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Valletta presents a living testament to the Baroque period, with well-preserved buildings, ornate churches, and palaces and magnificent fortifications. This stunning walled city, established in the 1500s by the Knights of St. John, a legendary Roman Catholic order, is strategically positioned on a hilly peninsula, revealing breathtaking views of the azure Mediterranean Sea. As well as its storied history and architectural wonders, enchanting Valletta is the host of lively markets and colourful festivals. Included Excursion
Guided Tour of Mdina & Valletta
Discover two of Malta’s most captivating historic cities, where fortified walls, Baroque architecture, and centuries of Mediterranean history reveal the island’s remarkable heritage. Begin with a scenic drive to Mdina, Malta’s former capital, known as the Silent City for its tranquil, atmospheric streets. Walk through its narrow lanes and elegant squares, admiring honey-coloured limestone palaces, medieval architecture, and panoramic views across the island. Continue to Valletta, the UNESCO-listed capital founded by the Knights of St. John in the 16th century. Join your guide for an orientation through its historic streets, viewing grand fortifications, elegant auberges, and architectural landmarks that reflect Malta’s rich military and maritime past. Enjoy time to take in the atmosphere of this compact yet magnificent city before returning to the harbour.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00–15:00

Arrives On: 10 Oct 27

Day 6: Trapani, Sicily (Italy)

Today, you’ll return to Italy, with a port of call on the magnificent Island of Sicily and Trapani, a charming port city that boasts stunning Mediterranean views and a rich Sicilian cultural heritage. Take a stroll through the picturesque Old Town, where you’ll discover quaint narrow streets lined with historic buildings, traditional markets, and tantalising eateries that tempt with local delicacies such as freshly-caught seafood and the world-famous Sicilian pastry, cannoli. DiscoverMORE
Marsala, Salt Pans and Winery Visit (extra expense)
Follow the historic Salt Road through western Sicily, where shimmering salt flats, traditional windmills, and renowned vineyards reveal the region's rich cultural heritage. Travel along the scenic coastline to the historic Ettore Infersa Salt Pans, where a beautifully restored 500-year-old windmill stands as a testament to Sicily's centuries-old salt-making tradition.

Learn how the unique combination of sun, wind, and shallow lagoons has shaped this remarkable landscape and sustained salt production for generations. Continue to the charming town of Marsala, located on the site of the ancient city of Lilybaeum. Join a guided walk through its historic centre, admiring the exterior of the Cathedral and discovering the town's rich Carthaginian, Roman, Norman, Arab, and Spanish heritage. Enjoy free time to explore at your own pace before visiting the renowned winery, where you will learn about the history of the famous Marsala wine and enjoy a guided wine tasting before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00–14:00

Arrives On: 11 Oct 27

Day 7: Cagliari (Italy)

At the southern tip of the Italian island of Sardinia, nestled between the rolling hills and the sea, you'll discover the capital, Cagliari. This Sardinian city is home to one of the longest beaches in Italy, Poetta Beach, and Molentargius-Saline Regional Park, well-known for its bright pink flamingo colonies. Be sure to sample the local culinary specialities, including traditional dishes like malloreddus (Sardinian gnocchi) and porceddu (roast suckling pig). DiscoverMORE
Cagliari City Sightseeing & Archaeological Museum (extra expense)
Explore the rich history and panoramic beauty of Cagliari, the capital of Sardinia, where ancient fortifications, elegant churches, and archaeological treasures reveal over two thousand years of history. Visit the historic Castello district, the city's medieval citadel, and explore the fascinating National Archaeological Museum, home to one of Sardinia's finest collections of prehistoric, Punic, and Roman artefacts. Continue to the beautiful Cathedral of Santa Maria, admired for its magnificent Baroque interior and ornate marble decorations.Along the way, enjoy views of the Santa Gilla and Molentargius Lagoons, renowned for their resident flamingos and abundant birdlife, before passing landmarks including Arsenale Square, the impressive Tower of San Pancrazio, and Piazzetta Mundula.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00–16:00

Arrives On: 12 Oct 27

Day 8: Alghero (Italy)

On the western shores of Northern Sardinia, delightful Alghero is noteworthy for its pretty coves and small bays, enticing with white sandy beaches merging with the crystalline aquamarine sea. The region's relatively mild climate combined with the delicate aromas of the local Mediterranean vegetation make this charming town one of the highlights of your journey. DiscoverMORE
Neptune's Grotto & Alghero by Bus (extra expense)
Venture to one of Sardinia's most spectacular natural landmarks with a visit to the magnificent Neptune's Caves, dramatically hidden within the towering limestone cliffs of Capo Caccia. A scenic drive brings you to the headland, where you will descend the famous

Escala del Cabirol—654 steps carved into the cliff face—to reach the cave entrance. Formed millions of years ago, the caves reveal an extraordinary underground world of vast chambers, impressive stalactites and stalagmites, crystal-clear lakes, and remarkable limestone formations.During a guided visit of approximately 30–40 minutes, learn about the caves' fascinating geology and history. After climbing the 654 steps back to the top, continue to Alghero for a guided walk through its atmospheric historic centre. Wander the narrow cobbled streets, admire the well-preserved medieval architecture, and discover the Catalan influence that still shapes this charming seaside town.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 13 Oct 27

Day 9: Bastia (France)

Cruising northwards, you'll arrive on the northern shores of Corsica and Bastia, a bustling port, where ferries connect this charming French island to Italy and mainland France. Bastia is also regarded as a foodie destination, boasting numerous restaurants and markets serving authentic Corsican cuisine. Fresh seafood is a menu mainstay here, with delicious local specialties such as Aziminu, a variety of traditional fish bouillabaisse made with rockfish. EmeraldACTIVE
Hike of Bastia
Follow your guide through the historic streets of Bastia to visit one of Corsica's most remarkable yet lesser-known religious treasures. Begin in the historic Terra Nova district, passing through the Citadel's main gateway beside the Palais des Gouverneurs. Stroll along the Chemin des Filippins, an uphill lane leading to the Oratoire de Monserato, home to Bastia's extraordinary Scala Santa. Dating from the 19th century, the Scala Santa is one of only seven authorised replicas of the Holy Stairs of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, constructed with papal approval. During your visit, learn about its religious significance and the unique history behind its creation, linked to the support and refuge offered by the Corsican people during the Napoleonic era. According to tradition, pilgrims ascending the steps in prayer and repentance may receive spiritual indulgence.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Folklore on Board - Band L'Alivetti
Celebrate the rich musical traditions of Corsica with an authentic onboard performance by L'Alivetti, a talented ensemble from the Balagne region. Comprising three vocalists and a guitarist, the group performs a selection of Corsica's most beloved traditional songs alongside original compositions inspired by the island's culture and heritage. Their repertoire features the distinctive sound of the cetera, the traditional Corsican cittern, as well as beautiful three-part vocal harmonies that reflect the unique musical identity of the island.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour Docked: 12:00–19:00

Arrives On: 14 Oct 27

Day 10: Monte-Carlo (Monaco)

Officially known as the Principality of Monaco, the sovereign City-State of Monaco is renowned worldwide for its opulence and glamour, high-end casinos, glitzy yacht-lined harbour and the exclusive Monte Carlo district, where the prestigious Grand Prix motor racing event is held annually. This gem of the Côte d'Azur (French Riviera) is also home to Monaco's royal household, several museums and numerous cultural events hosted throughout the year, celebrating anything from music and dance to theatre and the visual arts. DiscoverMORE
Highlights of Monaco & Monte Carlo by City Bus (extra expense)
Experience the glamour and history of the Principality of Monaco with convenient transfers between its most iconic landmarks, minimising the amount of walking normally required. Travel by chartered city bus through the Principality to Monaco-Ville, the historic Old Town perched on the famous Rock. Visit Prince's Palace Square, admire the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace were married, and enjoy free time to explore the charming streets and shops. Continue to elegant Monte-Carlo, where the famous Casino Square is framed by the legendary Monte-Carlo Casino, the Hôtel de Paris, and the Café de Paris. Admire these world-renowned landmarks and soak up the atmosphere of one of Europe's most prestigious destinations before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 08:00–22:00

Arrives On: 15 Oct 27

Day 11: Nice (France)

Your unforgettable yacht cruise concludes in the South of France and coastal city of Nice, another famous destination along the chic French Riviera. After bidding farewell to your crew and fellow guests, you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home, or to continue your holiday. DiscoverMORE
Walking Tour of Nice (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Discover the relaxed elegance and Mediterranean charm of Nice on a guided walk through the historic heart of the French Riviera's largest city. Begin in the atmospheric Old Town, where narrow lanes, colourful façades, lively markets, and traditional cafés reveal the city's Italian-influenced past. Stroll through the vibrant streets of Vieux Nice before continuing to the celebrated Promenade des Anglais, the palm-lined waterfront promenade overlooking the sparkling Baie des Anges. Enjoy time to admire the city's Belle Époque architecture, elegant squares, and distinctive Provençal atmosphere before continuing to your onward arrangements.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours
Notes: This excursion is available for participants continuing on to the next cruise, as well as those disembarking with flights departing after 4:00 pm. Please book your flight to depart out of Nice after 01:00 PM. Docked 07:00 This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such, Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will be operated unaltered from the itinerary stated above.

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