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Cruise Details

Name:	From Croatia to the Amalfi Coast via Sicily
Reference:	EMERALDE37M161027-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	16 Oct 27
Departs From:	Dubrovnik
Arrives On:	25 Oct 27
Arrives At:	Civitavecchia
Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Your cruise begins in the historic city of Dubrovnik, where you will be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on a voyage exploring fascinating port towns and cities and extraordinary coastlines. At the southernmost point of Croatia on the Dalmatian Coast, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Dubrovnik is known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. The city is renowned for its breathtaking architecture: its red terracotta tiled roofs and whiteish walls striking against the turquoise waters that laps below. Please book your flight to arrive into Dubrovnik prior to 01:00 PM. Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 16 Oct 27

Day 2: Split (Croatia)

Split is a stunning city laden with culture, history, and striking architecture. Take a stroll along the Riva, a palm-lined promenade that is the beating heart of the city, past beautiful terraces

and bustling eateries with harbour views. Built from the 4th century AD and added to over millennia, the ruins of the Diocletian's Palace dominate the city centre. This incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site comprised an imperial residence, military fortress, fortified town, with gates and walls; its remnants housing myriad bars and cafés today. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Split with Meštrovic Gallery
Discover the artistic and historical treasures of Split, where Roman architecture, medieval landmarks, and Croatian art combine in one of the Adriatic's most fascinating cities. A panoramic drive leads to the elegant Meštrovic Gallery, the former residence of Croatia's most celebrated sculptor, Ivan Meštrovic. Today, the villa houses an impressive collection of his sculptures and artworks, displayed throughout the historic residence and its tranquil gardens. Continue into the heart of Split Old Town, built around the remarkable 4th-century Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk through its atmospheric stone streets to visit the Cathedral of St. Domnius (St. Duje), one of the world's oldest cathedrals, originally constructed as the mausoleum of Emperor Diocletian. Visit the Temple of Jupiter and admire landmarks including the Peristyle Square, Golden Gate, and Silver Gate before enjoying free time near Split's lively open-air market to browse local stalls or explore at your own pace. You may return with the group or remain in the Old Town for independent exploration.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours EmeraldPLUS
Klapa Perfomance on Board
Experience the timeless sounds of Dalmatia with an authentic Klapa performance, one of Croatia's most treasured musical traditions and recognised by UNESCO as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Enjoy an enchanting performance by a traditional Klapa ensemble, whose powerful a cappella harmonies bring to life songs inspired by love, the sea, and the rich cultural heritage of the Dalmatian coast. This captivating musical tradition has been passed down through generations and offers a memorable insight into Croatia's enduring folklore.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour Docked: 08:00 – 23:59

Arrives On: 17 Oct 27

Day 3: Hvar Island (Croatia)

The heart of Hvar is the Old Town; while this has developed as a modern-day hotspot, it reveals multiple layers of history and architectural wonders. The Old Town of Hvar presents a photogenic jumble of whitewashed buildings topped with terracotta roofs, and beyond, scenic rolling hills peppered with lavender fields, olive groves, and grapevines. DiscoverMORE
Hvar Island tour (extra expense)
Travel across the beautiful island of Hvar, where historic towns, fertile countryside, and local traditions reveal the authentic character of one of Croatia's most celebrated islands. Enjoy a scenic drive to Stari Grad, one of Europe's oldest towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its picturesque harbour and rich history dating back to the 2nd century BC. Join a guided walk through its charming streets before enjoying free time to explore at your own pace. Continue to the traditional village of Dol, where you will visit a local farm to sample regional

specialities and locally produced wine. As you return towards Hvar Town, admire magnificent views over the Pakleni Islands before joining a guided walk through the historic centre. Discover the elegant Cathedral of St. Stephen and the exterior of the Franciscan Monastery while wandering the town's narrow stone streets before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Speedboat Adventure Pakleni Islands (extra expense)
Enjoy a relaxed half-day escape from Hvar and experience the beauty of the Adriatic coastline and nearby islands. Set sail from Hvar and cruise along the scenic shoreline toward the charming village of Milna, where you can enjoy a leisurely stroll, coffee break, and authentic island atmosphere. Continue your journey to the stunning Pakleni Islands, a true Adriatic gem famous for its turquoise bays, hidden coves, and crystal-clear waters. Here, you'll have ample time to swim, snorkel, or unwind while surrounded by pristine nature. This experience offers a perfect combination of coastal cruising, island charm, and relaxation, ideal for discovering the highlights of Hvar's surroundings in just a few unforgettable hours.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 08:00 – 18:00

Arrives On: 18 Oct 27

Day 4: Monopoli (Italy)

Tracing its origins back to 545 AD when it was founded by the Greeks, Monopoli is a melting pot of Byzantine, Venetian, and Turkish influence. Located in Puglia, on Italy's south-eastern coast, Monopoli's charming harbour, which is busy with fishermen, is surrounded by medieval stone walls and a 16th century fortress. Take a walk on lungomare, the seafront promenade that wraps around the town, take a dip at Cala Porta Vecchia, the town's main beach or visit The Church of the Purgatory, a Baroque chapel which houses mummified remains of past citizens. DiscoverMORE
Discover the Trulli of Alberobello (extra expense)
Step into the fairy-tale world of Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its enchanting trulli—the iconic whitewashed stone houses topped with distinctive conical roofs that have become a symbol of Puglia. Enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque Apulian countryside, where ancient olive groves and rolling fields lead to this unique historic town. Upon arrival, join your guide for a walk through Alberobello's charming streets, discovering the fascinating history of the trulli, originally built in the 15th century using traditional dry-stone construction techniques. Following the guided tour, enjoy free time to wander the narrow lanes, browse local boutiques and artisan shops, sample authentic Italian gelato, or simply soak up the atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00 – 14:00

Arrives On: 19 Oct 27

Day 5: Corfu (Greece)

One of Greece’s most beloved and beautiful islands in the Ionian Sea, Corfu harbours a rich history and magnificent architecture displaying Renaissance and Baroque influences. Its UNESCO-listed Old Town dates to the 8th century and is a labyrinthine of alleyways and home to the largest square in Greece, the impressive Spianada, a leafy green space with gardens and historical monuments. The island is home to authentic Greek villages, as well as beaches lapped by aquamarine waters. DiscoverMORE
Guided Walking Tour of Corfu Town (extra expense)
Wander through the timeless streets of Corfu Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Venetian elegance, rich history, and vibrant local life combine to create one of Greece's most enchanting historic centres. Pass beneath the historic Bonati Arch before exploring the atmospheric Jewish Quarter, home to a synagogue that reflects centuries of Corfu's multicultural heritage. Admire the elegant Town Hall, a fine example of Venetian architecture, and continue to the iconic Church of St. Spyridon, recognised by its distinctive red-domed bell tower and dedicated to the island's patron saint. Following the guided walk, enjoy free time to browse local boutiques, relax at a café (own expense), or continue exploring the charming streets and hidden squares before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
4X4 Adventure of the Corfiot Countryside (extra expense)
Take the wheel and discover the hidden landscapes of Corfu on a self-drive 4x4 adventure through mountain villages, scenic viewpoints, and spectacular coastline. Drive through the seaside resorts of Kontokali, Gouvia, and Alykes before climbing winding mountain roads to the traditional village of Sokraki, one of the island's oldest settlements. Surrounded by olive groves and pine forests on the slopes of Mount Korakio, enjoy breathtaking views across the Ionian and Adriatic Seas. Continue through the picturesque villages of Troubetta, Vistonas, and Makrades, where traditional Corfiot life remains largely unchanged. Pause at a local restaurant in Lakones to enjoy a selection of traditional Greek meze while taking in panoramic views over the island. Your adventure concludes at the beautiful Paleokastritsa Bay, where you may enjoy a swim in the crystal-clear waters or simply relax beside one of Corfu's most picturesque bays before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Docked: 08:00 – 23:00

Arrives On: 20 Oct 27

Day 7: 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: 07:30 – 18:00

Arrives On: 22 Oct 27

Day 8: Amalfi (Italy)

Built into the cliffside of the Amalfi Coast, overlooking the azure waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea, the town of Amalfi is known for its stunning views but also has a rich history. Its striking cathedral, the Duomo di Amalfi, dates to the 9th century and features intricate Byzantine mosaics. Explore the historic centre of Amalfi, with its narrow alleyways, colourful buildings, and quaint shops selling local ceramics. In the evening we'll sail overnight in Sorrento. 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: 13:00 – 19:00

Arrives On: 23 Oct 27

Day 9: Sorrento (Italy)

Another steep, cliffside town of the Amalfi Coast with a hotchpotch of pastel-coloured buildings that teeter over the sea, Sorrento is a mix of breathtaking scenery, delicious cuisine, and charming historic villas. Sorrento boasts breathtaking views of the Bay of Naples and imposing Mount Vesuvius across the water, with a coastline filled with colourful parasols. The town's centre is filled with atmospheric narrow streets, lined with shops selling traditional products, such as ceramics and limoncello, a liqueur made from locally grown

lemons. 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: 22:30 (day prior) – 15:00

Arrives On: 24 Oct 27

Day 10: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Your luxurious yacht cruise returns to Civitavecchia, an ancient seaport which traces its origins back to the 2nd century AD. Here, your memorable journey concludes, and you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday. DiscoverMORE
Rome On Your Own (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Experience the timeless appeal of Rome, where ancient monuments, elegant piazzas, and world-famous landmarks showcase more than two thousand years of history. Travel along the scenic Tyrrhenian Coast before arriving in the Eternal City for a panoramic drive past iconic sights, including the Circus Maximus and the magnificent Colosseum, once the largest amphitheatre in the Roman Empire. Continue into the heart of the city to enjoy free time at leisure, with the opportunity to discover celebrated landmarks such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and the lively Piazza Navona, or relax at one of Rome's traditional cafés. In the afternoon, continue your orientation drive past Castel Sant'Angelo, Vatican City, and the magnificent St Peter's Basilica, pausing for photographs before departing Rome.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 9 hours

Notes: This excursion is available for guests continuing on the next cruise. DiscoverMORE
Rome Tour & Transfer (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Make the most of your final day with a journey from Civitavecchia to Rome, combining a comfortable transfer with the opportunity to experience some of the Eternal City's most celebrated landmarks before continuing to the airport. Travel through the scenic Etruscan countryside along the Tyrrhenian Coast before meeting your guide in Rome. Enjoy a guided orientation featuring exterior views of iconic sights including the magnificent Colosseum, the historic Roman Forum, and the beautiful Trevi Fountain, while learning about the fascinating history behind these world-famous monuments. Following your visit, continue directly to Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport (FCO) for your onward flight.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours & 30 minutes

Notes: Available only to

participants on flights departing from FCO after 4:30 pm. Luggage will remain securely stored on the coach throughout the excursion. Please book your flight to depart out of Rome after 01:00 PM. Docked: 06:00 The 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 states above.

Arrives On: 25 Oct 27

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