Cruise Details

Name:	Italian & Adriatic Icons: Rome to Dubrovnik
Reference:	EMERALDE38M170527-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	17 May 27
Departs From:	Civitavecchia
Arrives On:	29 May 27
Arrives At:	Dubrovnik
Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

Itinerary

Day 1: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Your unforgettable cruise begins in Civitavecchia, a historic seaport and main gateway for Rome, the ‘Eternal City’ and ancient capital of Italy. From here, you’ll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and begin your voyage ldiscovering the charms of the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas. Please book your flight to arrive into Rome prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 18:00

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 2: Sorrento (Italy)

A true gem along the stunning Amalfi Coast a stretch of coastline under UNESCO World Heritage-listed status – Sorrento is a much-loved resort town best known for its breathtaking views of the Bay of Naples and imposing Mount Vesuvius across the water. Sorrento is also a popular destination for those seeking a mix of magnificent scenery, delicious regional cuisine, and ancient

sites. The town's historic centre is a delight to explore, filled with atmospheric narrow streets lined with quaint shops selling traditional products; which may include hand-made ceramics and limoncello, a traditional liqueur mainly produced in southern Italy, made from locally grown lemons. Later, you'll overnight on Capri. DiscoverMORE
Discover Pompeii (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
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 EmeraldPLUS
Neapolitan Evening Tarantella (performance on board)
Immerse yourself in the vibrant energy and captivating rhythm of the Tarantella, a celebration of Sorrento's culture and music from the late 19th century. Enjoy traditional dances, lively music, and interactive moments that make every guest an integral part of the show. Be mesmerized by the rhythmic beats and intricate footwork of the Tarantella, showcased on stage with delightful musical interludes and entertaining strolling artists. Join in the fun as the performers engage the audience, inviting everyone to clap along, feel the rhythm, and even dance along with the lively atmosphere of Sorrento's rich cultural heritage.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes Anchored: 11:00–22:00

Arrives On: 18 May 27

Day 2: Capri (Italy)

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Day 3: Capri (Italy)

A legendary island set off the Sorrento Peninsula amid the breathtaking Bay of Naples, the Island of Capri is synonymous with stunning natural beauty blended with an air of luxury. Pretty coves lapped by aquamarine waters dot the dramatic, rugged coastline, while high-end hotels, designer boutiques and gastronomic restaurants attract the rich and famous, many of whom dock their yachts in the island's glitzy Marina Grande. DiscoverMORE
Capri from the Sea (extra expense)
Discover the spectacular coastline of Capri from the sea, where dramatic cliffs, hidden grottoes, and crystal-clear waters reveal the island's extraordinary natural beauty. After tendering ashore (local tender boat), board a local boat for a

scenic cruise around Capri, passing towering limestone cliffs, secluded coves, and striking rock formations. Admire the island's lush Mediterranean vegetation while viewing landmarks including Villa Jovis, the magnificent palace where Emperor Tiberius is believed to have ruled during the final years of his reign. Continue past the entrance to the famous Blue Grotto, the picturesque Marina Piccola, and the beautiful White Grotto, one of Capri's most impressive sea caves. Following the cruise, enjoy free time to explore Capri at your own pace before returning independently by tender.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 23:30 (day prior)–21:00

Arrives On: 19 May 27

Day 4: Lipari (Italy)

The largest and most populated of the Aeolian Islands, Lipari presents a volcanic archipelago set off the coast of Sicily and embedded within the shimmering Tyrrhenian Sea. The gorgeous island scenery comes defined by a rugged coastline, beautiful beaches lapped by crystal line turquoise waters and lush vegetation. Lipari also boasts a charming Old Town, delightful with its quaint streets and traditional houses painted in pastel hues, as well as a 16th- century castle, which reveals panoramic views of the surrounding area. DiscoverMORE
Vulcano Island 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, relax at the beach, or to enjoy a mud bath in the local renewed thermal complex, famous for treating mainly problems in joints, skin and respiratory system. 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 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Lipari Island Tour and Malvasia Tasting (extra expense)
Discover the fascinating history, dramatic volcanic landscapes, and panoramic viewpoints of Lipari, the largest island in the UNESCO-listed Aeolian Archipelago. Meet your guide in Marina Corta before a short walk to the coach for a scenic drive around the island. Learn about Lipari's remarkable history, dating back to around 4000 BC, while admiring its rugged coastline, volcanic scenery, and crystal-clear waters. Visit a traditional local bakery, where you can sample authentic homemade biscuits before continuing into the island's interior. Stop at the spectacular Quattrocchi Viewpoint, perched 300 metres above the sea, offering magnificent views of Vulcano, its dramatic cliffs, fumaroles, and volcanic landscape. Continue to another panoramic viewpoint overlooking Salina, with clear-day views extending across the other Aeolian Islands. Return to Lipari Town and continue on foot to the historic Lipari Castle,

built by the Spanish in the 16th century. Within its impressive fortified walls, visit the Cathedral of St. Bartholomew, originally constructed by the Normans, rebuilt after its destruction by the pirate Barbarossa, and today one of the island's most important religious landmarks. Following the guided visit, enjoy free time to browse local shops or explore the charming streets of Lipari at your own pace.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours Anchored 11:30–19:00

Arrives On: 20 May 27

Day 5: 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. DiscoverMORE
Mt. Etna & Wine Tasting (extra expense)
Journey to the slopes of Mount Etna, Europe's highest and most active volcano, where dramatic volcanic landscapes meet Sicily's renowned winemaking traditions. Travel through the fertile countryside surrounding Mount Etna, passing the villages of Santa Venerina and Zafferana Etnea, with their vineyards, orchards, chestnut groves, and lava-sculpted landscapes. As you ascend the mountain, your guide will explain the powerful eruptions that have shaped the region while you pass ancient lava flows stretching across the countryside. Arrive at the Silvestri Craters, located at approximately 1,950 metres (6,400 feet) above sea level. Explore these extinct volcanic craters and admire spectacular panoramic views across eastern Sicily before continuing to Cantine Nicosia, where you will enjoy a guided visit to the winery followed by a tasting of locally produced Etna wines before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes DiscoverMORE
Guided Tour of Taormina (extra expense)
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: 21 May 27

Day 6: Valletta (Malta)

The tiny capital of the island-nation of Malta and a UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Valletta presents a is 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 legendary Knights of St. John, comes strategically positioned on a hilly peninsula, revealing breathtaking views of the 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
Travel through Malta’s scenic countryside to Mdina, the island’s former capital, perched high on a hill with sweeping views across the island. Considered one of Europe’s finest examples of a fortified city, Mdina’s blend of medieval and baroque architecture reflects its long and storied past. Stroll through the narrow, winding streets as your guide shares 4,000 years of history and introduces you to the city’s highlights. From the bastions, admire panoramic vistas reaching the distant coastline before enjoying some free time to explore independently. Continue by coach to Valletta, Malta’s present-day capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the magnificent St. John’s Co-Cathedral, renowned for its baroque splendour, and enjoy a guided walk past key landmarks, including the Grand Master’s Palace, the Renzo Piano-designed Parliament Building, and Our Lady of Victories Church. Pass the Auberge de Castille, now housing the office of the Prime Minister, before reaching the Upper Barrakka Gardens. Perched high above the Grand Harbour, this peaceful spot offers shade, tranquillity, and one of the most spectacular panoramic views in Malta.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 5 hours Docked: 08:00–18:00

Arrives On: 22 May 27

Day 8: Fiskárdo (Greece)

Today, you’ll arrive in Greece and the Ionian Island of Kefalonia. Here, you’ll spend the day discovering the numerous charms of Fiskardo, a delightful village on the northernmost shores of this Greek Island. Discover the vibrant harbour encircled with cypress and olive trees and beautifully preserved Venetian architecture and be sure to sample the excellent local wines and catch of the day seafood. DiscoverMORE
Highlights of Cephalonia from Fiskardo (extra expense)
Uncover two of Cephalonia's most spectacular natural wonders, where ancient caves, crystal-clear waters, and remarkable geological formations create an unforgettable experience. Travel across the island to the magnificent Drogarati Cave, estimated to be more than 100 million years old. Descend into its vast underground chamber to admire impressive stalactites and stalagmites, illuminated to reveal the cave's extraordinary colours and formations. Renowned for its exceptional acoustics, the cave has even hosted performances by the legendary soprano Maria Callas. Continue to the enchanting Melissani Lake,

one of Greece's most beautiful underground lakes. Board a small rowing boat for a tranquil cruise beneath the partially collapsed cave roof, where shafts of sunlight illuminate the turquoise waters and ancient rock formations, creating a truly magical atmosphere. Enjoy the scenic drive back along Cephalonia's picturesque coastline before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 09:00–22:00

Arrives On: 24 May 27

Day 9: Parga (Greece)

On mainland Greece, you'll find the resort town of Parga radiates a carefree holiday atmosphere. Enjoy the Mediterranean sunshine on one of the many gorgeous beaches, stroll through traditional Greek villages and marvel at the impressive, 11th century Venetian castle, which provides an incredible bird's eye view of this popular town and sparkling Ionian coastline. DiscoverMORE
Kayaking Adventure (extra expense)
Paddle along the spectacular coastline of Parga, discovering hidden coves, crystal-clear waters, and dramatic sea cliffs on an unforgettable sea kayaking adventure. After a short transfer to Ai Giannakis Beach, receive your safety briefing and equipment before setting off by kayak. Paddle through the turquoise waters, passing secluded bays and towering limestone cliffs while taking in views of Aphrodite's Sea Cave and the picturesque harbour of Parga, overlooked by the small green island of Panagia. Pause for a short break to enjoy refreshments before continuing your journey through the area's beautiful islets and returning to Valtos Beach.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours Anchored: 07:30–15:00

Arrives On: 25 May 27

Day 10: Kotor (Montenegro)

Set along Montenegro's beautiful coastline, nestled between imposing mountains and the Adriatic Sea, the fortified city of Kotor is an enthralling destination that seamlessly combines ancient history and vibrant modern culture. Encircled by medieval walls, this UNESCO World Heritage-listed city is sure to charm with its elegant Venetian palaces, narrow cobblestone lanes and café-hemmed squares. As the sun is setting, you'll cruise to Croatia. Today choose between our Included Excursion or DiscoverMORE option. Included Excursion
Explore Historic Kotor on Foot
Explore Kotor from a unique perspective on a guided walk along the lower section of the city walls. This relaxed stroll reveals the impressive defensive architecture that once protected the town and highlights Kotor's strategic importance throughout centuries of Venetian and regional rule. As you walk through this historic area, hear fascinating stories connected to the old fortifications and gain insight into daily life within the walled city. The experience offers an authentic atmosphere and a deeper understanding of Kotor's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 2

hours DiscoverMORE
Our Lady of the Rocks and Walking Tour of Kotor (extra expense)
A relaxing boat ride carries you across the breathtaking Bay of Kotor to the legendary island of Our Lady of the Rocks, a man-made islet steeped in maritime tradition. Visit the charming church and learn about the centuries-old custom of seafarers who gradually created the island by sinking stones and ships in honour of a sacred icon. Continue to the elegant town of Perast, known for its well-preserved Baroque architecture and picturesque waterfront. Stroll along cobblestone streets and enjoy the timeless atmosphere before visiting the Maritime Museum, where exhibits reveal the rich naval heritage of Montenegro and the strategic importance of the Bay of Kotor in European trade and naval history. The journey then returns to Kotor for a guided walking tour of its UNESCO-listed Old Town. Explore narrow medieval lanes, visit historic churches, and uncover the stories that shaped this fortified coastal city nestled between mountains and sea.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes Anchored: 12:00–18:00

Arrives On: 26 May 27

Day 11: Vis Island (Croatia)

The Island of Vis served as a Yugoslav military base from the 1950s until 1989, during which, it was cut off to visitors and left vastly unpopulated. This however has preserved the island’s authenticity and today, life remains unhurried and tranquil. In the town of Kut, built by the Venetians, explore the series of narrow passageways and ancient palazzos. With its rocky coastline, azure waters and well-preserved Venetian architecture, Vis made an impressive backdrop for the sequel to the film Mamma Mia!, depicting the fictional Greek island of Kalokairi. You’ll overnight in Korcula. DiscoverMORE
Komiža – Guided Intro & Free Exploration (extra expense)
Discover the unspoilt beauty of Vis, Croatia's most remote inhabited island, where dramatic viewpoints, fascinating military history, and traditional fishing villages showcase a slower pace of Adriatic life. Travel across the island to a spectacular panoramic viewpoint, offering sweeping views over the coastline, crystal-clear waters, and rolling countryside. Continue to a second viewpoint overlooking the former Royal Air Force airfield, built during the Second World War, where your guide will share the island's remarkable military history and decades of isolation. Continue to the charming fishing village of Komiža, nestled at the foot of Mount Hum. Wander its narrow stone streets, admire the traditional Dalmatian architecture, and enjoy free time to browse local shops, relax at a waterfront café (own expense), or soak up the authentic island atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Blue Cave on Biševo Island (extra expense)
Travel from Vis to the picturesque fishing town of Komiža, enjoying scenic views along the way. Upon arrival, board speedboats for an exhilarating cruise across the Adriatic toward the island of Biševo. On Biševo, collect your entrance tickets before transferring to small local boats for a visit to the famous Blue Cave (Modra Špilja). Inside the cave, witness the extraordinary natural phenomenon created by sunlight

reflecting through an underwater opening, illuminating the interior with a magical blue glow. After the visit, return by speedboat to Komiža and enjoy free time to relax along the harbour, explore the narrow streets, or soak up the laid-back island atmosphere before concluding the excursion.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes Anchored: 08:30–15:00

Arrives On: 27 May 27

Day 12: Korčula (Croatia)

A gem of the Adriatic, Korcula is among the most beloved islands in Croatia, boasting a landscape of olive groves and vineyards and a striking coastline of white pebble beaches and azure waters. While there's evidence the island has been inhabited since prehistoric times, the fortified Old Town is on UNESCO's tentative list for its late medieval planning and is referred to by the locals as 'Little Dubrovnik.' Soak up the delightful mix of medieval churches, elegant palaces and squares, as well as the impressive St. Mark's Cathedral, built in Gothic-Renaissance style. At the enthralling Marco Polo Centre, you can learn more about the legacy of the Italian explorer, who was thought to have been born here. The island's quaint villages of Cara and Smokvica are renowned for producing the country's signature dry white wine. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option. EmeraldACTIVE
Lumbarda Coastal Walk & Sabulum Winery
Discover the natural beauty and renowned winemaking traditions of Korcula on a leisurely journey through the picturesque village of Lumbarda. A short drive brings you to Lumbarda, a charming coastal village famous for its sandy bays, rolling vineyards, and relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere. Join your guide for a scenic walk along the coastline, where panoramic views of the Adriatic Sea accompany paths winding through centuries-old vineyards that have shaped the island's landscape and traditions. Continue to the acclaimed Sabulum Winery, where you will learn about Korcula's distinctive wine heritage before enjoying a tasting of locally produced wines. Afterwards, depart for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours 45 minutes DiscoverMORE
Buggy Tour (extra expense)
Experience the rugged beauty of Korcula Island on an exciting self-drive buggy adventure, combining panoramic scenery, hidden beaches, and authentic island charm. Travel by minibus to the buggy base, where a safety briefing is provided before setting off in your two-seater buggy. Follow scenic gravel tracks through olive groves and vineyards above Lumbarda, enjoying spectacular views across the Pelješac Peninsula and the Korcula Archipelago. Along the route, discover secluded bays and stop at Lumbarda Beach, where you may enjoy a refreshing swim or simply relax by the crystal-clear waters. After the buggy adventure, enjoy refreshments at a local restaurant before free time in Lumbarda to explore the village, relax by the waterfront, or swim before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours Docked: 08:00–17:00

Arrives On: 28 May 27

Day 13: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Your Emerald Cruises luxury cruise concludes in historic Dubrovnik, aptly known as the ‘Pearl of the Adriatic.’ This hugely popular city is home to an old Walled Town, one of the finest examples of a medieval citadel in Europe. After bidding farewell to your crew and fellow guests, you’ll be transferred to the airport for your journey home, or to continue your holiday. DiscoverMORE
Dubrovnik & Cavtat (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Explore two of Croatia's most enchanting coastal towns, where medieval history, magnificent architecture, and Adriatic scenery create an unforgettable experience. A scenic drive brings you to Pile Gate, the grand entrance to Dubrovnik Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Follow your guide along the famous Stradun, discovering the city's rich history and architectural treasures. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, home to a beautiful cloister and one of Europe's oldest working pharmacies, founded in 1317, while admiring the elegant exteriors of Dubrovnik's most celebrated landmarks. Continue with a panoramic drive to the charming seaside town of Cavtat, nestled on a picturesque bay between two peninsulas. Enjoy free time to stroll along the waterfront promenade, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey. A brief stop will be made at the airport for guests ending their cruise.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 45 minutes

Notes: This excursion is available for guests continuing on to the next cruise and for disembarking guests with flights departing after 4:00 pm. Luggage will be stored on the coach. Please book your flight to depart out of Dubrovnik after 11:00 AM. Docked: Overnight 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.

Arrives On: 29 May 27

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