# DISCOVER ITALY, GREECE & TURKEY PROPOSED ITINERARY

#### **PRE CRUISE : 5 NIGHTS IN ATHENS**

Staying at the NJV Athens Plaza, Athens. (B)

#### DAY 1: ATHENS (PIRAEUS), GREECE

Your journey of Greece and Turkey begins in Athens, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht. Athens, the capital city of Greece, is a remarkable blend of rich tradition and modern dynamism.

#### DAY 2: DELOS, GREECE - MYKONOS, GREECE

Delos, a small rocky island in the heart of the Cyclades archipelago, is one of the most important mythological and archaeological sites in Greece. In the afternoon, you will venture to **Mykonos**. The island's allure lies in its blend of traditional Greek culture and cosmopolitan flair. Whitewashed houses with vibrant blue doors line the winding streets of Mykonos Town. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 3: PATMOS, GREECE

Patmos is a small Greek island in the Aegean Sea steeped in religious history. The Monastery of Saint John the Theologian, a UNESCO World Heritage site, towers over the island's capital, Chora. Nearby you'll find the Cave of the Apocalypse, where, according to tradition, Saint John the Theologian wrote the Book of Revelation. The local cuisine of Patmos is a delightful mix of traditional Greek dishes and fresh seafood. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 4: KUSADASI, TURKEY

Visiting <u>Kusadasi</u> offers a fascinating blend of history, beautiful beaches, and vibrant markets. Its history dates to ancient times, with early settlements by the Lelegians and Carians around 3000 BC. The town has seen many rulers, including the Byzantines, Venetians, and Genoese. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 5: KOS, GREECE

Kos is a Greek island just four kilometres off the coast of Bodrum, Turkey. It's the birthplace of Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, and home to several historic ruins, including an ancient agora, a Roman Odeon, and the Asklepion, an ancient healing temple. (B/L/D)

# DAY 6: SANTORINI, GREECE

One of the most photogenic islands in the world, <u>Santorini</u> is an eye-catching place with whitewashed buildings clustered on top of soaring cliffs rising out of the ocean. Santorini is renowned for the beauty of its iconic architecture, domed rooftops, volcanic-sand beaches and world-famous sunsets. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 7: PAROS, 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. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 8: ATHENS (PIRAEUS), GREECE

After breakfast, you can set off to explore Athens and discover the hidden gems of this Greek capital. In the afternoon, we'll welcome you back on board your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht for the second half of your journey, where you'll get to explore the best of Greece and Italy. (B/L/D)

# DAY 9: TRANSIT THROUGH THE CORINTH CANAL - ITEA, GREECE

It's time to pass through the 19th century <u>Corinth Canal</u>, a narrow waterway that crosses the isthmus of Corinth in Greece. From the exterior decks, watch as the ship navigates the narrow strip of water bordered by soaring ochre-coloured cliffs.

The small seaside town of Itea has beautiful coastal scenery and is close to the UNESCO World Heritage site of The Delphi Sanctuary. **Delphi** is home to the ruins of the Temple of Apollo and considered the centre of the world in Greek mythology. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 10: FISKARDO, CEPHALONIA ISLAND, GREECE

Fiskardo is a delightful village on the northernmost part of the Ionian island of Kefalonia, Greece. It has a vibrant harbour encircled with cypress and olive trees, beautifully preserved Venetian architecture, and excellent local wines and seafood. (B/L/D)

# DAY 11: GALLIPOLI, ITALY

The southern Italian town of Gallipoli is in the province of Lecce, in the region of Apulia. The town is divided into two parts: the Borgo, which is the newer, mainland part of town, and the Old Town, situated on a limestone island and connected to the mainland via a 17th-century bridge. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 12: GIARDINI NAXOS, ITALY

Overlooking the Ionian Sea on the east coast of Sicily, Giardini Naxos holds historical significance as it was the site of the first Greek colony in Sicily, established in 735 BC. Swim in its clear and glimmering waters or visit the nearby beautiful town of **Taormina**. (B/L/D)

# DAY 13: CAPRI, ITALY - SORRENTO, ITALY

The allure of this Italian island paradise is timeless. Stroll the winding streets and dine al fresco under twinkling fairy lights — try the classic Caprese salad and Limoncello, a local lemon liqueur. Marvel at the towering cliffs and hidden sea caves, including the Blue Grotto, an illuminated sea cave. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 14: SORRENTO, ITALY

**Sorrento** is a tempting destination on the Italian coastline, with exceptional sea views, mouthwatering cuisine, and bold Italian style. A romantic coastal haven, Sorrento has steep coastal cliffs studded with authentic Italian villas, world-class restaurants with sweeping views of the Bay of Naples, and fragrant lemon groves nestled beside tranquil wine bars. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 15: CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME), ITALY

Your luxurious yacht cruise concludes in Civitavecchia, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to continue your holiday.

#### **POST CRUISE : 5 NIGHTS IN ROME**

Staying at The Independent Hotel, Rome. (B)

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