

## “Super-Yachting On the French & Italian Rivas”

### Ooh la La! A Magnifique Cruise by Super Yacht

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Aug 8 - 16, 2025 (New AFS exclusive group of 18)



It's time to get your Vitamin Sea. Come set sail with us for an exclusive voyage of a lifetime to experience the extraordinary. It's not only an adventure into the finest ports of the mesmerizing Mediterranean, but this is also our first AFS cruise on an ocean-going private 360' super yacht - an entirely unique way to cruise.

Sun, sea and sophistication surrounded by the majesty of the Mediterranean Riviera awaits. Sailing along the breathtaking coastlines of France and Italy in our luxury vessel, we'll be able to hug the shore in a way that big cruise liners cannot. Each day is spent glimpsing dramatic coastal cliffs clustered with pastel villas. And we only need to unpack once on our award-winning ship MS Sakara. Once we step on board the sleek Emerald Sakara, we'll be immersed in the elegance that is offered exclusively to just 100 guests, and you are one! All August sailings are sold out, but we deposited on 10 cabins.

For 8 glorious days, explore the most vibrant ports of call in the Med. In **Italy**, we cruise the western coast of Tuscany, Carrara, Porto Venere, Santa Margherita, Cinque Terre and Portofino. In **France** - we sail from the charming island of **Corsica** and then enjoy the glitz and glamour of Monte Carlo's **Monaco** to Nice. Each port is so diverse. We'll be treated to spectacular panoramas, sugar sand beaches, historic fortresses and chic locales frequented by the uber rich while enjoying world class cuisine aboard our floating palace. At every stop, you'll have choices of excursions to help you make the most of your time ashore.



Our expertly trained crew knows these waters so well, but what sets this cruise vacation apart are the many inclusions.... All port charges and gratuities are covered for onboard staff and local guides ashore. Free Wi-Fi. Unlimited beer, wine, and select cocktails on board. Stunning contemporary staterooms with the finest amenities. Several complimentary shore excursions. Indoor and outdoor infinity pools and an onboard cinema. A marine platform for snorkeling and kayaks, a first-class spa and so much more. We'll enjoy complimentary airport transfers on the day of arrival and departure. And you'll be astounded by the fine eateries with locally sourced cuisines included each day.

We have secured three levels of categories at a special AFS group price. Yes, this is high-end, but packed with value when compared with other crowded, deluxe cruise lines. Just once in your lifetime, you deserve to indulge yourself in this all-inclusive experience with world-class service.

Space is limited to just 18 participants on a first come basis. We depart from Rome and arrive in Nice, two easy flights to arrange on U.S. carriers and two incredible cities for pre or post trip exploration of Italy and France. Each port will reveal classic European elegance and shows you the true meaning of "La Dolce Vita". Don't miss this ultimate European vacation on an unparalleled voyage beyond the ordinary.



In a nutshell: Embark on a luxurious Mediterranean cruise aboard the Emerald Cruises yacht, starting in the stunning city of Rome, Italy. Explore the historic landmarks and ancient ruins of Rome before setting sail through the crystal-clear waters of the Mediterranean Sea. As you make your way through the picturesque region of Tuscany, you will be captivated by the rolling hills, vineyards, and charming villages that dot the countryside. Indulge in world-class cuisine and fine wines as you immerse yourself in the rich culture and beauty of Italy. Continue your journey to the glamorous city of Monte Carlo, where you can try your luck at the famous Grand Casino or simply soak up the sun on the pristine beaches. Next, cruise to the enchanting island of Corsica, known for its rugged coastline, crystal-clear waters, and charming seaside towns. Explore the historic sites, sample delicious local cuisine, and shop for unique souvenirs in the bustling markets. With luxurious accommodations, gourmet dining, and top-notch service, a Mediterranean cruise through Italy, Tuscany, Monte Carlo, and Corsica on the Emerald Cruises yacht is sure to be a five-star experience you will never forget.

### Our Glorious AFS Itinerary

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**8 AUG – Fly USA to Rome. More details to come in trip tips.**

A reminder that flights to Europe from the U.S. are all overnight. To ensure that you arrive for our August 9 departure, you must book your flight to arrive at Rome’s airport prior to 1:00 PM. NO LATER. Emerald provides airport transfers to Civitavecchia port one hour away when cruise starts August 9. (That said, we also recommend that you consider coming in early on your own and explore Rome.

**9 AUG- BENVENUTO TO ITALIA - CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME). D**

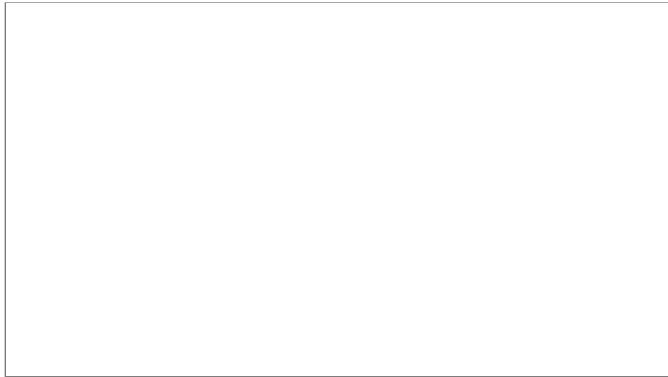
Today is the day we begin our amazing journey along the luxurious French and Italian Rivieras! Everyone gather at Rome airport between 8 AM to 1 PM latest. The ship crew will hold signs outside baggage and transfer you to the port. Our luxurious cruise begins in Civitavecchia, the main seaport of Rome to our luxury yacht, the Sakara. All details will be provided in your final cruise docs which will come 3 weeks before departure.

Once aboard, we’ll have time to unpack and explore our vessel before we pull from port in a farewell ceremony. Tonight, we dine in luxury aboard our vessel and enjoy our Welcome Dinner to get to know your fellow travelers. (complimentary wine, beer and selected cocktails are included.) Each day, your crew will brief you on activities and tours for each port.



**WELCOME ABOARD - LET'S TOUR THIS SUPER YACHT YOU'LL CALL HOME FOR 8 DAYS**

Shore Tours - We are eagerly anticipating Emerald's unveiling of their 2025 shore excursions. Each day will be filled with a myriad of onboard activities, mesmerizing local performances, delightful tasting sessions, captivating shows, and enlightening workshops on various cultures and traditions. A total of 3 shore tours will be included for AFS members and will be announced in the near future. You will have the choice of either embarking on the Emerald Discovery for guided historic tours or joining the Emerald Active tours for exhilarating biking and hiking adventures. Stay tuned for more exciting updates. The Sakara, an absolutely stunning vessel, is a brand-new addition to the Emerald fleet. It mirrors its sister yacht, the Azzurra, which is showcased in the video below. Sit back, relax, and embark on a luxurious week-long journey aboard this extraordinary super yacht!



**10 AUG - WELCOME TO CORSICA - CALVI, FRANCE B/L/D**

We awake in the port of Calvi, on the island of Corsica, where Napoleon was born and according to local legend, the intrepid global explorer Christopher Columbus was born. While historians debate this, the natural beauty and rich culture of Calvi is undisputed. Its beach is a sweeping bay of powdered white sand fringed by maritime pines, and the town has emerged as Corsica’s culture ‘capital,’ hosting several music festivals over the summer months.

Corsica - You can spend your day touring the Old Town and visit the 15th-century fortress that overlooks the crescent-shaped harbor where there are breathtaking views. Or take a boat tour to Scandola Nature Reserve, a protected marine reserve and UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its dramatic cliffs, crystal-clear waters, and diverse marine life. Or, you may choose to go inland to Calanche de Piana, the striking red granite rock formations that are a must-see attraction in Corsica. Take a guided tour or hike through the rugged landscape to discover the unique shapes and colors of the Calanche.



Optional Shore Ex - Discover old Corsica and its villages - *Your first stop is the ancient circular village of Sant’ Antonino, perched majestically on a rocky outcrop overlooking the sea. Next, venture to the hilltop village of Pigna, nestled in the heart of the Balagne region. This charming village, adorned with flower-filled streets and a quaint village square, is a haven for artists and artisans. Your journey continues through the scenic countryside, passing through the historic villages of Corbara and Aregno. Marvel at the timeless beauty of these ancient settlements before returning to Calvi. Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4 hours*

OVERNIGHT ABOARD SHIP - 7 Nights. Docked 11AM-9PM

**11 AUG - LIVORNO – TUSCANY REGION OF ITALY! B/L/D**

The bustling port city of Livorno on the western coast of Tuscany is renowned for its scenic beauty and delicious seafood. It has a modern seaport and picturesque views of the Mediterranean. The city’s culinary scene is heavily influenced by its seaside location, offering dishes like ‘cacciucco’, a traditional fish stew that’s a must-try for every visitor.



There is plenty in Livorno to see and taste! While all meals are included aboard our vessel, you may want to take advantage of the culinary. Offerings this city is known for including dishes like 'cacciucco,' a traditional fish stew that's a must-try for every visitor. Wander along the checkerboard paving of the seaside promenade and explore the 16th-century Fortezza Vecchia in the historical quarter. You'll love Venezia Nuova or "New Venice," a lovely system of canals reminiscent of the iconic city of northern Italy. Also, visit L' Rousse Market stalls to taste local delicacies.



Because this is the gateway to Tuscany, and you'll have the chance to take shore excursions to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa or the incomparable Florence. Below are 2 great optional tours...

- 1. *Guided tour of Florence - Florence, the heart of the Renaissance, boasts stunning architecture and rich history. Start at the iconic Duomo, with its impressive dome by Brunelleschi. Stroll across the Ponte Vecchio, lined with jewelers, and see the charming Piazza della Signoria and Santa Croce square. Embrace the vibrant culture and artistic legacy that makes Florence truly enchanting. Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours*
- *San Gimignano and wine tasting - Experience the enchanting beauty of San Gimignano, a medieval hilltown famed for its striking skyline of towers and rich cultural heritage. This tour combines a guided exploration of this UNESCO World Heritage site with a delightful wine-tasting experience and a traditional Tuscan lunch, making it an unforgettable day in the heart of Tuscany. Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 8 hours*

Docked: 08:00 - 23:00



## 12- AUG - MARINA DI CARRARA, ITALY. B L D



This seaside village is famed for the pure, pale Italian marble mined and quarried from the nearby mountains. The marble has been used for some of the most important artistic wonders of the world, such as Michelangelo's David. The glimmering marble-threaded mountains contrast again the coastal scenery of Marina di Carrara. A guided tour of the famous Carrara marble quarries, where the world-renowned Carrara marble is extracted from the dramatic white marble mountains.

Suggested tours...

- *Medieval Lucca by bike- Experience the charm of Lucca by e-bike, guided by an expert, for an unforgettable exploration of the town center. Discover notable sites such as the statue of Giacomo Puccini, Piazza San Michele, and San Michele Church, as well as the ancient Roman forum that showcases the blend of the old and the new. The tour then proceeds to Piazza Anfiteatro and Torre Guinigi, iconic landmarks you won't want to overlook. After cycling along the walls, you'll have some leisure time to explore the city. Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4.5 hours*
- *4x4 Adventure: The famous Carrara Marble Quarries- Take a scenic drive through the charming villages along the Liguria and Tuscany coasts before arriving at the Apuane Mountains. As we ascend to the quarry area, we will explore the marble extraction and treatment process. A visit to these quarries offers a glimpse into the lives and work of the "Carrarini," the local marble workers. Following our exploration, we will enjoy a lunch break featuring Lardo di Colonnata croutons and other local delicacies with IGP certification. Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3.5 hours*



Docked: 08:00 - 05:00 (next day)



## 13 AUG- PORTO VENERE, ITALY B/L/D



We set sail early in the morning to reach Porto Venere. This UNESCO World Heritage site boasts great beach spots beloved also by the iconic poet Lord Byron for swimming and meditating in the early 1800s. There's even a grotto in a rocky cove dedicated to him. One of Porto Venere's most striking features is the gothic Church of St. Peter, perched atop a rocky headland overlooking the sea.

Porto Venere is a great starting point for a boat tour of the famous **Cinque Terre** villages, including Vernazza, Monterosso, and Rio Maggiore. Cruise along the rugged coastline, admire the colorful houses perched on the cliffs, and stop to swim and snorkel in the crystal-clear waters.

Other options include visiting the medieval Doria Castle, which is a prominent landmark in Porto Venere and offers panoramic views of the

town and the Gulf of Poets.

Included Excursion - Walking tour of Porto Venere Explore the picturesque medieval village of Portovenere, celebrated by Petrarch as the "panoramic miracle" of the Gulf of La Spezia. Begin your journey at the Roman gateway and stroll along Carugio Capellini, discover Byron's grotto, San Lorenzo Church and admire the artwork inside, including the mysterious Madonna Bianca painting, said to have been discovered washed up from the sea. Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

Shore Ex - Cinque Terre by private boat (extra expense) Start your day in Portovenere, a UNESCO-listed town. From there, board your private motorboat and set off to explore the Cinque Terre coast. Your first stop will be Monterosso where after a guided tour of the village, treat yourself to a delicious pesto bruschetta paired with local wine.

Next, visit Vernazza, a charming fishing village known for its picturesque port surrounded by soft pastel-colored buildings. Enjoy some leisure time before returning to Portovenere. Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 4.5 hours

This evening enjoy a fabulous local folklore show on board before dinner.

Docked 8AM-11PM

#### 14 AUG- SANTA MARGHERITA & PORTOFINO, ITALY

B/L/D



Santa Margherita Ligure is an Italian resort town with panoramic views, revered for its timeless elegance and style. If you are seeking la dolce vita, you will find it here in abundance. Stroll the Santa Margherita promenade, or the pebbly beachfront admiring the sailboats. Explore a beautiful Baroque church or sample the local red shrimp. We will cruise to Portofino later in the morning. Perched on the Italian Riviera, Portofino has a rich culinary scene, a picturesque harbor and narrow streets lined with pastel-hued houses, high-end boutiques and seafood restaurants.



Timeless and elegant, the port of Santa Margherita Ligure is an Italian resort town with glorious panoramic views. If you are seeking la dolce vita, you will find it here in abundance. Stroll the bustling harbor and palm tree-lined Santa Margherita promenade or the pebbly beachfront admiring the sailboats. Explore a beautiful Baroque church or sample the local red shrimp. You may choose to relax on a boat excursion tour of the Gulf of Tigullio, departing from Santa Margherita Ligure. Cruise along the rugged coastline, admire the colorful villages of Rapallo and Zoagli and stop to swim and snorkel in the crystal-clear waters.

Later, we cruise to **Portofino**, which is lined with luxury yachts. Perched on the Italian Riviera, Portofino has a rich culinary scene, a picturesque harbor and narrow streets lined with pastel-hued houses, high-end boutiques and seafood restaurants. It's also known as a playground for movie stars. Don't miss the famous Portofino lighthouse and the Castello Brown for panoramic views of the village and the delicious seafood cuisines at the waterfront Cafés on the Mediterranean Sea. Everyone loves Portofino.

**Included EmeraldACTIVE** - Portofino lighthouse & Brown Castle Walk - Experience the charm of Portofino as you walk through its stunning landscapes, historic sites, and breathtaking views. Discover the historic Brown Castle and its ancient walls and learn about its fascinating history, from its construction in the 16th century to its role in local lore. Enjoy San Giorgio Church and its beautiful frescoes and tranquil atmosphere before heading to the lighthouse. Duration 2 hours

Other tours to consider...

- *Downhill hike to Portofino (extra expense)* - Meet your guide at the Santa Margherita pier and board your vehicle to journey to the quaint village of Nozarego, where your hiking adventure to Portofino begins. The trail weaves through lush Mediterranean flora, vineyards, and olive groves, with the vibrant vegetation intermingling with medieval architecture. Pause for a picnic featuring local focaccia and a glass of wine before continuing your hike. Once you arrive in Portofino, enjoy a guided tour of this iconic destination.
- *Culinary experience in Rapallo (extra expense)* - Embark on a culinary journey that blends the art of Italian cooking with the beauty of the Ligurian coast. Immerse yourself in the art of Italian cuisine as Chef Guido demonstrates the secrets of preparing pesto and pasta. Engage in a hands-on experience or simply savor the sights and scents of Ligurian gastronomy. Following the demonstration, delight in a delectable lunch featuring the culinary creations you've just witnessed.

Offshore: 07:30 - 12:30PM | 2PM - 9PM



#### 15 AUG- GLAMOROUS MONTE CARLO, MONACO

B/L/D



The glittering city-state of Monaco awaits! Known as the Principality of Monaco, it is renowned worldwide for its luxury and glamour, with high-end casinos, a yacht-lined harbor, a prestigious Grand Prix motor race, and the famous Monte Carlo district. Built into the seaside cliffs, this beautiful principality is home to several museums and hosts numerous cultural events throughout the year, celebrating everything from music and dance to theatre and visual arts. Take in the gardens or wander up to the palace and perhaps even take a tour. The palace dates to the 1100s and is the official residence of the Royal Family. Perhaps you'll spot Prince Albert? This evening enjoy a fabulous farewell dinner.

Eze & Cap Ferrat (extra expense and in my opinion, the best tour of all ) - Your first stop is the enchanting village of Eze, dramatically positioned 1,401 feet above sea level. Wander through the medieval streets, flanked by beautifully restored homes that now house delightful boutiques and artists' studios. As your journey continues, the route takes you to Saint Jean Cap Ferrat, where rugged cliffs meet the azure sea, adorned with luxurious villas. Your next highlight is the celebrated "Ile de France" museum, situated in a stunning villa that once belonged to Baroness Béatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild. Duration: 5.5 hours

Saint Paul-de-Vence & Grasse - if you love fragrances, join the captivating journey from Monaco, venturing inland to explore the charming towns of Grasse and Saint Paul-de-Vence. Begin with a guided tour of a perfume factory in Grasse, where you'll learn about the intricate process of distilling essences from flowers, a tradition dating back centuries. Next, journey through the picturesque Gorges du Loup canyon en route to Saint Paul-de-Vence, a medieval village renowned for its artistic heritage and stunning views. Duration: 8.5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 9PM

#### 16 AUG- NICE, FRANCE

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Our sleek yacht cruise will glide into the port in Nice in the morning. Here, we'll bid adieu and be transferred to the airport for our return flights home or to continue our adventures exploring the region.

If you are headed home, please book your flight to depart from Nice after 12:30 PM. (See trip tips on air options. Fly round trip to Rome or Nice. Easy to take a train or a flight from Nice back to Rome.)



If you have time to enjoy Nice on your own, explore the fabulous Old Town Vieux Nice with its bustling market, the Matisse Museum and stroll the glitzy iconic Promenade des Anglais.

Docked at 8:30 AM

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**Deposit: \$800** Please note the Emerald Sakara is fully booked through 2025, but we secured the best value cabins. Deposit is nonrefundable, please note cruise line terms are more strict than land tours. Your deposit is nonrefundable unless a replacement can be found. [See our 2025 terms](#)

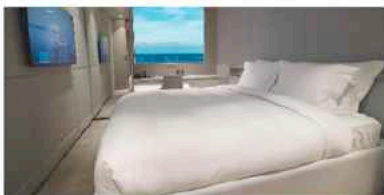
**Cruise price below. Three categories are reserved on a twin-share basis.**

**INCLUDES:** 7-night Emerald cruise. Airport transfers to and from ship day cruise day of embarkation and departure day. Port taxes and gratuities. Complementary wine, selected cocktails and soft drinks. All tipping and gratuities. Three AFS shore excursions and service of shore excursion manager.

Not included- international air from USA. We will have suggestions on air in the trip tips. If they're not posted yet, they will be shortly.

**CAT OS \$4895 All prices include port charges & gratuities**

**OCEANWIDE STATEROOM**  
BETWEEN 182 SQ FT AND 204 SQ FT



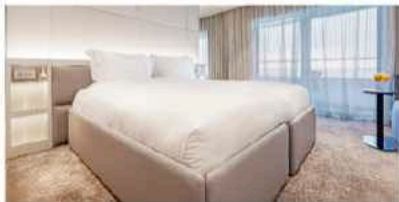
With a large ocean-view window and luxurious inclusions including Egyptian cotton bed linen and ESPA toiletries, this entry level stateroom will exceed expectations at every turn. Get ready for superb comfort, open views and exceptional value.

**Inclusions:**

- = Ocean-view window
- = Magnificent position at the bow of the yacht
- = Complimentary mini bar, restocked daily
- = Coffee and tea-making facilities

**CAT BS \$6195**

**BALCONY SUITE**  
BETWEEN 285 SQ FT AND 306 SQ FT



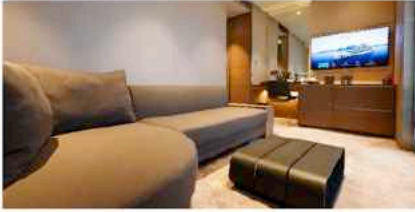
Popular and perfect, the Balcony Suite is a luxurious home-away-from-home. Nestled across the Observation and Panorama Decks, this designer-led suite has a private-access balcony, a plush bedroom with fine Egyptian cotton linen and stunning views.

**Inclusions:**

- = Private outdoor balcony
- = Located on the Observation and Panorama Decks
- = Complimentary mini bar, restocked daily
- = Coffee and tea-making facilities due to the design requirements of the ship

**CAT DBS \$6495**

**DELUXE BALCONY SUITE**  
**BETWEEN 382 SQ FT AND 403 SQ FT**



Positioned on the Pool Deck and beautifully designed with luxury inclusions, the Deluxe Balcony Suites have a stylish bedroom, separate lounge and a secluded balcony. Enjoy a fruit platter on arrival along with tea and coffee-making facilities.

**Inclusions:**

- = Private outdoor balcony
- = Separate bedroom and lounge area
- = Pillow menu
- = Fruit platter on arrival
- = Complimentary mini bar, restocked daily
- = Coffee and tea-making facilities
- = Room service available during meal times
- = Excellent location on the Pool Deck

Desk & chair

Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)

Refrigerator

Coffee & tea maker

Bathrobe

Hair dryer

Cabinet

Safe deposit box

Wardrobe



Itineraries are prepared up to a year ahead and things can change. Modifications may be made. All rooms are run of house.

Have you read the Trip Tips yet? [Then Click Here](#)