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Emerald Azzurra to Visit Saudi Arabia During Inaugural Season on Two Brand New Voyages

Hollywood, FL (August 2021) – With the launch of its first oceangoing yacht, *Emerald Azzurra*, quickly approaching, [Emerald Cruises](#) has unveiled two brand-new itineraries for her 2022 inaugural season. Both itineraries will sail the Red Sea and take guests to Saudi Arabia, a new and exciting country on Emerald Cruises' growing list of destinations. Both new itineraries offer guests an ideal balance of checking off bucket list spots like the Great Pyramids of Giza, ancient Petra and the Suez Canal with discovering novel, lesser-explored ports offering historical sites of equal caliber yet unknown to most travelers from the west.

To celebrate the launch of these exciting new itineraries, Emerald Cruises is offering a bonus Premium Drinks Package that includes beer, wine, soft drinks and cocktails from the bar menu for guests to enjoy during their time on board. In addition, those guests who pay their bill in full at time of booking will receive Super Earlybird savings of 10% on select cabins (categories A, B, S and SA). Offer good on sailings booked by September 30, 2021.

The new, 10-day [Mysteries & Treasures of the Red Sea and Saudi Arabia](#) itinerary will sail between Limassol, Cyprus, and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with ports of call in Egypt and Jordan. The port city of Jeddah is the second largest city in Saudi Arabia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for being a gateway for pilgrims travelling to Mecca and Medina. Jeddah combines the best of old and new, so guests can explore both its historical landmarks and modern sites like the sleek Jeddah lighthouse and its many art installations. Duba, Saudi Arabia, known as the Pearl of the Red Sea, offers guests the opportunity to visit the historic King Abdulaziz Fort overlooking the port, or engage in snorkeling or diving on one of the sunny beaches. In the atmospheric port city of Al Wahj, also Saudi Arabia, guests will pay a visit AlUla – one of the oldest cities on the peninsula and the first World Heritage Site in Saudi Arabia, home to the tombs of Hegra. In addition to these new Saudi Arabian ports, guests booking this itinerary will have a chance to visit the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx at Port Said; travel through the world-famous Suez Canal; snorkel in the Red Sea at Sharm El-Sheikh; and visit Petra, the ancient city carved into sandstone. Prices for the 10-day voyage start from \$3,629 per person, departing on February 14, 2022.

Alternatively, the longer [12-day Ancient Wonders of the Red Sea and Mythical Greece](#) itinerary sails between Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and Athens, Greece, calling on Al Wahj, Duba, Aqaba and Sharm-el Sheik, as well as Ain Sokhna, the nearest beach resort to Cairo, Crete, Santorini and Athens. Highlights include a glass bottom boat trip at Naama Bay in Sharm El-Sheikh, a traditional Felucca cruise on the Nile with a visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza, a walking tour of picturesque Agios Nikolaos, Greece and a day of soaking up the sun in Santorini. Prices for this 12-day voyage start from \$4,305 per person, departing March 18, 2022.

Launching in January, Emerald Azzurra is the first custom-built ocean superyacht from Emerald Cruises offering a luxury cruising experience to small ports and harbors only accessible by small ships. The superyacht will carry a small group of just 100 guests, spread across 50 deluxe suites and staterooms, with the majority of cabins having access to private balconies. Emerald Azzurra will feature a variety of areas for dining and relaxation, including the Sky Deck with its Spa Pool, and the Wellness Deck with a spa, gym, sauna and hairdresser. The superyacht's marina platform is designed for easy access to enjoy snorkeling, paddle boarding and swimming during swim stops – just some of the many activities included.

Emerald Cruises offers a diverse lineup of river and yacht cruises on three continents. *Emerald Azzurra*, the line's first ocean-going vessel set to debut in January 2022, is a 100-guest, luxury superyacht that will sail the warm waters of the Mediterranean, Adriatic, Black and Red Seas. On the rivers, Emerald Cruises sails eight branded Star-Ships in Europe and one on the Mekong, as well as a chartered river ship sailing the Russian waterways (*MS Nizhny Novgorod*). The brand offers contemporary deluxe ships, outstanding service and an incredibly inclusive pricing plan that has won them the honor of being named Best River Cruise Line for Value by the Cruise Critic Editors' Picks Awards for five years running. Emerald Cruises is part of Scenic Group, which includes Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Evergreen Tours in Australia.

Emerald Cruises can be found on Twitter at [@emerald_cruises](#), on Facebook as [EmeraldCruisesGlobal](#) and on Instagram as [@EmeraldCruises.global](#).

Additional information can be found by contacting your local travel advisor; on Emerald Cruises' website, www.emeraldcrises.com; or by calling the consumer/travel agent reservations line at 844-428-8389. Digital brochure downloads are available on the website.

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