

# **Authentic Corsica**

9 days / 8 nights

With a simple twist of the throttle, discover a different side of the Isle of Beauty and embark on an unusual motorcycling adventure along roads with splendid panoramic views, set between the sea waters and fragrant maquis-shrouded hills of Corsica.

Trip available with our digital road-book.

Find out about the digital road-book

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - The Cape of Corsica

Once in Bastia, you will start your journey by discovering the Cape of Corsica. First, you will ride up the Col de Teghime in order to reach Patrimonio. You will then ride through Centuri – where you can find the best crayfish in France – and along the coastline. While admiring the craggy chalk cliffs of Northern Corsica, you will also get to discover magnificent coves. You will also have the opportunity to stop in Macinnaggio or Erbalunga, before reaching the port of Sisco.

Distance: 130km.



#### Day 2 - The Désert des Agriates

This stage will lead you to discover St Florent and its white sandy beaches while travelling around the Col San Stefano. You will then go through the Désert des Agriates, one of Corsica's magnificent protected nature reserve. On the way there, you will get to see stunning landscapes; and charming little mountain roads will quickly unravel before your very eyes, as you catch sight of olive groves, cactus trees, and Barbary figs. You will then get to explore authentic and enchanting little villages where cows wander freely across the roads. Next, stop for a while in Belgodere in front of a picturesque little church, before setting off to the enchanting village of Monticello.

Distance: 120 km.





Day 3 - From Galéria to Porto via Piana and Cargese

Climb up the Col de Palmarella, from where you will be able to enjoy stunning panoramic views. You will then descend a beautiful cliff road and see rolling carpets of arid grassland, as you reach charming villages. There, you will be able to relax and have a drink. However, you will soon set off to other seaside villages nearby, which will give you the opportunity to try a great variety of water sports.

After that, you will set off to the famous Calanches de Piana, and ride up to Cargese, otherwise known as the Greek Corsican town, with its orthodox churches. You will then ride around the coastline before riding to Porto and the heart of the island.

Distance: 40km.



Day 4 - Porto

Free day around Porto. Take the opportunity to visit the Scandola Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the famous "Calanques de Piana". Several boat trips are organized from the port.

A must-see on the island: you won't be disappointed!

Return to your hotel.

# Day 5 - The heart of Corsica

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After leaving the village and its famous Genovese bridges, olive trees, and natural pools, hidden amongst the greenery, you will start climbing the highest road in Corsica. Then, you will descend an undulating road which will lead you to the beautiful shores of a local lake. The magnificent Scala di Santa Regina will then take you to the borders of the Castagniccia region where you will be able to ride endless miles of winding roads. You will also discover the Restonica Gorge before reaching today's destination point.

Night in Corte, a town located in the centre of Corsica.

Distance: 135km.



Day 6 - From Corte to the Gulf of Valinco

Today, you will ride along Corsica's main road which goes through the Vizzavona forest and offers spectacular scenery. Once you will have reached Ajaccio, you will be able to enjoy strolling down the streets of Napoleon's hometown and go to the Pointe des Sanguinaires – the Point of blood-thirsty men – which is surrounded by beautiful white sandy beaches. Next, you will climb a coastal route which is skirted by eucalyptus trees and which leads to an ancient prison, before reaching the small villages of the Taravo region.

Night in Olmeto.

Distance: 170km.



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#### Day 7 - Bonifacio and Bavella

Your first stop will be Sartène before riding through deserted landscapes in order to reach Bonifacio and its chalk cliffs. Next, you will ride along the most beautiful beaches that Corsica has to offer, and travel to the heart of the island via the famous Needles of Bavella. Along the way, you will have the opportunity to swim in small hidden rivers nearby. Afterwards, you will ride down to the Alta Rocca, which is today's destination point.

Night in Zonza, in an idyllic mountain setting at the heart of the Regional Natural Park of Corsica.

Distance: 172km.



Day 8 - The hidden treasures of Corsica

Spend the day riding alone through the lush landscapes, mystical forests and stone villages of the Alta Rocca. You will then head north and ride along the beautiful road of the Inzecca before reaching the coastline and returning to the mountains.

Night in a little village of the Boziu region.

Distance: 180km.



Day 9 - Back to Bastia

Discover the Castagniccia and its enchanting little villages, rich in history, such as La Porta, Loreto di Casinca, Olmo or

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Vescovato. These hilltop villages will offer you the possibility to ride along sublime panoramic roads.

Return to Bastia by following the coastline and by riding along the Pond of Biguglia, where pink flamingos can often be seen.

The tour ends in Bastia.

Distance: 115km.



# Additional information

# **TARIFFS**

Price from 910 euros per person.

# **OPTIONS**

Supplement per person for July and August departures: 95 euros per person.

Supplement for a single room: 455 euros per person.
Rental motorbike (Tariff Scooter): 428 euros per person.
Rental motorbike (Tariff Offroad): 542 euros per person.
Rental motorbike (Tariff Agile): 751 euros per person.

Rental motorbike (Tariff Multi-purpose): 894 euros per person. Rental motorbike (Tariff Dynamic): 1036 euros per person. Rental motorbike (Tariff Prestige): 1359 euros per person.

#### **INCLUDED**

Accommodation in guesthouses and charming hotels \*\*\* (double or twin bedrooms)

Evening meals (except in Monticello, Porto and Corte)

The travel file including a digital roadbook accessible on a mobile application Local assistance by phone

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#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Ferry crossing to and from Corsica

Transfers which are not included in the tour

Insurance

Lunches and beverages

Evening meals in Monticello, Corte, and Porto

Motorbike rental

Repair costs

Fines and speed tickets

Visits of tourist sites

Optional activities which are not included in the tour

Personal expenses

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Distances: from 150 and up to 190km a day.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Guesthouses and charming hotels \*\*\* (double or twin bedrooms).

Please note that guesthouses in Corsica are small family-run affairs with limited capacity.

# SIZE OF GROUP

From 2.

#### **DEPARTURES**

Every day from the beginning of April to the end of October.

#### **DEPARTURE**

Bastia

#### **DISPERSION**

Bastia

#### **HOW TO GET THERE**

Bastia is reachable by plane from several European cities depending on the time of year with Air France, Air Corsica but also Easyjet, Volotea or Ryanair.

By sea, Bastia is reachable with the compagnies: Corsica Ferries, Corsica Linea or La Méridionale.

Corsica ferries: http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O\_TvroCFa-WtAodlScA5A

Corsica Linea: https://www.corsicalinea.com/ La Méridionale: http://www.lameridionale.fr

From this city all access is possible by bus and train.

#### **EQUIPMENT TO TAKE**

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Bike Trousers.

Bike Jacket.

Bike Gloves.

Bike Boots.

Helmet (can be hired)

Waterproof Boot Covers.

Waterproof Coat & Trousers.

First aid kit.

Head lamp.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Accommodation is booked depending on room availability.

Please note that, for some stages, we may have to book a different guesthouse than the one mentioned in the description.

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