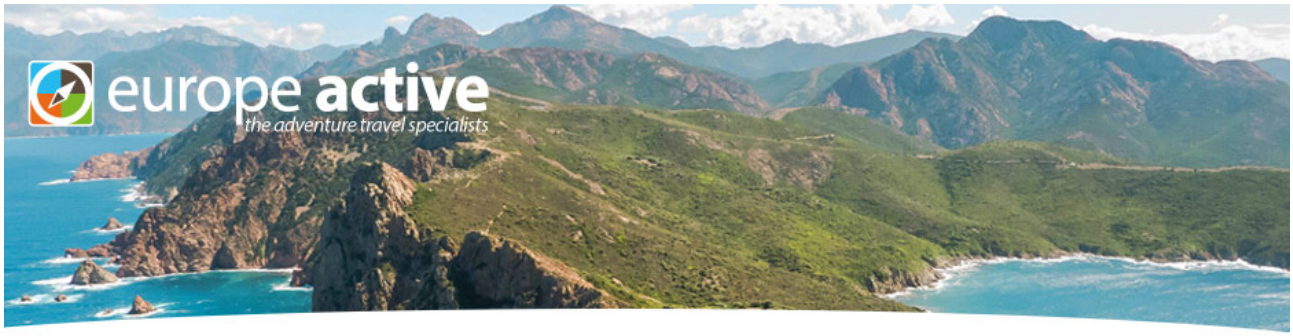


Vineyard hopping in Corsica

7 days/ 6 nights

Embark on an unusual driving adventure along roads between the sea waters and fragrant maquis-shrouded hills of Corsica. Discover a different side of the Isle of Beauty and drive through the scented vineyards of Corsica, which are considered to be some of the oldest in Europe. The legend goes that the different types of vines found on the island were first introduced by the Greeks during early centuries.

Plunge into the heart of Corsican vineyards and discover their origins, variety and well-kept secrets in local wine farms and cellars.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - From the vineyards of the Cape to Patrimonio's AOC

Arrival in Bastia. Today's journey will lead you to discover the Cape of Corsica which has the oldest AOC in Corsica. The most famous and popular grape varieties of the island can be found in this productive region.

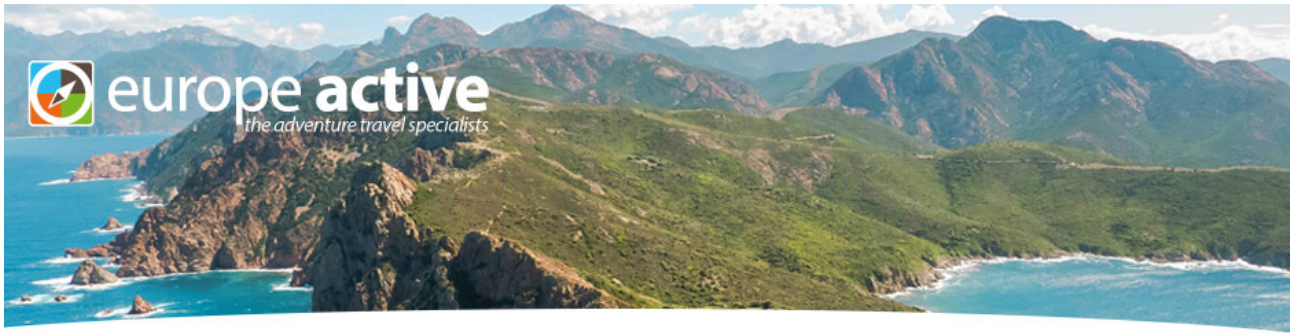
You will drive through numerous seaside villages such as Santa Severa, a key location for the growing of the terraced vineyards of the 'Muscat du Cap-Corse'. You will also get to visit a famous Corsican wine cellar, which has kept its old wine press in order to uphold a family tradition that has been in existence for five generations.

Next, continue your journey and drive to Nonza and its black sandy beach, and then to Patrimonio and its surroundings which are well-known wine regions in Corsica. Visit a wine estate and taste some of the succulent local wines on offer before returning to St Florent, otherwise known as the 'Saint-Tropez of Corsica'.

Night in hotel*** in St Florent.
Distance: 130km.



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Day 2 - The Désert des Agriates and Calvi's AOC

During today's stage, you will drive through the famous Désert des Agriates. Shaped by beautiful deserted coves, this protected natural reserve releases heady whiffs and fruity scents.

You will then reach the Balagne, a region famous for its light and subtly flavoured wines which Seneca even praised during his years in exile, in Corsica. You will also visit a famous estate which built its reputation on growing a wide variety of grapes and on making wine in a traditional fashion.

You will then reach Calvi's charming little port and its imposing citadel, perched on one of the Gulf's promontory rocks.

Night in hotel *** in Calvi.
Distance: 110km.



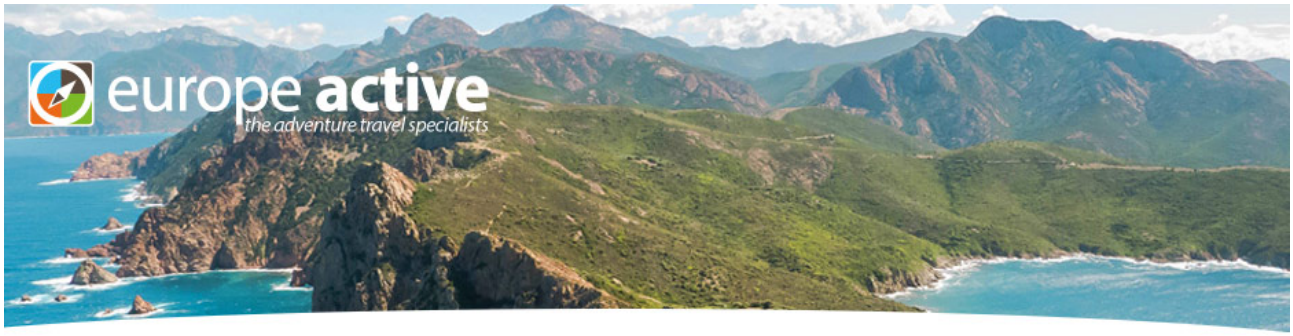
Day 3 - From Calvi to Porto: discovering the island's wine heritage

Make the most out of today's journey and explore Calvi and its citadel. Then, drive along the most beautiful coastline roads on the island and head off to the Gulf of Porto where you will be able to admire fabulous granite sculptures shaped by the wind, called the Calanches de Piana (possible boat trip around the Calanches).

You will also have the chance to discover the Scandola Nature Reserve, which has been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

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Day 4 - From Porto to the imperial city and its AOC

Start today's stage by driving to towns with a rich cultural heritage such as Cargèse. Located on a promontory rock at the tip of the Gulf of Sagonne, this charming little town is also known as the 'Greek town' due to its influenced architecture.

Continue driving to Ajaccio, or the 'imperial city'. Famous for being Napoleon's hometown, Ajaccio boasts prestigious historical monuments and a web of enchanting little streets, which often remind visitors of the way Napoleon's early life shaped his future destiny.

End today's trip by heading to the highly perfumed vineyards of the Sciaccarellu and attending a wine tasting session on a 200-year-old wine property. Meaning 'crunchy' in Corsican, the Sciaccarellu grape variety is cultivated for its blackcurrant and coffee scents, on the most reputed Corsican wine estates.

Night in hotel*** in Ajaccio.
Distance: 100km.

Day 5 - From Ajaccio to the discovery of Sartène's AOC and Bonifacio's cliffs

Drive to Casalabriva where wine-growers will be proud to show you their estate. These experts will also explain to you the different traditional processes involved in winemaking.

Next, head to Sartène, otherwise known as 'the most Corsican town of all', and taste the local AOC in an award-winning wine estate, which has successfully restored the glory of its vineyards.

Finally, explore the Deep South and admire the spectacular cliffs of Bonifacio.

Night in hotel*** in Bonifacio.
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Day 6 - From Bonifacio’s cliffs to the most famous Corsican AOC

Today’s destination points are the Costa Serena and the Costa Verde.

Stop at a wine estate in Porto-Vecchio and then head to the most famous vineyards in Corsica. During today’s stage, you will have the opportunity to visit another wine estate, in a green scrubland setting between sea and mountains, near the famous Pond of Diana. The owners of this estate will welcome you to a wine tasting session in their cellar. You will also be able to take a horse-drawn carriage ride and explore their vineyards.

Night in hotel*** in cervione plain.

Distance: 130km.



Day 7 - End of your wine tasting holiday

Make the most out of your last day by heading to Casinca and Bastia’s surroundings. Along the way, you will have the chance to visit one of Casinca’s wine cellars for a last wine tasting. You will then have the choice to visit authentic Corsican villages, such as Loreto-di-Casinca and Silvareccio, or to drive directly to Bastia and its neighbouring hilltop villages such as Cardo, San Martino di Lota and Ville di Pietrabugno.

Your trip ends here. If you would like us to book your ferry crossing, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

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TARIFFS
Price from 630 euros per person.

OPTIONS
Supplement for July and August departures : 130 euros per person.
Supplement for nights in single bedrooms : 380 euros per person.

INCLUDED
Accommodation in hotel ***in double bedrooms (for two people),
The travel file including a digital roadbook accessible on mobile application
Assistance 7 days a week, from 8am to 8pm, during the stay.

NOT INCLUDED
Transport options to and from Corsica, transfers which are not included in the tour, personal travel insurance, beverages, car rental, repair costs, fines and speed tickets, visits of tourist sites, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.
Any tourist taxes to be paid on site.
Anything not listed under "This price includes".

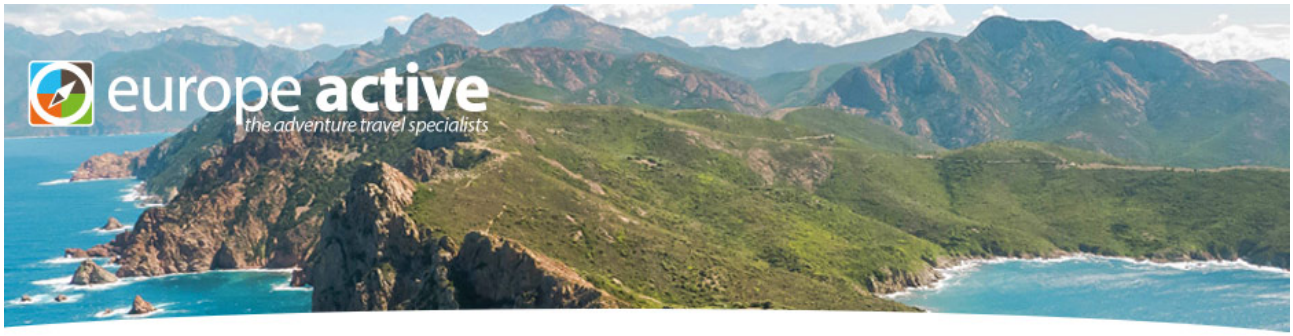
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
Distances: up to 140km a day.

ACCOMMODATION
Nights in hotels 3 stars (double bedrooms).

SIZE OF GROUP
From 2.

DEPARTURES

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