

# Explore Corsica with a guide! - 8 days motorcycling tour - Nights and breakfasts in hotels

8 days/7 nights

Discover Corsica's most beautiful sites with a guide! With the simple twist of a throttle, experience a thrilling journey on sensational winding roads set against a backdrop of spectacular landscapes. You will undoubtedly enjoy the diversity of the landscape, learning about the traditional cucina corsa and meeting the island's welcoming locals.

Based in Corsica, our team often rides across the island's back roads in order to ensure that you get the best possible experience during your stay in Corsica.

#### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - The Cape of Corsica

Once in Bastia, you will meet your guide and the rest of the group before discovering the Cape of Corsica. First, you will ride up the beautiful rolling hills of the North, and then stop at the ports of Erbalunga and Maccinaggio on the East Coast, before riding through the Cape. After reaching Barcaggio, the most northern village in Corsica, and exploring its hidden treasures, you will ride westwards along the road to Centuri – where you can find best crayfish in France. The open sea waves have also carved some magnificent coves in this part of Corsica. You will also have the choice to stop in Canari or Albo for a while, before setting off to Nonza, a town famous for both its Torra Paolina (Paolin Tower) and its black-pebble beach. Then, after going through Patrimonio the capital of Corsican wine, you will ride around the Col de Teghime and return to Bastia.

Distance: 150km.



Day 2 - From Saint-Florent to Galéria

Follow your guide through the Désert des Agriates, one of Corsica's magnificent protected nature reserves. On the way there, you will get to see stunning landscapes and ride on many fantastic winding roads. Charming secret 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; and, on your way to Balagne at sunset, the

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landscape will become a true feast for the eyes, as it will slowly change into a lunar spectacle. You will then stop in Belgodere for a while, in front of a picturesque little church, before setting off to the Route des Artisans (Road of the Craftsmen). Next, you will ride to Calvi and get to admire both its port and ancient citadel. After that, you will ride along one of Corsica's most popular roads. Admittedly, it is in poor condition but it will offer you some of the best and most wonderful landscapes in Corsica. You will finally reach the seaside town of Galéria.

Distance: approximately 150km.



Day 3 - De Galéria aux Calanches de Piana

Today's stage will lead you to the Col de Palmarella where you will be able to enjoy stunning panoramic views. You will then ride down 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 a village, where you will be able to visit a few churches, and where a certain Greek influence makes itself felt through the village's architectural features. You will then go around the coastline before riding into the heart of the island. Be careful of the wild pigs. They tend to wander about freely on the roads. The journey will then lead you to Evisa, a town essentially famous for its chestnut trees. Finally, you will end today's journey by travelling around gorges where it is quite common to come across herds of goats.

Distance: approximately 150km.



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#### Day 4 - From the Gulf of Porto to Corte

On this fourth day of the tour, you will ride along scenic roads which will take you to an enchanting village, famous for its Genovese bridges and olive groves. On the way to Corte, you will climb the highest road in Corsica, and then, ride down an undulating road which will lead you to the shores of a local lake. The magnificent Scala di Santa Regina will take you to the borders of the Castagniccia region, where you will be able to ride endless miles of winding roads. Next, you will discover the stunning Restonica Gorge before returning to your hotel in the evening.

Distance: approximately 130km.



Day 5 - 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. Finally, you will take the road to the small villages of the Taravo region where you will have dinner and spend the night in a hotel.

Distance: approximately 170km.



Day 6 - Bonifacio and Bavella

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Your first stop will be Sartène. You will then get to see more uninhabited landscapes on your way to Bonifacio and its chalk cliffs. As you reach Bonifacio, you will get a view of both the Lion of Roccapina and some majestic sandy coves on your right. Once you have left the town, 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, where you will have the opportunity to eat traditional Corsican food, such as cooked meats and homemade patisseries.

You will spend the night in a hotel.

Distance: approximately 172km.



Day 7 - From the Alta-Rocca to the Costa Verde

Once you will have explored the wonderful local villages, olive groves and old mills of the region, you will ride along spectacular mountain passes and may see pigs and horses, wandering about freely.

You will also get to see many forests and have the opportunity to stop at Ghisoni to see its 'ski resort'.

You will spend the night in a hotel.

Distance: approximately 140km.



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#### Day 8 - Back to Bastia via the Castagniccia region

You will start today's journey by riding through the Tavignano Gorge. You will then ride along the coastline, until you reach the villages of the Castagniccia region, from which you will be able to get great panoramic views. Later on, you will travel around Biguglia's nature reserve and a pond where pink flamingos can often be seen.

The tour ends in Bastia.

Distance: from 70 to 150km.



## Additional information

#### **TARIFFS**

Price from 1260 euros per person.

#### **OPTIONS**

Supplement for a single room: 355 euros per person.

Motorbike rental (Tariff T0): 389 euros per person.

Motorbike rental (Tariff T1): 494 euros per person.

Motorbike rental (Tariff T2): 627 euros per person.

Motorbike rental (Tariff T3): 745 euros per person.

Motorbike rental (Tariff T4): 872 euros per person.

Motorbike rental (Tariff T5): 1173 euros per person.

#### **INCLUDED**

Accommodation in hotel \*\* and \*\*\*
Breakfasts
Tour guide
Information package with maps

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#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Transport options to and from Corsica

Transfers which are not included in the tour

Personal travel insurance

Beverages, meals,

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 150km to 190km a day.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

In hotels \*\* and \*\*\* - Double or twin room

## SIZE OF GROUP

From 8

### **DEPARTURE**

Bastia. We can also organize ferry crossings or airport pick-up services from Bastia airport directly to our hire shop. For more details or if you would like a fly-drive option, please contact us either by email or telephone.

## **DISPERSION**

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#### **EQUIPMENT TO TAKE**

Bike Trousers.

Bike Jacket.

Bike Gloves.

Bike Boots.

Helmet (can be hired)

Waterproof Boot Covers.

Waterproof Coat & Trousers.

First aid kit.

Head lamp.

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