



## Corsica "sea and mountains" on a motorbike - 10 days

10 days/ 9 nights

This tour will enable you to discover the island's tourist sites – such as Porto, Ajaccio and Corte –, its hidden treasures, remote hilltop hamlets and majestic little coves. While riding off the beaten track and along the most beautiful rural roads that the island has to offer, you will get to see the many different faces of Corsica.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Cap Corse

On arrival in Bastia, you will start your journey by discovering the Corsica's Cap Corse. First, you will ride up the beautiful rolling hills to the North of Bastia, and then stop at the tiny harbour of Erbalunga, then larger Maccinaggio on the East Coast, before riding across the top of the Cap Corse. After reaching Barcaggio, the most northern village in Corsica, and exploring its hidden seaside treasures, you will ride westwards along the road to the tiny picturesque port of Centuri – where you can find best crayfish in France – and get to discover magnificent hidden coves. You ride village to village along the steep sea cliffs arriving in Nonza, a village famous for both its Torra Paolina (Paoline Tower) and its black-pebble beach. Finally, the road will take you to Patrimonio, the capital of Corsican wine, before reaching St Florent, Corsica's Saint Tropez. Night in a hotel in St Florent on B&B basis.



#### Day 2 - Désert des Agriates, Balagne & West Coast

Today's stage will lead you to go across the Désert des Agriates, a magnificent protected area of outstanding natural beauty. On the way there, you will get to see stunning landscapes and ride on a fantastic winding road. Charming secret mountain roads will quickly unravel before your very eyes, as you catch sight of olive and almond groves, cactus trees and prickly pears. You will then get to explore authentic and enchanting hill villages where cows wander freely; the landscape will become a true feast for the eyes. Stop for a while in Belgodere, in front of a picturesque little church, before setting off on the Route des Artisans (Road of the Craftsmen). Finally, you will ride through more enchanting little villages, perched on mountainsides, in the direction of Calvi and Porto via the Scandola Nature Reserve. Night in a hotel in Porto on B&B basis.

Distance: approximately 150km or 180km if you wish to ride through the Balagne's hilltop villages.



### **Day 3 - Golfe de Porto, Cargese & Aitone forest**

Today's trip will take you through the majestic Calanches de Piana, perhaps one of the best roads in the world, the view is sublime. Visit the village of Piana before taking the road to Cargese with its twin churches and distinctly Corsican feel before the 'climb' to the forest of Aitone, watch out for pigs roaming the forest and crossing the road. You soon reach the Col de Verghio, the highest road pass in Corsica before dropping down to the Niolu region. Night in a authentic hotel in Calacuccia on B&B basis.

Distance: approximately 160km.

### **Day 4 - Corte, Corsica's heart**

The road is a little off the beaten track, and it will guarantee you a great ride along one of the island's most beautiful roads and authentic villages. In the morning, you will travel through the magnificent Scala di Santa Regina which will take you to Corte, the former capital of Corsica. From here, you will take a ride down to the East Coast and the ancient town of Aléria, where you will be able to try local food on a floating restaurant at Urbino Lake. Finally, you will return to your gîte in Zicavo and get to climb the Inzecca Gorge. Night in Zicavo on Half Board basis.



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### **Day 5 - Ajaccio & Valinco Golfs**

Today you will drop down to Ajaccio, 'the imperial city' and birthplace of Napoleon, in order to admire the stunning landscapes of the South West Coast. You will then ride from the Ajaccio to the Valinco Golfs. Along the way, you will come across splendid authentic villages, such as Coti Chiavari and the sleepy seaside town of Porto Pollo.

You will continue around the Valinco an area steeped in history to the town of Propriano in the heart of the Golf. Night in Propriano on B&B basis.

Distance: approximately 140km.



### **Day 6 - Sartene & the Extreme South**

Today, you will get to discover the treasures of the South. You take the road to Sartène, the most Corsican of Corsican towns, deeply brooding, which perfectly captures the essence of Corsican landscape and culture. You will then continue your journey by riding past the Lion of Roccapina before reaching Bonifacio and its famous chalk cliffs. Finally, you will explore Porto Vecchio before the final climb of the day through the forest of Ospédale, before staying in a really comfortable hotel in Zonza, your home for two nights on B&B basis.

Distance: approximately 130km.



### **Day 7 - Alta Rocca and Porto Vecchio**

For this part of the tour, you will have the choice to either explore the villages of the Alta Rocca region – including Santa Lucia di Tallano, Quenza, Aullène, Levie and the archeological site of Cucuruzzu – or to go to one of Porto Vecchio's beaches. You will spend the night in the same hotel tonight in Zonza, on B&B basis.

Distance: approximately 70km.

### **Day 8 - Bavella and the East Coast**

Today you ride across the mountains, passing the Aiguilles de Bavella, needles of rock at the Bavella road pass. From here you take one of the best mountain roads on the island to Solenzara, with lots of swim spots should you want a dip in the crystal rivers. From here you ride up the flatter East Coast to the seaside resorts of Moriani. You will spend the night in a hotel near Moriani on B&B basis.

Distance: approximately 100km.



### **Day 9 - Castagniccia**





A great day of adventure and discovery awaits you. The Castagniccia is a hidden gem off the tourist trail, famous for its chestnut forests and its plethora of picturesque villages, each possessing immense charm. Cervione, Piedicroce, La Porta and Morosaglia are all enchanting, making your journey to Bastia one final crescendo of Corsican colour. You will spend the night in a 3 star hotel on B&B basis.

Distance: approximately 150km.



### **Day 10 - Back to Bastia**

Today you have the entire day to visit Bastia and its hilltop villages such as Cardo, San Martino di Lota and Ville di Pietrabugno.

The tour ends here, in Bastia. Please contact a member of our team if you would like us to organise and book ferry crossings.

## **Additional information**

### **TARIFFS**

Price from 830 euros per person.

### **OPTIONS**

Supplement per person for July and August departures : 155 euros per person.

Supplement for a single room : 410 euros per person.

Rental motorbike (Tariff T0) : 465 euros per person.

Rental motorbike (Tariff T1) : 589 euros per person.

Rental motorbike (Tariff T2) : 760 euros per person.

Rental motorbike (Tariff T3) : 907 euros per person.

Rental motorbike (Tariff T4) : 1060 euros per person.

Rental motorbike (Tariff T5) : 1429 euros per person.



### **INCLUDED**

Nights in hotels \*\*\* and B&Bs

Breakfasts

One evening meal day 4

The travel file including a digital roadbook accessible on a mobile application in English

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Transport options to and from the island

Other transfers which are not included in the tour

Personal travel insurance

Meals which are not included in the price and beverages

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**

Up to 160km a day.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

In hotels \*\*\* and B&Bs (double or twin room)

### **SIZE OF GROUP**

From two.

### **DEPARTURES**

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

### **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**

Bastia. If you are hiring a motorbike, we can organise a transfer from our hire shop directly to the port or airport.

### **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-WtAodISca5A](http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O_TvroCFa-WtAodISca5A)

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**

- Bike Trousers.
- Bike Jacket.
- Bike Gloves.
- Bike Boots.
- Helmet (can be hired)
- Waterproof Boot Covers.
- Waterproof Coat & Trousers.
- First aid kit.
- Head lamp.