



Corsica by road bike - gîte version with assistance

6 days/ 5 nights

Discover the coastline of the Isle of Beauty. Known as a 'mountain in the sea', Corsica will offer you a great variety of astonishing landscapes and the chance to meet locals who are proud of their traditions and cucina corsa.

So, hop on your bike and let yourself be tempted by this great Corsican adventure!

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - From the Cape of Corsica to the Balagne region

You will meet your guide in Bastia at 09.00am. Today, you will go around the Cape of Corsica and travel along the coastline. After cycling through the magnificent village of Saint-Florent, you will cross the superb Désert des Agriates in order to reach your gîte, located atop a col tucked away in the middle of the Balagne region.

Distance: 120km.

More difficult option: 145km.

Day 2 - From the Balagne region to the Calanches de Piana

The road, which you will be riding today, runs along the beach and offers fantastic panoramic views over turquoise and crystal-clear waters. Shortly after climbing the Col de la Croix, you will reach Porto and its Genoese tower. You will finish the day by climbing a majestic col and by crossing the wonderful Calanches de Piana. A truly unforgettable moment!

Distance: 138km.

More difficult option: 155km.



Day 3 - From Piana to Ajaccio's surroundings

You will continue your itinerary by riding along the coastline, on magnificent roads, used by the Tour de France 2013 in order to reach Cargène, then Sagone, and finally your gîte which is located south of Ajaccio.

Distance: 95km.



More difficult option: 122km.



Day 4 - From the coastline to the centre of Corsica

This is a superb stage with beautiful cols which will lead you to Propriano, before you get to the interior. Once there, you will get to discover a completely different side of Corsica with wild and mountainous landscapes, dotted with little villages and picturesque roads. Night in a gîte tucked away in the mountains.

Distance: 125km.

Easier option: 85km (without riding through Propriano).



Day 5 - Travelling at the heart of Corsica's mountains

The mountain villages of Corsica, which you will see along the way, have kept their period charm. Olive groves, oil mills, chestnut groves will be your backdrop for the day. During your ride, you will have the opportunity to come across pigs, cows and even horses wandering freely on the roads.

Night in a gîte in the Niolo region.

Distance: 115km.



Day 6 - The Castagniccia region

Travel through the villages of the Castagniccia region, famous for their beautiful chapels and natural springs as well as their ancestral tradition of chestnut picking. You might also see eagles flying over your heads. During your ride, you will also cross several streams and rivers and cycle past countless enchanting little villages.

The journey ends in Bastia.

Distance: 115km.

More difficult option: 130km.



Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 745 euros per person.

OPTIONS

GPS rental : 60 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

Aluminium road bike rental (triple crankset) - SPECIALIZED Secteur Sport : 160 euros per person.

Aluminium road bike rental (compact crankset) - TREK Domane AL3 2018 : 170 euros per person.



Carbon road bike rental (V-brake) - LOOK 566 Ultegra : 200 euros per person.

Carbon road Bike rental (Disc brake) - TREK Emonda SL6 2018 : 250 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Breakfasts from day 2 to day 6, evening meals from day 1 to day 6, luggage transfers, support vehicle during the rides, accommodation (gîtes).

NOT INCLUDED

Transport options to the meeting point and from the point of dispersal, transfers which are not included in the tour, picnic lunches, insurance, beverages, visits of tourist sites, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

You will need to be in good physical condition and used to cycling (esp. road bike). Distances: from 90 and up to 150km a day. Height gains: from 900 and up to 2700m a day.

CARRYING

Luggage transfers by vehicle.

ACCOMMODATION

6 nights in gîtes (shared bedroom and bathroom) don't forget your sleeping bag.

SIZE OF GROUP

From 6

DEPARTURE

Meet on day 1 in Bastia, at 09.00 am in front of the the tourism office (place Saint Nicolas).

DISPERSION

Bastia port or airport on day 7.

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.