



## The best roads and best hotels in Corsica

7 days / 6 nights

Hotels have been carefully chosen and you will get a warm welcome from local people very proud of Corsica. Fantastic hotels, the best bikes available on the island and also gastronomy and renowned wines will make you share the inhabitants' enthusiasm for Corsica!

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### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arrival in Cape Corsica

We welcome you at the airport in Bastia and transport you directly to Cape Corsica, avoiding the busy roads. You will then have time to test your new bike, if you rented one through us, or to discover your hotel and its area located in a beautiful village close to Macinaggio. We advise you the restaurant and its fantastic view overlooking the sea.

Night in a 4\* hotel.

#### Day 2 - Extreme North of Corsica

This morning, you will cross the tip of the island. A nice climb will await for you to reach the Mattei windmill before enjoying a beautiful descent to Centuri. An optional ride will take you to the tip of the island, Barcaggio. Centuri is renowned for being the first lobsters' fishing port in France. A great occasion to taste it in one of the many little restaurant in the marina.

Night in a hotel right in the marina from where you will have a fantastic sunset.

Distances :

About 47km (D+: 559m ; D-: 565m ; Min.: 0m ; Max.: 362m)

or 61km (D+: 856m ; D-: 860m ; Min.: 1m ; Max.: 361m)

#### Day 3 - After the Corsican lobster, the Corsican wine!

You leave Centuri and follow the road overlooking the sea. Views are amazing on this dramatic coast offering hidden and sheltered creeks ideal for swimming in clear turquoise waters. You will carry on towards Nonza where its Paoline tower and its black pebbles beach is worth a stop. Later, you will cross Patrimonio, known as the birth place to the best wine in Corsica. Its vineyards, its beautiful church will ensure you a good time in the village. Wine tasting is offered in many of the ceilars. Then you will arrive in Saint Florent, your stop for 2 nights.

About 58 km (D+: 823m ; D-: 771m ; Min.: 5m ; Max.: 202m)

Night in Saint-Florent in a 4\* hotel (or a 3\* hotel with Michelin star restaurant)

#### Day 4 - Saint-Florent

Enjoy your time in Saint-Florent, its little harbour and its white sand beach. Saint-Florent is a small local sea resort from where



you can also board a shuttle to one of the most beautiful beach of the island, Saleccia.  
We also suggest a 50km loop around the Nebbiu's villages.  
Night in Saint-Florent in a 4\* hotel (or a 3\* hotel with Michelin star restaurant)

Distance : 50km (D+: 816m ; D-: 813m ; Min.: 0m ; Max.: 467m)

### **Day 5 - Crossing of the Désert des Agriates**

An amazing ride across a protected route with stunning landscapes. Following the sea shore in a distance and amid the Corsican scrub, the road undulates in a luxurious granitic and green environment, surprising knowing that you are supposed to be in a desert! Once at the Vezzu pass, you will get beautiful views on the mountains.

A great descent will follow toward the Balagne area where different roads' options are proposed to you. Arriving in Ile Rousse, you will hopefully be able to enjoy a drink looking at the sunset over the rocky island of Ile Rousse explaining the name of the little town.

Night in a 4\* hotel in the centre of Ile Rousse.

About 48 km (D+: 612m ; D-: 611m ; Min.: 0m ; Max.: 365m)

69 km (D+: 1066m ; D-: 1068m ; Min.: 0m ; Max.: 466m)

or 80 km (D+: 1279m ; D-: 1281m ; Min.: 0m ; Max.: 683m) depending on the chosen option.

### **Day 6 - La Balagne, villages, beaches and great food!**

You will leave Ile Rousse and the major road to get inland and reach some of the most beautiful villages in Corsica: Pigna, Sant Antonino... Great opportunities are given to you to taste some fantastic local food in amazing places and restaurants (listed in your Europe Active road-book). You can also taste the local lime juice in Sant Antonino to kick you up the next hill! The artisans' road will then welcome you before the descent to Calvi, a little Saint Tropez in Corsica.

Night in 5\* hotel in Calvi.

About 22 km (D+: 364m ; D-: 335m ; Min.: 2m ; Max.: 198m)

30 km (D+: 487m ; D-: 457m ; Min.: 2m ; Max.: 362m)

or 35 km (D+: 647m ; D-: 618m ; Min.: 2m ; Max.: 531m) depending on the chosen option.

### **Day 7 - End of your holiday**

End of your holiday after breakfast. Contact us if you want us to organize a transfer to Calvi or Bastia airport.

## **Additional information**

### **TARIFFS**

Price from 2240 euros per person.

### **OPTIONS**



Supplement for high season departure (from the 15th of June to the 15th of September) per person : 225 euros per person.  
Single room supplement : 965 euros per person.

Single room supplement during the high season (from the 15th of June to the 15th of September) : 1430 euros per person.

Hybrid bike rental - TREK FX2 / delivery and repatriation included : 130 euros per person.

Electric bike rental - TREK UM3+ / delivery and repatriation included : 190 euros per person.

Aluminium road bike rental (compact crankset) - TREK Domane AL3 / delivery and repatriation included : 190 euros per person.

Carbon road Bike rental (Disc brake) - TREK Emonda SL6 / delivery and repatriation included : 270 euros per person.

Corsican cycling jersey : 39 euros per person.

### **INCLUDED**

Transfer from the airport to the first hotel, luggage transportation, bed & breakfasts, a local map to show the routes, a detailed road-book including differences in heights, gps tracks, available local assistance 7 days a week.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Transportation from the ending point, transfers not included in the program, insurances, drinks, bike rental, lunches and dinners, visits, optional activities and personal expenses.

### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

This trip has 2 or 3 options everyday to let you choose your daily route. An average of about 50 kms.

### **CARRYING**

Luggage transfers are organized in private vehicles. Therefore, you only need to carry your equipment for the day.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Nights in the best hotels available on the itinerary up to 5\*. In rooms of two persons. Single rooms depends on availabilities and is subject to a supplement.

### **SIZE OF GROUP**

A minimum of 2 persons

### **DEPARTURES**

Every day from the beginning of April to the end of October. Please note that July and August can be really hot. You'll have to leave early!

### **DEPARTURE**

At the Bastia airport on arrival.

### **DISPERSION**

At your hotel in Calvi, day 7 after breakfast. Ask us if you need to have a transfer organized to Calvi or Bastia 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 Mériidionale.

Corsica ferries: [http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O\\_TvroCFa-WtAodlScA5A](http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O_TvroCFa-WtAodlScA5A)

Corsica Linea: <https://www.corsicalinea.com/>

La Mériidionale: <http://www.lameridionale.fr>

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

## **EQUIPMENT TO TAKE**

ADVISED MATERIAL TO TAKE WITH YOU (non-exhaustive cheklist) :

As a good preparation is key to a successful stay, here are a few tips to ensure that your trip takes place in optimal conditions.

### **BIKES**

In order that your stay does not turn into a mechanical training course, it's advisable to carry out a meticulous revision of your bike before going on a tour :

- the tyres are well inflated and in good condition
- cables and chain are in good condition
- the transmission elements are clean and oiled
- there are no leaks in the suspensions
- the wheels are well tightened
- the brakes are in good condition (wear + possible leaks)
- the headset has been checked

And don't forget that anomalies are easier to spot on a cleaned bike...

### **REPAIR MATERIAL**

To avoid mechanical problems, it's better to be far-sighted and always carry the basic equipment of a biker:

- 2 inner tubes (puncture sealant is strongly recomended, or puncture sealant strips)
- a pump
- tire irons
- an inner tube repair kit consisting of patches and glue
- a multi-tool
- a small wrench
- a piece of tire

Also, you can prepare your own toolbox which we transfer with your luggage. You will put in it the following items :

- a brake cable (front and rear)
- a derailleurs cable
- a tyre
- one derailleurs hanger
- chain oil
- a rag



## EQUIPMENT

As you can't judge a book by its cover, cycling slinky shorts won't help you to turn into a cycling champion. However, a minimum of specific bike equipment will be necessary in order to be comfortable :

- a helmet
- glasses
- suitable shoes (no smooth soles)
- a cycling short or short
- a breathable tee-shirt (try to avoid cotton)

## DAY BACKPACK

Because it's unpleasant to ride with a too loaded backpack, it's better to think carefully about the necessary things to bring in the backpack for the day:

- a water bag and/or a flask and/or water cans on the bike (2L/day/person minimum)
- provisions (energy bars, dried fruits...)
- the basic repair material for your bike (see above)
- a windbreaker (waterproof)
- picnic
- a headlamp
- a knife
- sun cream (+ lip protection)
- toilet paper
- a first-aid kit (see below)
- your mobile phone + an external battery
- a rubbish bag

## PICNIC

In order to avoid unnecessary waste at picnic time, remember to take with you :

- an airtight box (0.5L) with initials marked on the lid and on the box + wide elastics
- reusable cutlery (fork and pocketknife)

## TRAVEL BAG

Your luggage is transferred during the day and you will find it every evening at your hotel. It is preferable that your travel bag contains the following items :

- a sleeping bag liner (stays in gîtes)
- a change of clothes
- a pair of light shoes for the evening
- a large jumper or fleece jacket
- a small toilet bag with a towel

## FIRST-AID KIT

Concerning all our guided stays, the instructor has a first aid kit.

However, it is essential to bring your own first aid kit.



Here is a list of the minimum items to take with you:

- disinfectant
- gauze strips
- plaster
- protective cream for the buttocks
- your personal medicines
- micropur pastilles (water disinfectant)
- a survival blanket

A more complete first-aid kit should be formulated with your doctor.