



## Self-guided road bike tour in Northern Corsica

8 days / 7 nights

Hop on your road bike and discover the most beautiful roads and cols in northern Corsica. Luggage transfers included! This tour will offer you stunning panoramic views over the Mediterranean with scenic coastal rides from the Cape of Corsica to the town of Porto. With the daily backdrop of glorious mountain ranges, your journey will take you to the most authentic parts of Corsica located at the heart of the island.

This self-guided tour also includes luggage transfers.

Trip available with our digital road-book.

[Find out about the digital road-book](#) [Prepare your trip](#)

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Bastia

Depending on the time of your arrival, you will be able to explore your surroundings. Bastia's citadel, the old port and the 'place St Nicolas' are definitely worth a visit. If you decide to come by plane, we can also organise an airport pick-up service. Please contact us for more details.

Night in Bastia.



#### Day 2 - The Cape of Corsica

During the first stage of this itinerary, you will cycle northwards to the Cape of Corsica, a wild and magnificent part of the island. You will ride along the eastern coastline and cross the northern tip of Corsica via the Col de la Serra (365m).

Night in St Florent.



2 options:

82km / D+ 1407m; D-1399 / Altitude Max: 393m

109km / D+ 1917m; D-1909 / Max: 365m



### Day 3 - The Balagne region

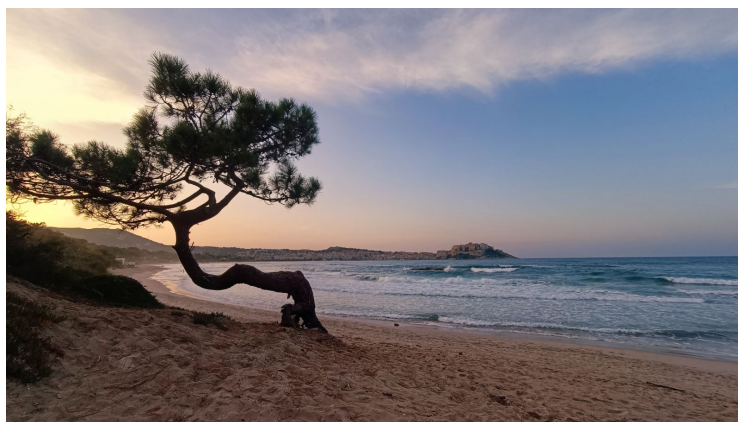
After leaving St Florent's delightful bay, you will cycle to the famous Désert des Agriates and the Col de Vezzu (311m) in order to reach the Balagne and its authentic little mountain villages, from which you will get wonderful views over the sea and the rest of the region.

2 options:

66Km / D+ 997m; D- 999m / Max: 373m

102km / D+ 2118m; D- 2121m / Max: 691m

Night in Calvi.



### Day 4 - From Calvi to Porto

One of the most beautiful coastal roads in Europe awaits you today! The itinerary offers stunning views over Corsica's wild



coastline and its mysterious wind-shaped rocks which appear to be melting under the blazing heat of the sun. A few kilometres after riding through the Col de Palmarella, the Gulf of Girolata and the Scandola Nature Reserve will come into sight.

Night in Porto.

75km /D+ 1331m ; D- 1289m / Max : 407m



#### **Day 5 - Day off in Porto**

With no obligations for the day, you will be able to do whatever you want! Spend a lazy day at the beach or your hotel... Or explore the village, the natural reserve of Scandola and the Calanches de Piana by boat... We'll leave all these different options up to you. A walk (or a ride) around the Calanches is also possible and definitely worth the effort since this porphyritic rock mass has been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Cyclists, who feel brave enough to tackle the Col de Sevi (1101m), will also have the opportunity to go for a 100km ride around it.

95km / D+ 2283m; D- 2281m / Max: 1105m

Night in Porto.





### **Day 6 - From Spelunca Gorge to Corte**

Starting from Porto, today's ride will lead you to climb the Col de Vergio (1477m) for 30km and to travel through magnificent landscapes such as those of the Spelunca Gorge or the mystical Aitone forest. Then, you will start a 35km descent, including fifteen through the extraordinary Scala di Santa Regina.

Night in Corte.

2 options:

84km / D+ 2895m; D- 2493m / Max: 1480m

The Restonica gorges

31km / D+ 979m; D- 984m / Max: 1372m



### **Day 7 - The Castagniccia region**

You will leave Corte, the former capital of the island, and journey eastwards to the Castagniccia region, otherwise known as the birthplace of Corsica's greatest men, such as Sambucucciu d'Alando and Pascal Paoli. With no less than four cols to climb, this stage is one of the hardest of this circuit, the best having been saved till last! Once you leave the mountains, you will reach the East Coast and the town of Lucciana, which is located at the south end of Bastia.

Night near Bastia airport.

95km / D+ 2894m ; D- 3281m / Max: 999m



### Day 8 - Your trip ends here

End of trip after breakfast.

## Additional information

### TARIFFS

Price from 1350 euros per person.

### OPTIONS

Supplement for single bedrooms : 435 euros per person.

June and September departures : 65 euros per person.

July and August departures : 180 euros per person.

Hybrid bike rental : 210 euros per person.

Electric bike rental : 270 euros per person.

Aluminium road bike rental : 280 euros per person.

Carbon road Bike rental : 360 euros per person.

### INCLUDED

Nights in 3-star hotels

Breakfasts

Luggages transfer between each stage

Information package with maps and road-books on our app (a smartphone is required)

Local assistance (by phone)

### NOT INCLUDED

Transport options from and to Bastia

Beverages and meals

Personal travel insurance



Bike rental

Everything not mentioned on the "included" part

### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Approximately 80-110km a day, with height gains between 800 and 2000m.

### **CARRYING**

Luggage transfers by vehicle.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

7 nights in hotels (double bedrooms).

### **SIZE OF GROUP**

From two.

### **DEPARTURES**

Departures every day from the beginning of April to the end of October.

### **DEPARTURE**

Bastia. Contact us for assistance with your travel arrangements.

### **DISPERSION**

Lucciana (south of Bastia and near the 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**

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 recommended, 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 derailleur cable
- a tyre
- one derailleur hanger
- chain oil
- a rag

#### EQUIPMENT

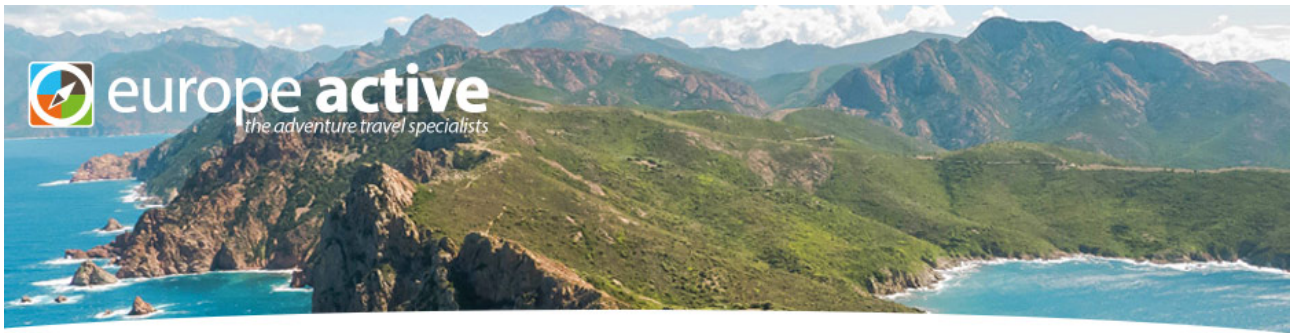
As you can't judge a book by its cover, cycling slinky shorts won't help you to turn into a cycling champion. However, a minimum of specific bike equipment will be necessary in order to be comfortable :

- 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.