

# Corsica by car - two 3 star hotels

#### 7 days/6 nights

This is a holiday for those who want to discover Corsica, but without having to change hotels every night. You will split the week between two comfortable 3 star hotels and can either simply enjoy taking in the local atmosphere, or take a tour of the region by following our carefully prepared routes. Come in the comfort of your own car (in which case we can book your ferries) or rent a hire car from the airport, which we can organise for you. This holiday is an opportunity for you to sit back and relax in the knowledge that everything has been organised for you.

The first hotel is based on the coast in Calvi, or a village nearby. This is an ideal location to discover the north of the island. The second hotel is very close to Porto Vecchio, so for the second half of your holiday you will be able to enjoy the superb landscapes of the south.

## YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - The Désert des Agriates

After your arrival in Bastia (either off the ferry or at the airport), you will immediately get a sense of the island by crossing the short distance from the east to the west coast. From the pretty coastal port of Saint Florent you will cross the Désert des Agriates (a wild and beautiful area of rocky scrub) until you reach the area called the Balagne. Beautiful beaches, olive groves and small coastal resorts will be the theme for the day. When you arrive at your hotel you can plunge into the swimming pool to mark the end of your first day.

Night in the Balagne (in Calvi or a neighbouring village) in a 3 star hotel with swimming pool. Roughly 170km.



Day 2 - Villages of the Balagne

Today you will head inland to discover the most beautiful villages in the Balagne. Small walks are possible as well as the

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opportunity to bathe in the crystal blue waters of the local rivers. On the return, you can visit a centre where you can taste numerous locally made Corsican products.

Return to the hotel. Roughly 130km.

#### Day 3 - The Gulf of Galéria

For today's journey, we propose a loop that allows you to discover the Gulf of Galeria. You will take a route along the coast that is considered as one of the most scenic in Europe. From Galeria, you will reach the top of a col which has superb panoramic views. You will return on an inland road to reach your hotel.

Return to your hotel. Roughly 250km, possible to do less.



## Day 4 - Heading south

Today's journey is one of transition. You will drive to Corte, the ancient capital of the island. It's worth stopping here to enjoy lunch in one of the local restaurants (you will find our recommendations in the road book). After a look around Corte, you will drive across the island to the east coast, where you will then follow the long white sandy beaches to reach your hotel. Night in Porto- vecchio in a 3 star hotel. Roughly 190km.

# Day 5 - The cliffs of Bonifacio.

Today is a splendid tour, which allows you to discover the south of Corsica. You will have the opportunity to see the 'most beautiful' beach on the island, Palombaggia, the magnificent cliffs of Bonifacio, the Gulf of Spérone, and the Lavezzi islands. A boat trip is highly recommended to visit the natural caves and to marvel at the houses perched precariously on the cliffs above you. A visit to the Lavezzi islands is an unforgettable moment, don't forget your swimming costume!

Return to your hotel. Roughly 124km.

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Day 6 - Bavella and the Alta Rocca

If you think you can no longer be surprised by the beauty of Corsica, then think again! Today you will drive inland to view the superb villages of the Alta Rocca. The lake and forest of Ospedale are well worth seeing. The highlight of the day is seeing the famous "needles of Bavella", whose needle like rocks dominate the scenery for miles around. Some walks are possible here. On your return journey, don't forget to enjoy bathing in the natural pools along the Solenzara river. Return to your hotel. Roughly 169km, possibility to do less.



Day 7 - Towards Bastia

Depending upon the time of your ferry or flight, you can opt for a direct route back to Bastia along the coast, or enjoy a day of discovery. If you have the time, take the small roads that wind their way through the Castagniccia, one of the most wild and authentic regions in Corsica. You will leave the Castagniccia for the Nebbio region, before heading back to Bastia. End of your holiday.

Please contact us if you would like to extend your stay.



# Additional information

#### **TARIFFS**

Price from 765 euros per person.

#### **OPTIONS**

Supplement for July and August: 285 euros per person.

Car rental (Clio type): 380 euros per person.

Supplement for a single room: 350 euros per person.

#### **INCLUDED**

Nights in hotels \*\*\*

Breakfasts

The travel file including a digital roadbook accessible on mobile application

Assistance 7 days a week, from 8am to 8pm, during the stay.

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Air or sea transport

Transfers not provided for in the programme

Insurance

Drinks, meals

The car, any repairs, fines, etc.

Site visits

Optional programme activities

Personal expenses

Any tourist tax to be paid on site.

Anything that is not indicated in the section "This price includes".

# LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Distances of roughly 160km per day, should you wish to follow our optional program

# **ACCOMMODATION**

In 3 star hotels

#### **SIZE OF GROUP**

From two people

#### **DEPARTURES**

Depart any day from the beginning of April to the end of October.

# **DEPARTURE**

Bastia. Possibility to start from all of the other ports or airports on Corsica.

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# **DISPERSION**

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#### **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

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