



Trip description

10-day cycling tour in Western Corsica from Bastia to Ajaccio

Cycle Corsica along the west coast from Bastia to Ajaccio. This 10-day trip takes you to the most beautiful places in the northwest of the island.



Destination	France
Location	Corse
Duration	10 days
Difficulty Level	Challenging
Validity	From March 15 to October 15
Minimum age	14 years
Reference	CO1001

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Bastia

Welcome to Bastia, capital of northern Corsica! You will be charmed by this colorful and lively city. Take the time to stroll into the narrow streets of the Genoese Citadel and enjoy a coffee on the quays of the Old Port.

Day 2

Bastia - Saint-Florent

Bike
25/28km

Altitude
±544m

You leave Bastia and cycle towards the West by taking the pass of Teghime (536m). At the top you will enjoy a breathtaking view on one side on the south of Bastia and the other on the Gulf of Saint-Florent. Then, you have several options to reach Saint-Florent: passing through the north and the charming wine village of Patrimonio where you can stop to taste its very good wine or by passing through the south and Poggio d'Oletta, you will come across the San Quilico Chapel and the former Nebbio Cathedral.

Day 3

Saint-Florent - Monticello

Bike
80km

Altitude
±722m

Leave Saint-Florent and start cycling through the Desert des Agriates, an amazing mountainous area with untouched nature. The Agriates extend over 40km of maquis and coasts with rugged relief, it is the largest natural and ecological site of the Corsican littoral. From village to village you cross this stunning desert and get close again to the sea. Your stage ends at the hilltop village of Monticello from where you can admire a beautiful

sunset on Ile Rousse.

Day 4

Monticello - Calvi

Bike
45km

Continue your way on the hills and cross the charming villages of La Balagne region : Santa-Reparata-Di-Balagna, Pigna, Sant'Antonino.. Stroll on the pretty places where meet the old ones, admire the fountains and the wash-houses, vestiges of the rural heritage and do not hesitate to push the door of the workshops where the local craftsmen will be delighted to share with you their ancestral know-how.

Then, a beautiful descent in the middle of the maquis and olive groves will take you to the sea. Finally, Calvi welcomes you in the heart of its bay overlooked by the old citadel. A short walk along its charming harbor will complete this beautiful cycling day.

Day 5

Calvi - Galeria

Bike
39km

Leaving Calvi we advise you to make a detour to the chapel of Notre Dame de la Serra built in the 15th century and nestled at the top of a rocky promontory. Beyond contemplating a jewel of religious heritage, you will also have the chance to admire the most beautiful panorama of the island on the bay of Calvi and the west coast of Cap Corse. Then, take one of the most beautiful coastal roads of the island that meanders on a hillside, the limestone white rock is gradually turning into rock with golden reflections and strange shapes carved by the wind. You end your day in Galeria, a small seaside resort that has the particularity of welcoming many wild cows roaming freely in the village.

Day 6

Galeria - Porto

Bike
51km

Altitude
±768m

You leave Galeria and cycle uphill to the Palmarella Pass where you will enjoy a spectacular view of the Gulf of Girolata and the Scandola Reserve recognizable by its red granite cliffs. Your way continues through the pass "col de la Croix" (downhill!) on a sublime winding road nicknamed the "road to the thousand turns". It might be difficult for you not to stop every turn to contemplate the magnificent landscapes. You cross the charming villages of Curzu and Partinello. Finally, you arrive in Porto whose gulf is classified as world heritage by UNESCO. You will be seduced by the charm of its small port overhung by a square Genoese tower at the top of a big rock.

Day 7

Porto

You enjoy a day of rest in the charming city of Porto. You can relax on the beach or take a boat trip to the Scandola Reserve (2h15) or the Calanches de Piana (1h30), both listed as UNESCO World Heritage.

Day 8

Porto - Cargèse

Bike
53km

Altitude
±781m

Today stage is a quieter day. You start cycling with the magnificent calanches of Piana as a backdrop. Enjoy a stop to visit the pretty village of Piana and its white houses, ranked among the most beautiful villages in France. Your journey ends in Cargèse, ancient Greek city whose influence is still perceptible. Enjoy a sweet evening by the sea in this charming seaside town.

Day 9

Cargese - Ajaccio

Bike
31km

Altitude
+467m

Last stage of your bike tour. You have the opportunity to make a round trip to the beautiful wild beaches of the Gulf of Lava. Then, you reach Ajaccio, birthplace of Napoleon. Stroll through the old town around the harbor and let yourself be seduced by the Corsican charm of narrow streets with colorful houses. If you have the time, we recommend a round trip to the tip of Parata and the Sanguinaires Islands, an exceptional natural site where you can admire stunning sunsets.

Day 10

Departure from Bastia

After breakfast, enjoy a last stroll in Bastia before leaving.

Accommodation

Category A

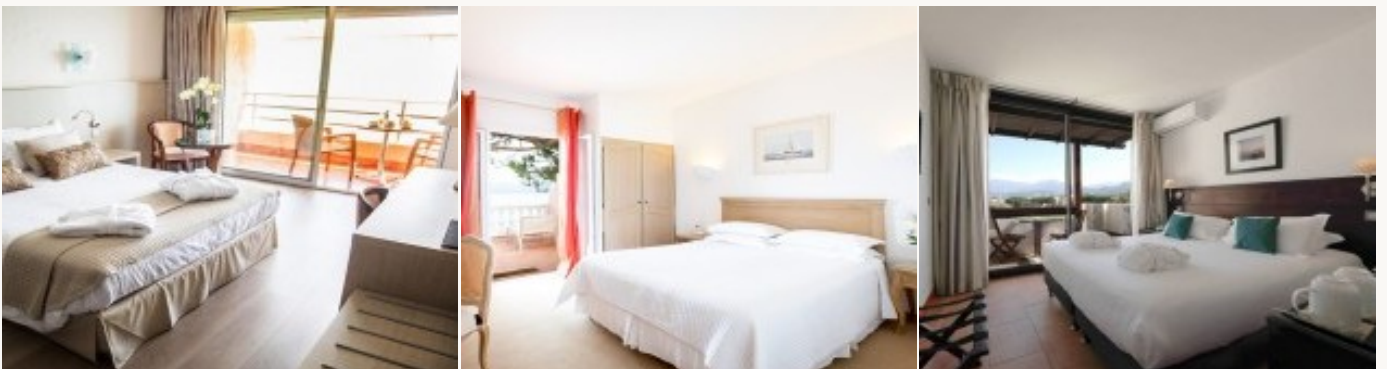
You stay in **/** hotels where you will be hosted with a warm welcome. Breakfast is included.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category B

You stay in ***/**** hotels where you will be hosted with a warm welcome. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. Breakfast is included.



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Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: direct flight to Bastia from Paris, Lyon, Bordeaux, Nantes, Lille, Marseille and Bruxelles. Then, take a shuttle to Bastia city center (25min) or private transfer (surcharge).

By ferry: ferry crossing from Marseille (13h), Toulon (9h) or Nice (5h30).

Departure from Ajaccio:

By plane: direct flight from Ajaccio to Paris, Lyon, Nice, Marseille, Nantes, Lille, Bordeaux and Geneva. Private transfer possible to the airport (surcharge).

By train: direct train to Bastia (3h45).

By ferry: ferry crossing from Ajaccio or Bastia to Marseille, Toulon or Nice.

Meeting time:

Please give us your arrival time so that we can organize the delivery of bicycles.

Price description

Bike tour not available in July and August.

Category A

Double room fare

1435 €/pers

9 nights in ** or *** hotels

9 breakfasts

10-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the delivery and return of the bike

the luggage transport from one lodging to the other

the travel documents

local visitors' taxes

24h/24 hotline

(*) High season

140 €/pers

Single occupancy extra (**)	on demand
Extra night in Bastia	65 €/pers
Extra night in Ajaccio	80 €/pers
Extra night in Ajaccio - High season (from 15/06 to 15/09)	90 €/pers

Category B

1869 €/pers

Double room fare

9 nights in *** or **** hotels

9 breakfasts

10-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the delivery and return of the bike

the luggage transport from one lodging to the other

the travel documents

local visitors' taxes

24h/24 hotline

(*) High season 240 €/pers

Single occupancy extra (**)

on demand

Extra night in Bastia 120 €/pers

Extra night in Bastia - High season
(from 15/06 to 15/09) 155 €/pers

Extra night in Ajaccio 165 €/pers

Extra night in Ajaccio - High season
(from 15/06 to 15/09) 180 €/pers

Option

Electric bike 85 €/pers

Road bike 100 €/pers

Transfer from airport to Bastia 30 €/pers

Transfer from Ajaccio to airport 55 €/pers

(*) High season :

From 15.06 to 15.09.2020

(**) These prices are guaranteed for 2 participants minimum.

The package doesn't include :

the journey to the tour location

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

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