



## Corsica by car - 10 days

10 days/ 9 nights

This tour will enable you to discover the island's tourist sites – such as Porto, Ajaccio and Corte –, its hidden treasures, remote hilltop hamlets and majestic little coves. While driving off the beaten track and along the most beautiful rural roads that the island has to offer, you will get to see the many different faces of Corsica.

Come in the comfort of your own car (in which case we can book your ferry crossings) 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.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - The Cape of Corsica

Once in Bastia, you will start your journey by discovering the Cape of Corsica. First, you will drive up the beautiful rolling hills of the North, and then stop at the ports of Erbalunga and Maccinaggio on the East Coast, before driving through Cap Corse. After reaching Barcaggio, the most northern village in Corsica, and exploring its hidden treasures, you will drive westwards along the road to Centuri – where you can find best crayfish in France – and get to discover magnificent coves. You will also have the choice to stop in Canari or Albo for a while, before setting off to Nonza, a town famous for both its Torra Paolina (Paolin Tower) and its black-pebble beaches. Finally, the road will take you to Patrimonio, the capital of Corsican wine, before reaching St Florent and its white sandy beaches.



#### Day 2 - Désert des Agriates and the Balagne

Today's stage will lead you to go through the Désert des Agriates, one of Corsica's magnificent protected nature reserves. On the way there, you will get to see stunning landscapes and drive on many fantastic winding roads. Charming secret mountain roads will quickly unravel before your very eyes, as you catch sight of olive groves, cactus trees, and Barbary figs. You will then get to explore authentic and enchanting little villages where cows wander freely across the roads; and, on your way to



Balagne at sunset, the landscape will become a true feast for the eyes, as it will slowly change into a lunar spectacle. You will then stop for a while in Belgodere, in front of a picturesque little church, before setting off to the Route des Artisans (Road of the Craftsmen). Finally, you will drive through more enchanting little villages, perched on mountainsides, in the direction of Calvi and Porto.

You will spend the night in a 2\* hotel in Porto.

Distance: Between 150km and 180km.



### **Day 3 - Porto's bay and the forest of Aïton**

Today's trip will take you to the most beautiful beaches that the island has to offer. You will also drive through the majestic Calanches de Piana. Next, you will take the road to Cargese and 'climb' the forest of Aïtone before reaching the Col de Vergio and the Niolu region.

You will spend the night in a two star hotel in Calacuccia.

Distance: approximately 160km.

### **Day 4 - The heart of Corsica**

The itinerary may seem like an unusual one, but it will guarantee you a great drive through one of the island's most beautiful roads and authentic hamlets. In the morning, you will go to the magnificent Scala di Santa Regina which will take you to the borders of Corte, the former capital of Corsica. From there, you will take a drive down to the East Coast and the ancient town of Aléria, where you will be able to try local food on a floating restaurant at Urbino Lake. Finally, you will return to your gîte in Zicavo and get to climb the Inzecca Gorge.

You will have dinner and spend the night in a gîte d'étape in Zicavo.

Distance: approximately 150km.





### **Day 5 - The bays of Ajaccio and Valinco**

Return to the sea side for this day which will take you first to Ajaccio, imperial city. You will have the possibility of continuing your journey towards the Gulf of Ajaccio and Valinco. You will discover many small typical Corsican villages. And will have many opportunities to bathe.

Night in a traditional hotel in Olmeto

About 130 km



### **Day 6 - The Great South**

Today, you will get to discover the treasures of the Great South. You will leave Olmeto and take the road to Sartène, a town which perfectly captures the essence of Corsican landscape and culture. You will then continue your journey by driving through Roccapina in order to reach Bonifacio and its famous chalk cliffs. Finally, you will explore Porto Vecchio and the forest of Ospédale, and have dinner in a traditional hotel in Zonza.

Night in a hotel in Zonza.

Distance: approximately 130km.

### **Day 7 - The Alta Rocca and Porto Vecchio**

For this part of the tour, you will have the choice to either explore the villages of the Alta Rocca region – such as Santa Lucia di Tallano, Quenza, Aullène, Levi and the archeological site of Cucuruzzu – or to go to one of Porto Vecchio's beaches.

You will have dinner and spend the night in the same Zonza hotel as the previous night.



Distance: approximately 70km.

### **Day 8 - Bavella and the East Coast**

During today's trip, you will drive along the Needles of Bavella and will have the opportunity to stop in Solenzara and go for a swim in one of the island's natural pools.

Night in a 3 star hotel in Prunete. Dinner at your own expense.

Distance: approximately 100km.



### **Day 9 - The Castagniccia region**

A great day of adventure and discovery awaits you. The Castagniccia is a hidden gem off the tourist trail, famous for its chestnut forests and its plethora of picturesque villages, which possess great period charm. Cervione, Piedicroce, La Porta and Morosaglia are all enchanting villages which will make your journey to Bastia more brightly coloured.

Night in a 3 star hotel. Dinner at your own expense.

Distance: approximately 150km.

### **Day 10 - Back to Bastia**

You will have the entire day to visit Bastia and its hilltop villages such as Cardo, San Martino di Lota and Ville di Pietrabugno.

The tour ends here, in Bastia. Do not hesitate to contact a member of our team if you would like us to organise and book ferry crossings.





## Additional information

### TARIFFS

Price from 780 euros per person.

### OPTIONS

Supplement for July and August departures : 115 euros per person.

Car rental (Clio type) : 530 euros per person.

Supplement for a single room : 375 euros per person.

### INCLUDED

Nights in double bedrooms (for two people) in hotels, inns, gîtes d'étape and B&Bs, breakfasts and one evening meals, information package with maps and road-books.

### NOT INCLUDED

Transport options to and from the island, other transfers which are not included in the tour, personal travel insurance, meals which are not included in the price and beverages, car rental, repair costs, fines and speed tickets, visits of tourist sites, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Up to 160km a day.

### ACCOMMODATION

In hotels, inns, gîtes d'étape and B&Bs (double bedrooms).

### SIZE OF GROUP

From two.

### DEPARTURES

Every day from the beginning of April to the end of October. For November departures, please contact us either by email or telephone.



## **DEPARTURE**

Bastia. Contact us for assistance with your travel arrangements.

## **DISPERSION**

Bastia.

## **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-WtAodIScA5A](http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O_TvroCFa-WtAodIScA5A)

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

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

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