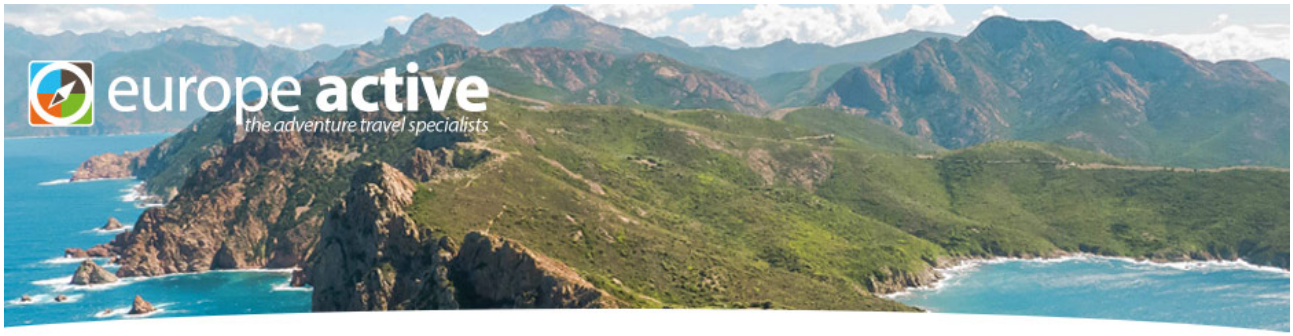


Corsica by motorbike - Half-board - 100% gîtes d'étape

8 days / 7 nights

Don’t miss this exclusive offer from us at Europe Active, which will sweep you away and take you to the heart of Corsican culture. You will visit the most beautiful locations that the island has to offer, including sensational winding roads set against a backdrop of spectacular landscapes.

All nights are in gîtes d'étape. Evening meals are also included in the price.

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 ride up the beautiful rolling hills of the North, and then stop at the ports of Erbalunga and Maccinaggio on the East Coast, before riding through the Cape. After reaching Barcaggio, the most northern village in Corsica, and exploring its hidden treasures, you will ride 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 beach. Then, after going through Patrimonio the capital of Corsican wine, you will ride around the Col de Teghime and return to Bastia.

You will spend the night in a gîte d'étape in Sisco.

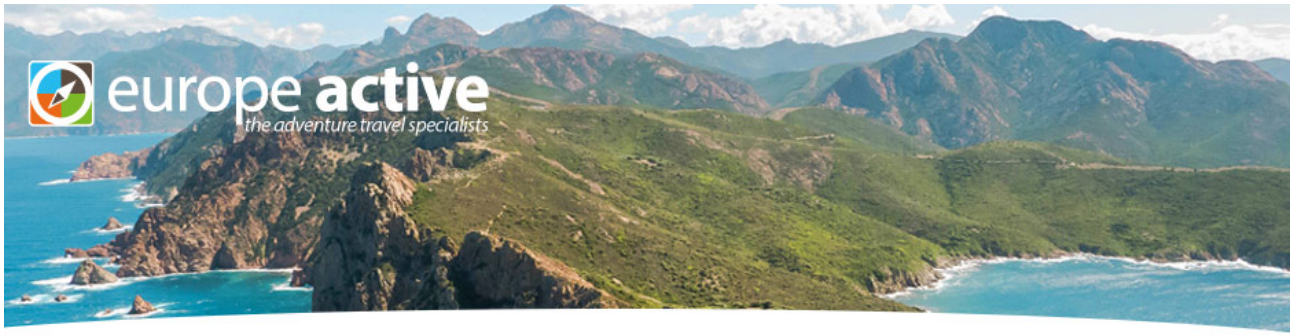
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Day 2 - The Désert des Agriates

This stage will lead you to discover St Florent and its white sandy beaches while travelling around the Col San Stefano. You will go through the Désert des Agriates, a magnificent nature reserve. On the way there, you will get to see stunning landscapes and ride on many fantastic winding roads, which will take you to the route nationale (national road). Charming little

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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 the 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). After that, you will ride through more enchanting little villages, perched on mountainsides, in the direction of Calvi, being famous for its port and citadel.

You will have dinner and spend the night in Bonifatu.

Distance: approximately 159km.



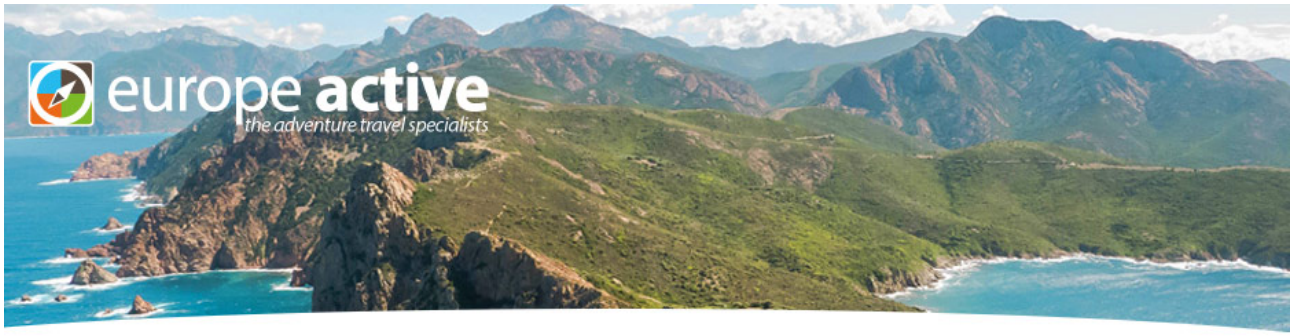
Day 3 - From Bonifatu to the Calanches de Piana

Today's stage will lead you to Col de Palmarella where you will be able to enjoy stunning panoramic views. You will then ride down a beautiful cliff road and see rolling carpets of arid grassland, as you reach charming villages. There, you will be able to relax and have a drink. However, you will soon set off to other seaside villages nearby, where there are many water sports. After that, you will set off to the famous Calanches de Piana, and ride up to a village, where you will be able to visit a few churches, and where a certain Greek influence makes itself felt through the village's architectural features. You will then go around the coastline before riding into the heart of the island. Be careful of the wild pigs. They tend to wander about freely on the roads. The journey will then lead you to Evisa, a town essentially famous for its chestnut trees. Finally, you will end today's journey by travelling around gorges where it is quite common to come across herds of goats.

You will have dinner and spend the night in a gîte d'étape in a small village near Porto.

Distance: approximately 180km.

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Day 4 - From Porto's bay to the heart of the island

Once you leave the village, its famous Genovese bridges, olive trees, and natural pools, hidden amongst the greenery, you will drive to Corte, climb the highest road in Corsica, and then, ride down an undulating road which will lead you to the shores of a local lake. The magnificent Scala di Santa Regina will take you to the borders of the Castagniccia region where you will be able to ride endless miles of winding roads. Next, while you go through the former capital of Corsica, Biguglia, you will discover the famous and stunning Restonica Gorge. As the road goes on, the landscapes of the Vizzavona region will come into sight. Its lush forests, flowing rivers and majestic mountains appear to capture the essence of Corsican wilderness, and are the most characteristic features of the island's central region.

You will spend the night in a gîte d'étape.

Distance: 170km.



Day 5 - From the heart of the island to Valinco

On the fifth day of the tour, you will ride along Corsica's main road which goes through the Vizzavona forest and offers spectacular scenery. Once you will have reached Ajaccio, you will be able to enjoy strolling down the streets of Napoleon's hometown and go to the Pointe des Sanguinaires – the Point of blood-thirsty men – which is surrounded by beautiful white

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sandy beaches. Next, you will climb a coastal route, which is skirted by eucalyptus trees and which leads to an ancient prison. Finally, you will take the road to the small villages of the Taravo region.

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

Distance: approximately 130km.



Day 6 - Bonifacio and Bavella

Your first stop will be Sartène. You will then get to see more uninhabited landscapes on your way to Bonifacio and its impressive chalk cliffs. Once you reach Bonifacio, you will get a view of both the Lion of Roccapina and some majestic coves on your right. At this point, you will be strongly advised to explore the town by boat. Once you have left Bonifacio, you will ride along the most beautiful beaches that Corsica has to offer and travel to the heart of the island via the famous Needles of Bavella. Along the way, you will have the opportunity to swim in small hidden rivers nearby. Afterwards, you will ride down to the Alta Rocca, where you will be able to eat traditional Corsican food, such as cooked meats and homemade patisseries.

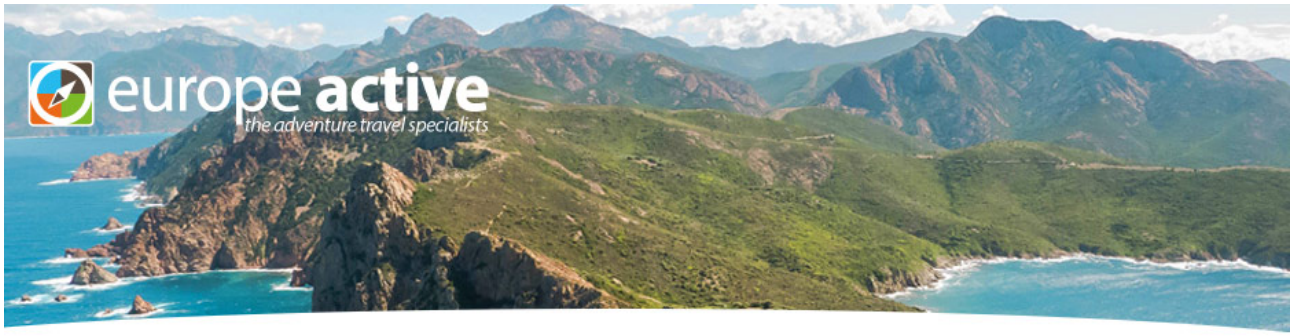
You will spend the night in a gîte d'étape.

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Day 7 - From Alta-Rocca to Vénacais

Once you have explored the wonderful local villages, olive groves and old mills of the region, you will ride along spectacular mountain passes and may see pigs and horses, wandering about freely.
You will also get to see many forests and have the opportunity to stop at Ghisoni to see its 'ski resort'. You will then ride down a road that leads to an even wilder part of the island, where lush greenery is in abundance. This particular part of the Castagniccia region will be your best chance to discover a whole new side of Corsica.

You will spend the night in a gîte set against a pristine landscape.

Distance: approximately 165km.



Day 8 - Back to Bastia

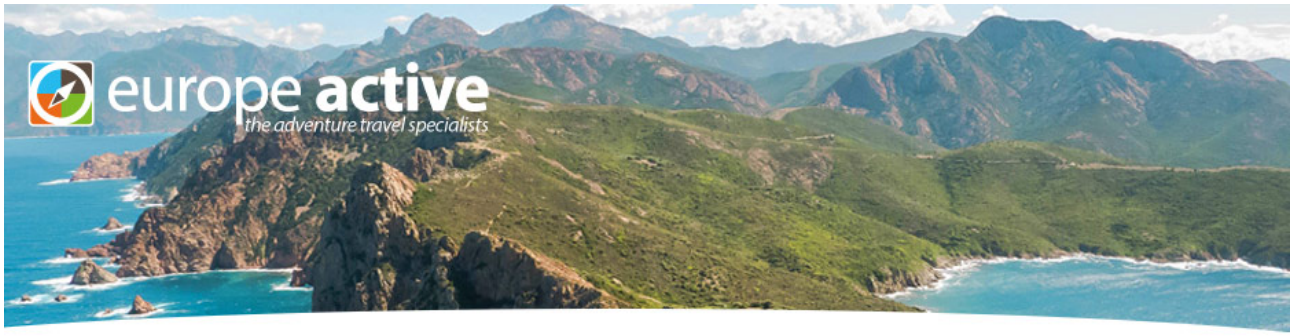
You will start today's journey by riding through the Castagniccia region and its scattering of villages, from which you will be able to get great panoramic views. These enchanting villages, which cling to mountainsides, offer those thrill-seekers out there a great opportunity to ride along narrow roads which twist and turn – although you may want to be watchful of cows hiding behind a bend in the road… Later on, you will travel around Biguglia's nature reserve and a pond where pink flamingos can often be seen.

The tour ends in Bastia.

Distance: approximately 160km.

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Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 610 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Rental motorbike (Tariff T0) : 390 euros per person.
Rental motorbike (Tariff T1) : 494 euros per person.
Rental motorbike (Tariff T2) : 627 euros per person.
Rental motorbike (Tariff T3) : 745 euros per person.
Rental motorbike (Tariff T4) : 872 euros per person.
Rental motorbike (Tariff T5) : 1173 euros per person.

INCLUDED

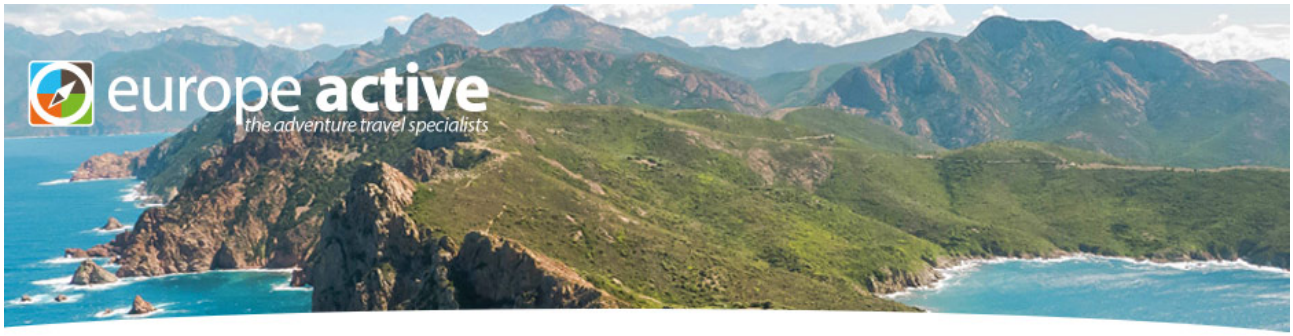
Nights in gîtes d'étape, rooms with multiple beds (numbers vary from one gîte to another)
Breakfasts and evening meals in half-board accommodation (gîtes d'étape)
The travel file including a digital roadbook accessible on a mobile application in English or French

NOT INCLUDED

Ferry crossing
Other transfers which are not included in the tour
Personal travel insurance
Beverages
Motorbike 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

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Approximately 150-200km a day.

ACCOMMODATION
In gîtes d'étape – dormitories with multiple beds (numbers vary from one gîte to another). Do not forget your sleeping bag and towel.

Please note that, since there are not many gîtes in Corsica, we cannot guarantee you that there will be indoor parking facilities or garages during your stay.

However, gîtes owners will generally try to help you find a parking space for your motorbike.

SIZE OF GROUP
From one.

DEPARTURES
Every day from mid-April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE
Bastia. We can also organize ferry crossings or airport pick-up services from Bastia airport directly to our hire shop.

For more details or if you would like a fly-drive option, please contact us either by email or telephone.

DISPERSION
Bastia. If you are hiring a motorbike, we can organise a transfer from our hire shop directly to the airport.

EQUIPMENT TO TAKE
Bike Trousers.
Bike Jacket.
Bike Gloves.
Bike Boots.
Helmet (can be hired)
Waterproof Boot Covers.
Waterproof Coat & Trousers.
First aid kit.
Head lamp.

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