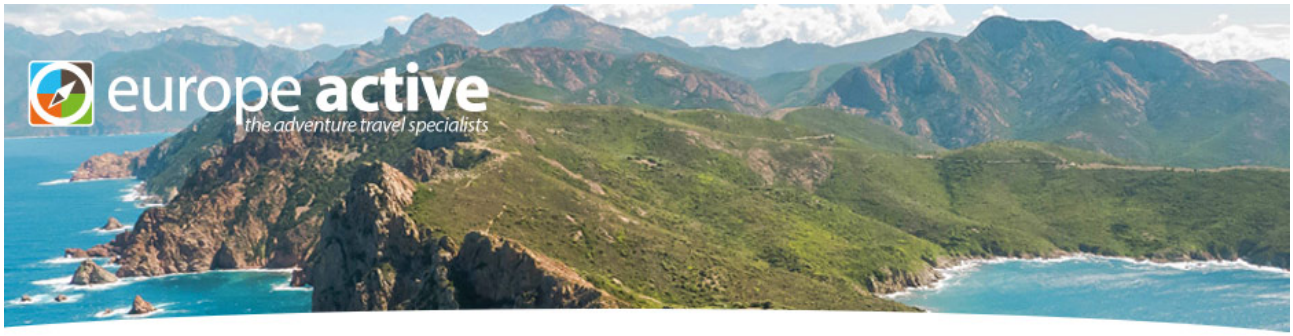

Discover the north of Corsica by car

7 days/ 6 nights

We love this circuit and we're very proud of it! Originally designed as a tour for motorbikers, we have adapted this holiday for drivers who wish to enjoy the comfort of a car as well as the beauty of the island.

We are regularly out on these back roads and each time we're there, we're astonished once more by the beauty and diversity of the scenery. It will leave you wanting to return to see more of what Corsica has to offer.

YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - The Cape of Corsica

Having arrived in Bastia, your journey starts with a discovery of the Cape of Corsica. You will begin driving up the more gentle east coast, enjoying the little villages of Erbalunga and Maccinaggio before crossing the Cape to discover Barcaggio, the northernmost village on Corsica. Following that you will explore the tiny fishing village of Centuri (famous for its lobster fishing), before continuing along the West coast of the Cape, where the cliffs plunge dramatically into sea. Stop in the sleepy villages of Canari or Albo before continuing onto the cliff-top-perched village of Nonza. You will shortly arrive in the Patrimonio region, famous for its wine, before arriving in the charming port of St Florent.

Night in hotel*** in St Florent.

Distance: approximately 130km.

Day 2 - The Désert des Agriates and the Balagne

The day begins with a crossing of the Désert des Agriates, a protected area due to its natural beauty. We then take you onto some tiny mountain roads, initially bordered by olive groves, cactii and prickly pears. You will pass through many typical villages and have to pay attention to cows which wander freely on the roads. In the region called the Balagne, you will once more be faced with stunning scenery. Stop in the village of Belgodere for a refreshing drink on the main square before following the Route des Artisans through various villages perched on hilltops. A little later you will make your way to Calvi, a pretty seaside port with an imposing citadel.

Night in hotel** in Calvi.

Distance: approximately 110km.

Day 3 - Calvi and one of the most beautiful coastlines in France

You will begin the day by returning to the Balagne region to visit some beautiful villages, before heading south of Calvi. The route you will take now may not be in the best state of repair, but it is one of the most beautiful coastal roads that you could possibly drive. The route takes you through Galeria, then up and over the Col de Palmarella. Following the col, you will

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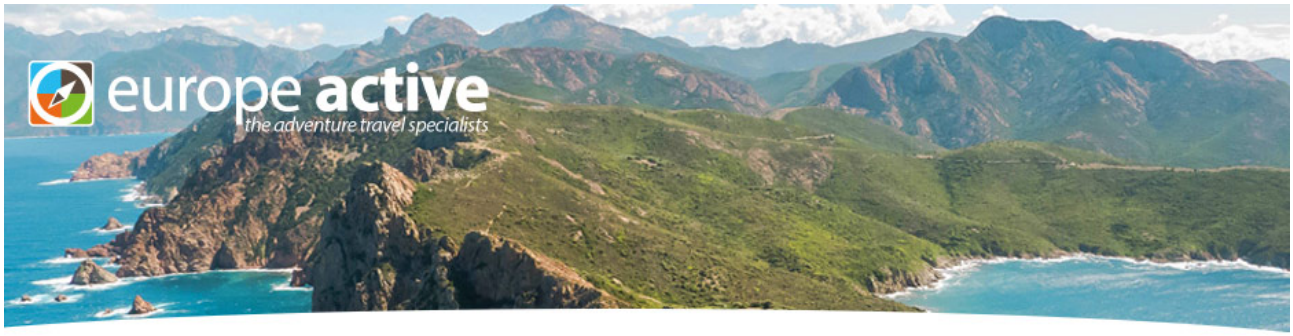

continue on one of our favourite roads of all time, taking you all of the way to Porto. There are some nice bends and views beyond belief. Porto is a great little village, where you can enjoy a swim in the hotel pool or in the sea, or even take a boat ride to visit the Nature Reserve of Scandola. You could also drive to the famous Calanches de Piana and visit them. For those of you who have the time, we would definitely recommend adding a rest day here to make the most of what is on offer.

Night in hotel*** in Porto.

Distance: approximately 110km.

Day 4 - From Porto to Corte, via Piana

From Porto, you'll set off in the morning towards Piana to enjoy the typical village, plus take in more breathtaking scenery. From here, you will continue on to Cargese and Sagone, before re-entering the interior. After a detour to Ota, you will continue on to Evisa, the chestnut capital of Corsica. From here you will get the opportunity to drive up the stunning Gorge de Spelunca, before climbing up through the forest of Aïtone to the highest col on the island. You will then descend on a great road, through the Scala di Santa Regina before reaching Corte, the ancient capital of Corsica.

Night in hotel*** in Corte.

Distance: approximately 140km.

Day 5 - Corte and the Restonica Gorges

Here you'll discover a whole new area of the island, the centre and its capital, Corte. In the morning, you can enjoy a little drive up through the Gorges de la Restonica. The scenery is breathtaking and the Corsican charcuterie 'chez Theo' is pretty good too! After this, you will drive through the forest of Vizzavona and cross the village of Ghisoni, before descending to the east coast.

Night in hotel** in Aleria.

Distance: approximately 170km.

Day 6 - The Castagniccia and the Bastia region

Today you have the choice of enjoying the beach before taking the route nationale to Bastia, or taking your time to discover the tiny roads and ancient villages of the Castagniccia. This really is a remote and forgotten region of Corsica. Look out for the pigs, goats and cows which often wander along the roads!

Night in a hotel in Bastia.

Distance: from 85 to 160km.

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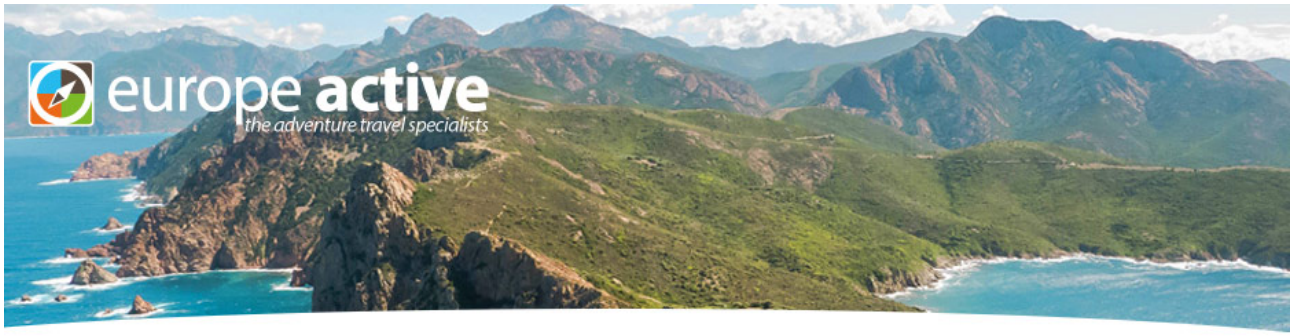

Day 7 - End of your holiday

End of your holiday after breakfast.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 740 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Supplement for July and August departures : 100 euros per person.
Supplement single bedroom : 290 euros per person.
Car rental (Clio type) (variable according to season) : 380 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Nights in ** and *** hotels double bedrooms (for two people),
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

Up to 150km a day.

ACCOMMODATION

In 2 and 3 star hotels (double bedrooms).

SIZE OF GROUP

From two.

DEPARTURES

Depart every day from April to October.

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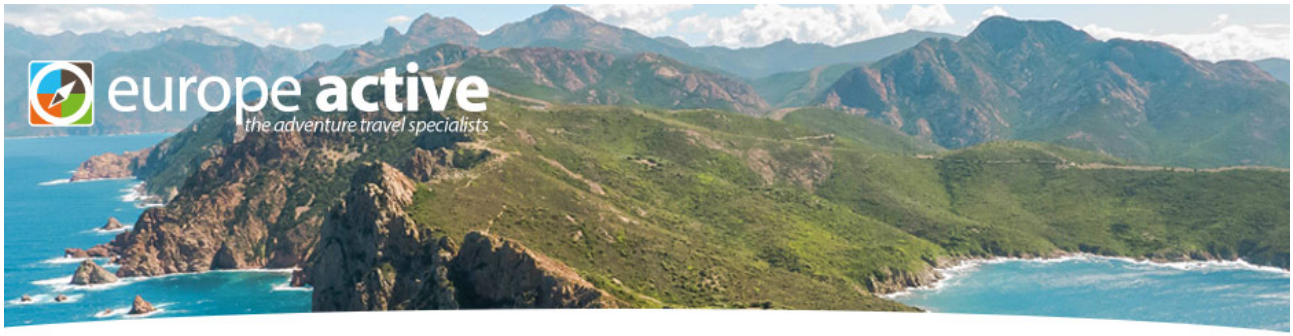

DEPARTURE

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 Méridionale.
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