

France Corsica



Inclusive services

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- 7 nights including breakfast (Saturday to Saturday)
- 6 multi-course dinners
- 1 light dinner with wine tasting on the boat
- Water for dinner
- Aperitif on the day of arrival
- All visitors and tourist taxes
- All transfers as mentioned in the tour description
- All entry fees as mentioned in the tour description
- Rotalis Pedelec
- Rotalis guide
- Rotalis service bus
- Rotalis luggage service
- Wine tasting in the Patrimonio



Tagesablauf

ARRIVAL on Saturday

In Lucciana, not far from Bastia's airport, the newly renovated Hotel La Lagune awaits you with swimming pool and private beach. For dinner we meet in the hotel restaurant.

1. Day: Sunday Lucciana – San-Martino-di-Lota (21 km / 13 miles)

After the adjustment of our bikes, our tour starts right at the hotel. Past the Roman cathedral La Canonica, we reach the railway station of Borgo where we take the train to Bastia, the island's most important port, situated between the mountains and the sea. The Place Saint-Nicolas, fringed by palms and sycamore trees, invites us to linger. There is time to visit the old port and the citadel or to stroll through the small alleyways, before we get back on our bikes. A short ride takes us to a scenic road with views of Cap Corse and, with good visibility, we can even see the island of Elba. In San-Martino we are welcomed by Monsieur Anziani and his family to the Hotel La Corniche (2 nights). Their excellent cuisine and well-assorted wine cellar are known throughout the region.

2. Day: Monday Round trip Sain-Florent (39 km / 24 miles)

On a panoramic road we cycle past mountain villages to the Teghjime pass, with views opening up over Corsica's western and eastern coast. Small paths lead us downhill to Oletta amidst the Patrimonio, one of the island's best wine areas. The conditions are ideal for premium wines, such as the muscat, but also for red and rosé wines of the Nielluccio grape, which we will have the pleasure to taste. After a short ride we reach Saint-Florent. Originating from a Genoese settlement of the 15th century, the tranquil little town, contrary to other ports on the northern coast, remains still unspoiled by tourism. In the afternoon, a bus takes us back to San-Martino. For dinner, we walk into the tiny village center to a very popular restaurant, also managed by Monsieur Anziani.

3. Day: Tuesday San-Martino-di-Lota – Corte (52 km / 32 miles)

A bus takes us in a good hour to Corsica's wild center, where an entirely different landscape awaits us: snow-clad mountains, romantic torrents, and dense chestnut forests. Far from tourist paths, our route leads through tiny stone house villages and along little roads. We leave our bikes behind for a walk to a clearing, for thousands of years a spiritual place, where we encounter witnesses of (early)Christian and megalithic times. After having passed the col Bocca di Sant'Antone of almost 1,000 m, we follow a panoramic route to Corte, Corsica's former capital. At the entrance to the Resonica canyon, we are awaited at the Hotel Dominique Colonna, the best hotel in central Corsica, owned by the eponymous Corsican professional football player who has thus realized a long-cherished dream.

4. Day: Wednesday Round trip Restonica and Corte (33 km / 21 miles)

Directly in front of our hotel, we start today's cycle tour through the beautiful Restonica gorge. Extraordinary rock formations, nice clearings, and the Corte pine tree, indigenous only in this valley, create a wildly romantic atmosphere. At the end of the valley, a rugged mountain scenery opens up onto peaks beyond 2,500 m height. On our way back to Corte, late risers may join us, before we spend the rest of the day in this somehow mysterious town with its picturesque citadel sitting high above on a rocky outcrop. Contested



for centuries by Genoese, French, and Corsicans, it is still said to be the retreat of Corsican separatists. The town has preserved its originality and, with the university founded in 1765 and the many small craft shops in a warren of cobbled lanes radiates a special flair. For dinner we are spoiled with regional specialities.

5. Day: Thursday Corte – Porticcio (59 km / 37 miles)

Take a seat and be amazed! This morning, the famous Corsican railway takes us on one of the island's most beautiful tracks, across viaducts, through canyons of unspoiled nature and through the longest narrow-gauge crest tunnel in France, the extraordinary Vizzavona tunnel. Before climbing up to the Scajella pass on almost 1200 m, where a phantastic view awaits us, we have a worthwhile stop at Corsica's highest waterfall. Then our bikes take us downhill along serpentines to a small mountain village where we have lunch in a typical restaurant. We continue on small roads, ever and again perceiving the glittering sea between the mountains. Riding past the Tolla reservoir, we soon reach Porticcio. For two nights we are welcomed at the Suite Home Porticcio, a comfortable hotel with spacious rooms, swimming pool and garden, located only a few steps from the beach.

6. Day: Friday Round trip Ajaccio (14 km / 9 miles)

We cross the Gulf of Ajaccio by boat and then take a bus to the Tour de la Parata, one of the 67 still existing Genoese towers. From there we walk along the panoramic coastline to a mostly deserted beach with the possibility of taking a refreshing bath. After lunch we cycle to Ajaccio and visit the capital of Corsica and birthplace of Napoleon. There is time left to discover the charme of this lively town by strolling through the narrow lanes, before the boat takes us back to Porticcio. We spend our last evening in a special ambience: On a boat trip around the Iles Sanguinaires into the sunset, we enjoy a light evening meal accompanied by a wine tasting and Corsican music.

7. Day: Saturday Porticcio – Bastia

After breakfast the train takes us back to Bastia. The three hour drive gives us the opportunity to review our week together on this wonderful island. Our tour ends in the early afternoon at the airport.

Extra nights:

We are pleased to help you with your additional hotel reservation (subject to availability):

Being situated in different regions of Corsica, all partner hotels are suitable for an extension of your trip.

Dates and prices

21.09.24 ~~ab 2.699 €~~ **28.09.24** / ab 2.699 €

