

# Discover the north of Corsica on a motorbike

7 days/ 6 nights

We love this circuit and we're very proud of it! It was the very first route we designed for motorcycling and it has stood the test of time. 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.

Trip available with our digital road-book.

Find out about the digital road-book

## YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - The Cape of Corsica

Having arrived in Bastia, your journey starts with a discovery of the Cape of Corsica. You will begin riding 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, 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.

Approximately 130km. Night in St Florent.



Day 2 - The Désert des Agriates and the Balagne

The day begins with a crossing of the 'Desert 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 high. A little later you will make your way to Calvi, a

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pretty seaside port with an imposing citadel.

Approximately 110km. Night in a hotel in Calvi.



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 ride. The route takes you through Galeria, then up and over the col de Palmarella. Following the col, you will 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, swim in the sea, or even take a boat ride to visit the Nature Reserve of Scandola. You could also continue on the bikes to visit the famous Calanches de Piana. 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.

Roughly 110km. Night in a hotel with swimming pool.



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

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on to Evisa, the chestnut capital of Corsica. From here you will get the opportunity to ride up the stunning Gorge de Spelunca, before climbing up through the forest of Aitone 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.

Approximately 140km. Night in a hotel in Corte.



Day 5 - Corte and the Gorges de la Restonica

Here you'll discover a whole new area of the island, the centre and it's capital, Corte. In the morning, you can enjoy a little ride 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 ride through the forest of Vizzavona and cross the village of Ghisoni, before descending to the east coast.

Approximately 170km. Night in a hotel close to the sea.



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

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the pigs, goats and cows which often wander along the roads! From 85 to 160km. Night in a hotel in Bastia.



Day 7 - End of your holiday

End of your holiday after breakfast.

## Additional information

## **TARIFFS**

Price from 530 euros per person.

#### **OPTIONS**

Supplement for July and August departures : 105 euros per person. Renting a motorbike>650cc (fully equipped) : 665 euros per person.

Single supplement : 315 euros per person.

## **INCLUDED**

Nights in hotels, auberges or comfortable chambres d'hôtes, based on two sharing a room. Breakfast, joining instructions, map and road book with gps tracks on our app (a smartphone is required).

#### NOT INCLUDED

Your transport to the island, other transfers not included in the programme, personal travel insurance, drinks, motorbike hire, any repairs, fines, meals (except breakfast), visits of tourist sites, optional activities, personal expenses.

## **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Up to 150kms a day.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

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In hotels, 2 and 3 star in double rooms.

#### **SIZE OF GROUP**

From 2 people

#### **DEPARTURES**

Depart every day from April to 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 bike, 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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