The GT20 Center - From Calvi to Corte

7 days / 6 nights

Take the brand new GT20 route – the Grande Traversée – and fall in love with authentic, unspoilt Corsica. This cycling trip takes you to the heart of the island, between Calvi and Corte, for an unforgettable adventure between sea and mountains.

YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Arrival in Calvi

Free arrival in Calvi.
Calvi is a charming town located in Haute-Corse, on the north-western coast of the Isle of Beauty. Renowned for its Genoese citadel perched on a rocky promontory, it offers exceptional views of the Mediterranean Sea.

Overnight stay in Calvi.

Day 2 - Calvi - Galéria

The road climbs gently as you leave the town, offering superb views of the sea and the Corsican maquis. After a few kilometres of climbing, you will pass through wild landscapes, between mountains, dense vegetation and small streams. Halfway up, you can take a break on the heights to admire the panorama. The last section before Galéria descends gently towards the sea, with spectacular views of the Gulf of Galéria. You arrive in this quiet little village, nestled between the sea and the river, perfect for a swim or a moment of relaxation after your efforts.

Approximately 40km; +314m; -309m

Overnight stay in Galéria.

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Day 3 - Galéria - Porto

You leave Galéria heading towards Porto, beginning a beautiful climb through the Corsican mountains. The climb takes you to the Palmarella Pass, which offers an exceptional view of the Gulf of Girolata, a former pirate hideout nestled between the sea and the maquis.

After a few kilometres, you reach the Col de la Croix (Col de Croce), an ideal place to take a break and enjoy the view. The road continues through spectacular gorges, where the red cliffs and wild vegetation create an impressive backdrop.

Finally, you begin the descent towards Porto, then continue to La Marine to reach your hotel by the water.

Overnight stay in Porto.

Approximately 50km; +578m; -550m

Day 4 - Porto - Piana

Leaving Porto, you head towards Ajaccio via Piana. The road climbs rapidly, gradually revealing the spectacular Calanques de Piana. These impressive red-hued rock formations contrast beautifully with the deep green of the scrubland and the intense blue of the sea below. A breathtaking setting — don't forget your cameras!

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Continue on to the charming village of Piana, perched in the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.
The return journey to your accommodation follows the same route, offering a new perspective on these unique landscapes.

Second night in Porto.

Approximately 25km round trip.

Day 5 - Porto - Calacuccia

Today, you will set off to explore spectacular mountain landscapes as you cross the majestic Aïtone forest before reaching the Niolu region. Composed mainly of Lariccio pines, beeches and chestnut trees, this forest stretches to the Verghio Pass, offering total immersion in one of Corsica's most beautiful forests.

Along the way, you will cross the impressive Spelunca Gorges, a natural site of striking beauty.

You will pass through Évisa, a charming village nicknamed the chestnut capital, which is the gateway to the Aïtone forest. Then, as you cross the Vergio Pass – the highest point on the route – a magnificent panorama opens up over Niolu and Lake Calacuccia, nestled in the heart of the Corsican mountains.

Your stage ends in Calacuccia, a peaceful mountain village bordering an artificial lake, ideal for a quiet stopover, surrounded by nature and tradition.

Overnight stay in Calacuccia.
Approximately 50km; +1592m; -829m

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Day 6 - Calacuccia - Corte

Leaving Calacuccia, you leave the heart of Niolu behind as you take a small winding road that gradually descends towards the valley. You cycle through a wild mountain landscape, between pine forests, craggy rocks and hilltop villages.

The road runs alongside the Golo River, the longest in Corsica, offering beautiful views of its steep gorges. After a few kilometres, you pass near Albertacce and then begin a steeper descent towards Castirla.

As you approach Corte, the terrain becomes gentler, and you join the T20 for a few kilometres, a slightly busier but smooth road that takes you directly to Corte, the historic former capital of Corsica, nestled in the heart of the island.

Overnight stay in Corte.
Approximately 30km; +308m; -698m

Day 7 - End of stay

End of your stay after breakfast.
You can either return the bikes to Bastia by your own means or opt for the collection option in Corte.
Please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a transfer to Bastia or elsewhere depending on your departure.

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Additional information

TARIFFS
Price from 1020 euros per person.

OPTIONS
Single room supplement : 260 euros per person.
Supplement per person for departures in May/June : 50 euros per person.
Supplement per person for departures in July / September : 100 euros per person.
Supplement per person for departures in August : 180 euros per person.
Single supplement in July, August and September : 490 euros per person.
5-day hire of a hybrid bike (VTC) including a helmet, smartphone mount and panniers – to be collected from the shop in Bastia : 240 euros per person.
5-day hire of an electric bike, including a helmet, smartphone holder and panniers – to be collected from the shop in Bastia : 280 euros per person.
5-day hire of an aluminium road bike, including a helmet and smartphone mount – to be collected from the shop in Bastia : 240 euros per person.
5-day hire of a carbon road bike, including a helmet and smartphone mount – to be collected from the shop in Bastia : 360 euros per person.
Bicycle delivery in Calvi, collection in Corte (price to be divided according to the number of people) : 350 euros per person.

INCLUDED
Accommodation in 3-star hotels
Breakfasts
Luggage transfer between each stage
Travel documents (roadbook) on our app (smartphone required)
Europe Active telephone assistance 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

NOT INCLUDED
Meals and drinks not mentioned
Insurance
Airport transfers
Bicycle hire (see options)
Bicycle security deposit: Our rental provider requires a security deposit for each bicycle. The amount ranges from €500 to €800 per bike, depending on the model chosen. This deposit is held (blocked) rather than charged, subject to the rental provider’s terms and conditions.
Anything not mentioned in ‘the price includes’
Bicycle delivery and repatriation (see options)

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
5 days of cycling, with daily stages of approximately 50 km.

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To make the most of your trip while traveling independently, it is essential to have a basic understanding of bicycle maintenance—specifically, how to change an inner tube in the event of a flat tire.

Should a breakdown or technical issue occur that is not the result of a defect in the bicycle, and which requires intervention by our support team, a service fee may be charged.

LUGGAGE
Your belongings will be transported by vehicle. This means you only need to carry your essentials for the day (picnic, camera, etc.).

ACCOMMODATION
In 3-star hotels, in double rooms.

DEPARTURE
Calvi

DISPERSION
Corte

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Are you traveling as a group of 3 or more? Take advantage of a special rate!

We can also tailor this trip to your preferences—whether that means shortening or adjusting the itinerary, selecting higher-category accommodations, or more. We create bespoke travel experiences! Contact us for a personalized quote.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS
In July and August, temperatures in Corsica can be particularly high and the roads busier. We therefore recommend starting your ride early in the morning, to enjoy more comfortable cycling conditions and avoid the hottest part of the day.

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