Cap Corse to the Castagniccia

8 days / 7 nights

Discover an authentic side of Corsica by bike, combining the spectacular landscapes of Cap Corse with the peaceful roads of Castagniccia.

The route first follows the wild coastline of Cap Corse, with turquoise waters, rugged mountains and charming fishing villages, before heading inland to the lush landscapes of Castagniccia, its chestnut forests and hilltop villages.

A cycling journey combining sea and mountains, Corsican heritage and local gastronomy, offering a wonderful way to discover another side of the island.

Trip available with our digital road-book.
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YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Bastia

Your holiday starts in Bastia at your hotel in the afternoon. If you have time to discover the capital of "Haute Corse", it's worthwhile visiting the old port and the citadel. From the old city there are wonderful panoramic views over the sea and surroundings. For dinner, we advise you to go to the old port which has a very lively atmosphere in the summer.
Night in Bastia.

Day 2 - Cap Corse

Depending on the option chosen: bike delivery to your hotel this morning.

In the morning, you get on your bike and set off on a beautiful stage towards the north. The route initially follows the coastline,

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offering lovely sea views, before heading inland through a wooded and unspoilt landscape. You then cross the island to reach the western coast, dominated by impressive cliffs.

Along the way, you will come across Genoese and Paoline towers, reminders of Corsica's history, as well as old convents and mills. You end the day in Centuri, a charming fishing village where you will spend the night.

Cycling distances:
55 km (Elevation gain: 490m / Elevation loss: 490m / Min. altitude: 3m / Max. altitude: 359m)
or 69 km (Elevation gain: 800m / Elevation loss: 800m / Min. altitude: 1m / Max. altitude: 350m)

Day 3 - From the Cape to the Gulf of Saint-Florent.

You leave Cap Corse behind and head south towards Saint-Florent. Depending on the route you choose, you may pass through the village of Patrimonio, renowned throughout Corsica for its prestigious vineyards. Several wineries welcome visitors for tastings of local wines.

Throughout the ride, you will enjoy breathtaking views over the Gulf of Saint-Florent. Once you arrive, take some time to explore the citadel, stroll along the lively harbour and wander through the shopping streets of this charming seaside town.

Overnight in a 3-star hotel in Saint-Florent.

Distances:
58 km (Elevation gain: 706m / Elevation loss: 702m / Min. altitude: 7m / Max. altitude: 197m)
or 60 km (Elevation gain: 866m / Elevation loss: 862m / Min. altitude: 7m / Max. altitude: 233m)

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Day 4 - From Nebbiu to Castagniccia

Today, you leave Saint-Florent and head towards Castagniccia, following the quiet roads through Corsica's inland countryside. After leaving the coast behind, you cross the rolling landscapes of the Nebbio and reach Murato, famous for its remarkable San Michele church, one of the finest examples of Romanesque architecture in Corsica.

The route then continues towards the Col de Lento before gradually descending into Castagniccia and its villages surrounded by chestnut forests. A beautiful cycling day combining mountain scenery, authentic villages and peaceful roads.

Overnight in a guesthouse in Casabianca.

Cycling distance:
63 km (Elevation gain: 1,490m / Elevation loss: 1,070m / Min. altitude: 0m / Max. altitude: 880m)

Day 5 - From Casabianca to Alando

You continue your journey through Castagniccia towards Alando. The route winds its way through the mountains and chestnut forests, passing small hilltop villages and lush green landscapes.

Along the way, you will pass through the village of La Porta, one of the most beautiful villages in the region, known for its

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impressive Baroque church. You then continue through the peaceful roads of Castagniccia before reaching Alando, in the heart of a preserved and authentic Corsican countryside.

Overnight and dinner in a guesthouse in Alando.

Cycling distance:
62 km (Elevation gain: 1,480m / Elevation loss: 1,235m / Min. altitude: 368m / Max. altitude: 982m)

Day 6 - Loop around Alando

This varied day takes you into the Tavignano Valley, descending to Venaco before climbing back up along the small forest road to Noceta. Below, the crystal-clear waters of the Vecchio and Tavignano rivers offer beautiful spots for a refreshing swim in the natural pools.

Between rivers, forests and hilltop villages, this loop takes you deep into the wild landscapes of inland Corsica and is one of the most beautiful nature-focused stages of the trip.

Cycling distance:
60 km (Elevation gain: 1,300m / Elevation loss: 1,350m)

Second night in a guesthouse in Alando, half board.

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Day 7 - From Alando to Moriani

For the final stage of your cycling journey, you leave Alando and head towards Corsica's eastern coast. The route takes you through the rolling landscapes of Castagniccia, passing through Matra and then Cervione, before gradually descending towards the sea.

After several days in the Corsican mountains, you return to the coast and arrive in Moriani-Plage, where you can relax by the sea and enjoy the end of your journey.

Overnight in a 4-star hotel by the sea in Moriani-Plage.

Cycling distance:
Approximately 56 km (Elevation gain: 790m / Elevation loss: 1,559m / Min. altitude: 0m / Max. altitude: 1,086m)

Day 8 - End of stay.

After your breakfast, a transfer can be organized towards the airport or the ferry port. End of holiday.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 1320 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Single room : 620 euros per person.
May and June departures : 90 euros per person.
July to September departures : 230 euros per person.
6-day hybrid bike (VTC) rental, including a helmet, smartphone holder and panniers. : 350 euros per person.
6-day e-bike rental, including a helmet, smartphone holder and panniers. : 390 euros per person.
6-day aluminium road bike rental, including a helmet and smartphone holder. : 350 euros per person.

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6-day carbon road bike rental, including a helmet and smartphone holder. : 480 euros per person.

INCLUDED
Accommodation in 3- and 4-star hotels and guesthouses, based on double rooms
Breakfasts
2 dinners
Local telephone assistance
Daily luggage transfers
Your personalised app with detailed information for each stage (a smartphone is required)

NOT INCLUDED
Transfers not included in the programme (airport, start and end of the trip)
Insurance
Drinks and meals (except breakfast)
Bike rental

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
Between 50 and 70 km per day, with significant elevation gain on some stages.

LUGGAGE
Your luggage is carried by vehicle.

ACCOMMODATION
Accommodation in 3- and 4-star hotels and guesthouses, based on double rooms.

SIZE OF GROUP
Minimum of 2 persons

DEPARTURES
From April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE
Bastia

DISPERSION
Moriani

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Please note that during the summer months, accommodation in the small villages is hard to find and may mean a small variation to the route. We try to keep any variation to a minimum.

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