The full GT20 integral - From Bastia to Bonifacio

11 days / 10 nights

This bike ride follows the new route of the GT20: the Grande Traversée, to discover all of Corsica. Following a route that unfolds on a north-south axis from Bastia, this holiday in its full version will lead you to Bonifacio, southern point of the island.

Trip available with our digital road-book.
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YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Arrival in Bastia

Arrive at your leisure in Bastia, the charming gateway to northern Corsica. Take the time to stroll through its lively streets, discover the characterful old port and explore the citadel, which is open to the public. The perfect start to a journey combining authenticity, history and stunning scenery.

Overnight stay in a 3-star hotel in Bastia.



Day 2 - Bastia - Centuri

Depending on the option you choose: the bikes will be delivered to your hotel this morning, or you can collect them directly from the hire agency.

In the morning, you will hop on your bicycle to begin a superb stage heading north. The route first follows the coastline, offering beautiful views of the sea, before heading into a wooded and unspoilt hinterland. You then cross the island to reach its western coast, dominated by imposing cliffs. Along the way, you will come across Genoese and Paolines towers, witnesses to the past, as well as old convents and mills. You end the day in Centuri, a charming fishing village, where you will spend the night in a hotel*.

Distances:

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



Day 3 - Centuri - Saint-Florent

You leave Cap Corse and head south towards Saint-Florent. Depending on the route you choose, you will have the opportunity to pass through the village of Patrimonio, renowned throughout Corsica for its prestigious vineyards. Several wineries open their doors for tastings of local wines. Throughout the journey, the views of the Gulf of Saint-Florent are breathtaking. Once you arrive at your destination, take the time to visit the citadel, stroll around the lively harbour and lose yourself in the shopping streets of this charming seaside village.

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

Distances : 58 km (D+ : 706m ; D- : 702m ; Min. : 7m ; Max. : 197m)
ou 60 km (D+ : 866m ; D- : 862m ; Min. : 7m ; Max. : 233m)



Day 4 - Saint Florent – Monticello or Ile Rousse

Today, you'll set off to explore the Agriates Desert, a wild and unspoilt area that is unique in the Mediterranean. Passing through hamlets along stony paths, you'll traverse this arid yet fascinating region, gradually drawing closer to the coast. Depending on the route you take, you'll be able to climb up into the heights of the Balagne, where splendid panoramic views of

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the sea and mountains unfold before you. As you make your way back down towards the coast, you'll pass several Genoese towers, watching over the turquoise coves. Your day ends in Monticello, a charming hilltop village. Don't miss the spectacle of the sunset setting the horizon and the islands in the distance ablaze.

Overnight stay in a hotel in Monticello or Île-Rousse, subject to availability at the time of booking.
Distances:
51 km (Ascent: 796 m; Descent: 576 m; Min.: 1 m; Max.: 372 m)
or 82 km (Ascent: 1,638 m; Descent: 1,418 m; Min.: 1 m; Max.: 690 m)



Day 5 - Monticello or Ile Rousse - Galéria

You will pass through the splendid villages of Balagne with their melodious names, Sant'Antonino, Pigna, and many others, to discover their discreet charms. You will reach your evening stop, the small village of Galéria, located by the sea.

Overnight stay in a 2-star hotel in Galéria.

Distances:
63 km (Elevation gain: 630 m; Elevation loss: 814 m; Min.: 4 m; Max.: 467 m)
83 km (Elevation gain: 946 m; Elevation loss: 1,163 m; Min.: 2 m; Max.: 536 m)



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Day 6 - Galéria - Porto

Today, you will continue along a road that is considered one of the most beautiful on the island.
The coastline from Galéria to Porto corresponds to the Gulf of Porto and its immediate surroundings: the Scandola peninsula with Cape Seninu to the north and the Capu Rossu and Orchinu headlands to the south. This extraordinary stretch of coastline is a must-see among Corsica's coastlines.
Along the road, you will have many breathtaking views of the beauty of this coastline.

Overnight stay in a 3-star hotel.
Distance: 51 km (Elevation gain: 577 m; Elevation loss: 550 m; Min.: 4 m; Max.: 413 m)



Day 7 - Porto - Corte

A day with a fairly high altitude. You will cross many charming villages including Evisa, where the chestnut reigns, then the splendid forest of Aïtone.
You will discover one of the most remote areas of the island, the Niolu. You will cross Albertacce, Casamaccioli and Calacuccia at the edge of its vast lake. Passing the splendid Scala of Santa Regina you will reach Corte, your evening stop.

Night in a 3-star hotel on B&B basis.
Approximately 86 km (Elevation gain: 1,823 m; Elevation loss: 1,433 m; Min.: 32 m; Max.: 1,478 m)



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Day 8 - Corte - Zicavo

This day promises to be incredible, a mountain stage through the chestnut trees that will take you through the famous Verde Pass (located at 1289 m) to reach Zicavo, famous for its cold meat.

Zicavo is a mountain village as there are many in Corsica, in the heart of a wild and unspoilt valley. Surrounded by mountains, this village of Haut Taravo in the heart of the Natural Park will seduce you and especially, in summer, its freshness (it is located 750m above sea level).

Night in hotel or B&B, dinner in a local restaurant.
About 80 km (D+ : 1900m ; D- : 1620m ; Min. : 415m ; Max. : 1327m)



Day 9 - Zicavo - Zonza

Today, you will drive on the road crossing the Vaccia pass before reaching the sumptuous and typical village of Zonza. Perched at 762 meters above sea level in the heart of the Alta Rocca, Zonza is prized for its breathtaking setting, which is revealed to the traveler upon arrival. In the distance, on a blue sky, are the famous Bavella needles.

Night in a 3* hotel on B&B basis.
Distance : 44 km (D+: 788m ; D-: 737m ; Min.: 661m ; Max.: 1199m)



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Day 10 - Zonza - Bonifacio

Today you'll pass through the village of Levie. You'll feel right at home in this beautiful natural setting. Then a magnificent view of the Gulf of Porto Vecchio, before arriving in the sumptuous town of Bonifacio.

Overnight in a 3* hotel on B&B basis.
Distance: 71 km (D+: 852m; D-: 1642m; Min.: 0m; Max.: 800m)



Day 11 - End of stay

Your holiday ends after breakfast.
You can either return the bikes to Bastia by your own means, or choose the collection service in Bonifacio.
Please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a transfer to Figari, Bastia or elsewhere, depending on your departure arrangements.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 2250 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Single room : 490 euros per person.
Supplement per person for departures in May/June : 80 euros per person.
Supplement per person for departures in july/september : 200 euros per person.
Supplement per person for departures in August : 260 euros per person.
9-day hire of a hybrid bike (VTC) including a helmet, smartphone mount and panniers – to be collected from the shop : 375 euros per person.
9-day hire of an electric bike, including a helmet, smartphone mount and panniers – to be collected from the shop : 480 euros per person.
9-day hire of an aluminium road bike, including a helmet and smartphone mount – to be collected from the shop : 375 euros

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per person.
9-day hire of a carbon road bike, including a helmet and smartphone mount – to be collected from the shop : 580 euros per person.
Bicycle delivery to Bastia and collection from Bonifacio (price to be split between the number of people) : 350 euros per person.
Transfer from Bastia Airport to Bastia city centre – daytime fare for 1 to 4 people : 70 euros per person.

INCLUDED
Nights in 3-star hotels in double or twin rooms. 1 night in guesthouse.
Breakfasts
1 dinner on day 8 in Zicavo
Luggage transfer
Information package with maps and road-books on our app (a smartphone is required)
Local assistance by phone

NOT INCLUDED
Meals (except breakfasts and 1 dinner on day 8 in Zicavo), drinks
The insurance
Airports transfers (see options)
Bikes (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 included in the description

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
9 days of cycling, with daily stages of approximately 80 km.

To make the most of your trip while traveling independently, it is essential to have a basic knowledge 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 the intervention of our support team, a service fee may be charged.

LUGGAGE
Your luggage is transferred by vehicle. So you only have to take with you day gear (picnic, camera ...).

ACCOMMODATION
In 3-star hotels, in double or twin rooms, one night in guesthouse.

SIZE OF GROUP
From 2 persons

DEPARTURES

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Departure possible every day from April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE
Bastia

DISPERSION
Bonifacio

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.
Corsica ferries: http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O_TvroCFa-WtAodlScA5A
Corsica Linea: https://www.corsicalinea.com/
La Méridionale: http://www.lameridionale.fr

From this city all access is possible by bus and train.

EQUIPMENT TO TAKE
ADVISED MATERIAL TO TAKE WITH YOU (non-exhaustive cheklist) :

As a good preparation is key to a successful stay, here are a few tips to ensure that your trip takes place in optimal conditions.

BIKES
In order that your stay does not turn into a mechanical training course, it's advisable to carry out a meticulous revision of your bike before going on a tour :
- the tyres are well inflated and in good condition
- cables and chain are in good condition
- the transmission elements are clean and oiled
- there are no leaks in the suspensions
- the wheels are well tightened
- the brakes are in good condition (wear + possible leaks)
- the headset has been checked

And don't forget that anomalies are easier to spot on a cleaned bike…

REPAIR MATERIAL
To avoid mechanical problems, it's better to be far-sighted and always carry the basic equipment of a biker:
- 2 inner tubes (puncture sealant is strongly recomended, or puncture sealant strips)
- a pump
- tire irons
- an inner tube repair kit consisting of patches and glue
- a multi-tool
- a small wrench

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- a piece of tire

Also, you can prepare your own toolbox which we transfer with your luggage. You will put in it the following items :
- a brake cable (front and rear)
- a derailleur cable
- a tyre
- one derailleur hanger
- chain oil
- a rag

EQUIPMENT
As you can't judge a book by its cover, cycling slinky shorts won't help you to turn into a cycling champion. However, a minimum of specific bike equipment will be necessary in order to be comfortable :
- a helmet
- glasses
- suitable shoes (no smooth soles)
- a cycling short or short
- a breathable tee-shirt (try to avoid cotton)

DAY BACKPACK
Because it's unpleasant to ride with a too loaded backpack, it's better to think carefully about the necessary things to bring in the backpack for the day:
- a water bag and/or a flask and/or water cans on the bike (2L/day/person minimum)
- provisions (energy bars, dried fruits...)
- the basic repair material for your bike (see above)
- a windbreaker (waterproof)
- picnic
- a headlamp
- a knife
- sun cream (+ lip protection)
- toilet paper
- a first-aid kit (see below)
- your mobile phone + an external battery
- a rubbish bag

PICNIC
In order to avoid unnecessary waste at picnic time, remember to take with you :
- an airtight box (0.5L) with initials marked on the lid and on the box + wide elastics
- reusable cutlery (fork and pocketknife)

TRAVEL BAG
Your luggage is transferred during the day and you will find it every evening at your hotel. It is preferable that your travel bag

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contains the following items :
- a sleeping bag liner (stays in gîtes)
- a change of clothes
- a pair of light shoes for the evening
- a large jumper or fleece jacket
- a small toilet bag with a towel

FIRST-AID KIT
Concerning all our guided stays, the instructor has a first aid kit.
However, it is essential to bring your own first aid kit.
Here is a list of the minimum items to take with you:
- disinfectant
- gauze strips
- plaster
- protective cream for the buttocks
- your personal medicines
- micropur pastilles (water disinfectant)
- a survival blanket
A more complete first-aid kit should be formulated with your doctor.

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

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS
In July and August, temperatures can be particularly high in Corsica and the roads can be busier. We therefore recommend setting off early in the morning, so that you can cycle in better conditions and avoid the hottest part of the day.

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