

## Corsica by bike: GT 20 Bastia to Bonifacio

12 days / 11 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.

[Find out about the digital road-book](#) [Prepare your trip](#)

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arrival in Bastia

Transfer from Bastia airport to your hotel in city centre. This gives you time to discover the capital of Northern Corsica. The old port is superb as well as the freely accessible citadel and the old town which offers a superb panorama on the sea and the surroundings. For tonight, we recommend the old port and its special atmosphere.

Night in 3-star hotel in Bastia on B&B basis.



#### Day 2 - Bastia - Centuri

In the morning you will begin your day by taking your bike and go North, on a road that runs along the sea, through the woodland interior and joins the other side of the island and its beautiful cliffs. Several Genoese towers strew the course as well as old convents and mills. The marinas with their small fishing ports are beautiful. The evening stop is in Centuri, the first fishing port for lobsters in France. Night in a 3-star hotel on B&B.

Distances: 55 km (D+ : 717m ; D- : 715m ; Min. : 1m ; Max. : 390m)

or 69 km (D+ : 1040m ; D- : 1038m ; Min. : 1m ; Max. : 390m)



### Day 3 - Centuri - Saint-Florent

You leave the Cap Corse to go South, towards Saint-Florent. Depending on the chosen route, you can discover the village of Patrimonio, famous throughout Corsica for its vineyards. Tastings are possible in the wine-cellars of the village. The views of the Gulf of Saint-Florent are beautiful throughout the stage. In Saint-Florent, do not miss the citadel and stroll on the harbor and its small shopping streets.

Distances: 56 km (D+ : 1216m ; D- : 1220m ; Min. : 3m ; Max. : 216m)

or 60 km (D+ : 1398m ; D- : 1402m ; Min. : 3m ; Max. : 247m)

Night in a 3-star hotel in Saint-Florent on B&B basis.



### Day 4 - Saint-Florent - Monticello

You cycle today in the heart of the Agriates desert. From hamlet to hamlet, you cross this beautiful desert and you get closer to the sea. Depending on the chosen route, you can take a road that will lead you to the heights of Balagne for beautiful landscapes before descending to the coast and its Genoese towers. You will soon arrive in Monticello, your evening stop. Do not miss the sunset from the village towards the sea.

Distances: 51 km (D+ : 796m ; D- : 576m ; Min. : 1m ; Max. : 372m)

or 82 km (D+ : 1638m ; D- : 1418m ; Min. : 1m ; Max. : 690m)

Night in 3-star hotel on B&B basis.



#### Day 5 - Monticello - Galéria

This day, you'll pass through the splendid villages of Balagne, Sant'Antonino, Pigna and many others, to discover their discreet charms. Then it's on to Calvi.

Calvi, a splendid town with an azure-blue beach, overlooked by mountains and a rocky outcrop dominated by a medieval town, is a real little paradise where life is good. Continue along the coast to your destination for the evening, the small seaside village of Galéria.

Overnight in a hotel 3\* hotel on B&B basis.

63 km (D+ : 957m ; D- : 1173m ; Min. : 4m ; Max. : 536m)

83 km (D+ : 946m ; D- : 1163m ; Min. : 2m ; Max. : 536m)



#### Day 6 - Galéria - Porto

You will continue today on a road that is considered one of the most beautiful in Europe.

A beautiful road winds up and then down towards the Gulf of Porto. With amazing views over Girolata, a beautiful village only accessible by boat or walking. The scenery is incredible, keep your camera handy.

Night in a 3-star hotel on B&B basis.



About 51 km (D+ : 921m ; D- : 903m ; Min. : 5m ; Max. : 411m)



#### **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 83 km (D+ : 2895m ; D- : 2493m ; Min. : 32m ; Max. : 1480m)



#### **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 unspoiled 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+ : 1947m ; D- : 1686m ; Min. : 399m ; Max. : 1314m)



#### 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+ : 1800m ; D- : 1743m ; Min.: 289m ; Max.: 1220m)



#### 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+ : 1014m ; D- : 1783m ; Min.: 0m ; Max.: 1195m)



### Day 11 - End of stay

After breakfast, transfer to Figari airport. End of trip.

## Additional information

### TARIFFS

Price from 2460 euros per person.

### OPTIONS

May & June departures : 115 euros per person.

July & September departures : 300 euros per person.

August departures : 370 euros per person.

Single room : 590 euros per person.

Single room in July, August & September : 750 euros per person.

E-bike rental : 640 euros per person.

Road bike rental - aluminium : 690 euros per person.

Road bike rental - carbon : 760 euros per person.

### INCLUDED

Nights in 2 and 3-star hotels in double or twin rooms. 1 night in guesthouse.

Breakfasts

1 dinner on day 9 in Zicavo

Luggage transfer

Airports transfers

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 9 in Zicavo), drinks  
The insurance  
The bike  
Anything not included in the description

#### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

10 days of cycling with stages of about 80 km per day.

#### **CARRYING**

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

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

In 2 and 3-star hotels, in double or twin rooms, one night in guesthouse.

#### **SIZE OF GROUP**

From 2 persons

#### **DEPARTURES**

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

#### **DEPARTURE**

Bastia airport

#### **DISPERSION**

Figari airport

#### **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 Mériidionale.

Corsica ferries: [http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O\\_TvroCFa-WtAodIScA5A](http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O_TvroCFa-WtAodIScA5A)

Corsica Linea: <https://www.corsicalinea.com/>

La Mériidionale: <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 checklist) :

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 recommended, or puncture sealant strips)
- a pump
- tire irons
- an inner tube repair kit consisting of patches and glue
- a multi-tool
- a small wrench
- 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 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.