GRAVEL 20 – The other side of Corsica by bike

10 days / 9 nights

Discover Corsica in a different way with the Gravel 20, a cycling adventure between sea and mountains, in the heart of a wild and unspoilt island. From Bastia to Porto-Vecchio, cross Cap Corse, explore the inland villages and ride through the unspoilt landscapes of Nebbiu, Castagniccia and Alta Rocca. Along winding country lanes, tracks and paths, embrace the spirit of gravel cycling and let yourself be amazed by the diversity of Corsica's landscapes, at the pace of your own pedalling.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Arrival in Bastia

Arrive at your leisure in Bastia, the charming gateway to northern Corsica. Take the time to stroll through its bustling narrow streets, discover the old harbour, full of character, and explore the citadel, which is open to the public. A perfect start to your journey, combining authenticity, history and stunning scenery.

Overnight stay in Bastia in a 3* hotel.



Day 2 - Bastia - Albo

The bikes were delivered to the hotel this morning.

Let the Gravel 20 adventure begin! You'll head towards Cap Corse, following its east coast as far as Pietracorbara, before crossing the peninsula to reach the west coast. You'll then head back down towards Pino, through the wild landscapes of Cap Corse, before reaching Albo and your seaside hotel, for your first evening overlooking the Mediterranean.

Approx. 67 km: Ascent: 1,146 m; Descent: 1,127 m
Overnight stay in Albo at a 3* hotel

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Day 3 - Albo - Olmeta di Tuda

You leave Albo to continue your gravel adventure along the roads and tracks of northern Corsica. A stop at Nonza is highly recommended so you can admire its hilltop village and its famous black pebble beach. You then head to Patrimonio and Saint-Florent, the perfect place to take a break and explore its charming harbour. You'll then set off again towards Lake Padula, before arriving at your B&B in Olmeta-di-Tuda.

Approx. 44 km; Ascent: 641 m; Descent: 606 m
Overnight stay in a B&B.



Day 4 - From Nebbiu to Castagniccia

This morning, head for the authentic villages of Nebbiu. After the San Stefanu Pass, you'll reach Murato and its famous Church of San Michele, a remarkable example of Pisan Romanesque architecture in Corsica. You'll continue your gravel route towards Lento, on the edge of Castagniccia, a region renowned for its stone villages and lush green landscapes. Winding your way along narrow, twisting roads and paths perfect for adventure, you'll finally reach La Porta, where a guesthouse awaits you for the night.

Approx. 70 km. Ascent: 1,772 m; Descent: 1,302 m

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Day 5 - From La Porta to Alando

You continue your adventure in the heart of Castagniccia, an unspoilt region where stone villages are nestled amongst lush countryside. Passing through Piedicroce, you'll discover the charm of inland Corsica, with its narrow roads and winding tracks, green hills and trails perfect for gravel cycling. You'll then head to Alando, in the heart of this rural and unspoilt part of Corsica, for another stage dedicated to discovery and getting away from it all.

Overnight stay in a guesthouse, dinner included.
Approx. 80 km. Ascent: 1,649 m; Descent: 1,424 m



Day 6 - Alando - Vivario

You leave Alando to continue your journey through inland Corsica, amidst wild, mountainous landscapes. As you follow your gravel route, the narrow roads and tracks gradually lead you towards the hills of the island's centre. A stage full of adventure, where the joy of cycling blends with the discovery of authentic Corsica, far from the main roads. You finally reach Vivario, a mountain village ideally situated for continuing your exploration of inland Corsica.

Overnight stay in a 2* hotel in Vivario, dinner included.
Approx. 56 km. Ascent: 1,107 m; Descent: 1,210 m

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Day 7 - Vivario - Zicavo

Today's route takes you to Ghisoni, a mountain village nestled at the foot of the high peaks. You then continue your journey through the unspoilt landscapes of the island's interior, alternating between small roads and tracks perfect for gravel cycling. You finally reach Zicavo, in the heart of the Alta Rocca, for a peaceful evening in one of Corsica's authentic villages.

Overnight stay in a B&B in Zicavo, dinner included.
Approx. 73 km. Ascent: 1,679 m; Descent: 1,631 m



Day 8 - Zicavo - Zonza

Head for Zonza, a charming mountain village nestled in the heart of the Alta Rocca! Your gravel route takes you through the wild landscapes of southern Corsica, passing through Quenza, a traditional village surrounded by forests and rugged hills. As you approach Zonza, the views become spectacular, with the impressive Bavella Needles as a backdrop. Soak up the authentic atmosphere of this mountain village – a true meeting point between nature, Corsican traditions and the great outdoors – and enjoy an evening in the heart of one of the island's most beautiful landscapes.

Overnight stay in Zonza at a 3* hotel.
Approx. 60 km. Ascent: 1,431 m; Descent: 1,373 m

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Day 9 - Zonza - Porto Vecchio

For this final stage of the Gravel 20, you'll leave the Alta Rocca mountains behind and head for the Mediterranean coast. As you ride, the landscape gradually changes, giving way to gentler hills and the scents of the maquis. You'll arrive in Porto-Vecchio, famous for its charming old town, its marina and its beaches with turquoise waters. A wonderful way to round off your gravel adventure across Corsica, between sea and mountains, with the feeling of having discovered the island in a different light, at the pace of the tracks and country lanes.

Overnight stay in Porto-Vecchio in a 3* hotel
Approx. 55km. Ascent: 755m; Descent: 1520m



Day 10 - End of the trip

Our services end after breakfast.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need a transfer to Figari, Bastia or any other airport!

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Additional information

TARIFFS
Price from 1700 euros per person.

OPTIONS
Single supplement : 450 euros per person.
Supplement per person for departures in May and June : 50 euros per person.
Supplement per person for departures in July and September : 120 euros per person.
Supplement per person for a departure in August : 250 euros per person.
8-day hire of an aluminium gravel bike, including a helmet and smartphone mount – to be collected from the shop in Bastia : 390 euros per person.
8-day hire of a carbon gravel bike, including a helmet and smartphone mount – to be collected from the shop in Bastia : 440 euros per person.
Bicycle delivery to Bastia and collection from Porto Vecchio (price to be divided according to the number of people) : 330 euros per person.
Transfer from Bastia Airport to Bastia city centre – daytime fare for 1 to 4 people : 70 euros per person.

INCLUDED
Accommodation in 2- and 3-star hotels and guesthouses, in double or twin rooms
Breakfasts
3 dinners
Luggage transfer at each stage
The travel pack with maps and a guidebook available on our app (smartphone required)
Europe Active telephone assistance, 7 days a week, from 8 am to 8 pm

NOT INCLUDED
Meals (except breakfasts and 3 dinners), drinks
Insurance
Bicycle hire (see options)
Airport transfers (see options)
Bike deposit: A deposit is required by our rental company for each bike. The amount ranges from €500 to €800 per bike, depending on the model chosen. This deposit is held on hold and not debited, subject to the rental company’s terms and conditions.
Anything not listed under ‘the price includes’

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
8 days of gravel cycling with stages of up to 80 km a day.

To make the most of your trip whilst travelling independently, it is essential that you have a basic understanding of bike mechanics, particularly how to change an inner tube in the event of a puncture.

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In the event of a breakdown or technical issue not caused by a fault with the bike, and requiring the assistance of our support team, a service charge may be applied.

CARRYING
Your belongings will be transported by vehicle. This means you only need to carry your day's essentials with you (picnic, camera, etc.).

ACCOMMODATION
Charming 2- and 3-star hotels and comfortable guest rooms – Room for 2 people.

SIZE OF GROUP
From 2 participants

DEPARTURES
Departures are available every day from mid-April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE
Bastia

DISPERSION
Porto Vecchio

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

We can also tailor this holiday to your preferences: shorten or alter the itinerary, choose higher-category accommodation… We'll create a bespoke holiday for you! Contact us for a personalised quote.

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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