

France Corsica

Pedelec-Journey



Inclusive services

- 7 overnight stays with breakfast (Saturday to Saturday)
- 6 multiple course, selected dinners
- Water at dinner
- All visitor's tax and tourism levies
- All intermediate transfers according to programme
- All admission fees according to programme
- Rotalis Pedelec
- Rotalis travel guide
- Rotalis support vehicle
- Rotalis luggage service
- Wine-tasting in the wine growing region Patrimonio



Tagesablauf

Arrival day: Saturday

Not far from the Bastia airport, the Hotel de la Lagune awaits you in Lucciana, a newly renovated hotel situated in a peaceful location with a swimming pool and its own beach. We will have our first joint dinner in the hotel's restaurant at 8pm.

Day 1: Sunday Lucciana – San-Martino-di-Lota (21 km – 13 miles)

After the adjustment of our E-bikes, we will begin our journey directly from the hotel. Passing the Romanesque cathedral La Canonica, we will cycle to the Borgo train station and will board the train to Bastia. The most important harbour on the island invites one to linger, situated between the 1000 m high mountains and the sea. One feels like one is in a Ligurian harbour town on the Place Saint-Nicolas, which is lined with palms and sycamore trees. Before we mount our bikes again, you will have enough time to visit the pretty old harbours and the citadel, or stroll through the small alleys and squares. After a short ride, we will arrive on a panorama road with views of the Cap Corse, we will even be able to glimpse the Elba Island on the horizon if the weather is fine. In San-Martino, we will be welcomed by the friendly Corsican Monsieur Anziani in the warm and welcoming Hotel de la Corniche (two overnight stays), which stands out with its dream-like location and a fantastic view. The excellent cuisine and the superb wines are known throughout the whole region.

Day 2: Monday Excursion Saint-Florent (39 km – 24 miles)

On a panoramic road we will cycle through small mountain villages on the Teghime-Pass, from where one has a view of the west as well as the east coast of Corsica. Travelling on small paths, we will cycle downhill to Oletta and are in the midst of Patrimonio, one of the best wine-growing areas in Corsica. The conditions for fine wines are ideal here, especially for Muscat, but also for red- and rosé wines from the Nielluccio grape, which we will taste during a wine tasting. We will arrive in Saint-Florent soon afterwards. The tranquil place goes back to a Genoese settlement from the 15th century and, compared to other harbours at the northern coast, has remained untouched by tourism to a large extent. We will travel by bus back to San-Martino in the afternoon. In the evening, we will take a walk in the tiny village centre and will have dinner in a very popular restaurant which is also run by Monsieur Anziani.

Day 3: Tuesday San-Martino-di-Lota – Corte (45 km – 28 miles)

We will travel by bus for about one hour into the wild midst of Corsica. We will find ourselves in a completely different landscape all of a sudden: snow-covered mountains, romantic torrents and dense chestnut forests. Travelling far away from the crowds of tourists, our stage leads us through tiny villages with small stone houses and via small roads, where we will encounter more animals than people. After we have passed the almost 1000 m high Bocca di Sant'Antone, we will glide along a street with beautiful views to Corte, the former capital city of Corsica. At the entrance to the Restonica gorge, we are awaited by the Hotel Dominique Colonna. The former Corsican professional soccer player of the same name fulfilled his dream here and will welcome us for the following two nights in the best hotel in central Corsica.



Day 4: Wednesday Excursion Restonica and Corte (33 km – 20 miles)

The royal stage of our journey begins directly from the hotel. We will cycle on a narrow road through the loveliest valley on the island, the Restonica gorge. Interesting rock formations, clearings and the Corte-Kiefer, which can only be found here give the valley a wild romantic atmosphere. Upon our arrival at the valley's end, we can enjoy the rugged mountain panorama with peaks over 2500 m. Late risers can re-join the group on the way back to Corte. We will dedicate the rest of the day to this mysterious city. Contested by the Genoese, French and Corsicans for centuries, it is still considered as a retreat for Corsican separatists. The city which has preserved its originality has a very special flair today, with the university founded in 1765 and the many small craft shops in the crooked alleys. We will enjoy dinner in a restaurant with local specialties.

Day 5: Thursday Corte – Porticcio (59 km – 37 miles)

Today there are many things to admire. We will travel with the famous Corsican railway over viaducts, through gorges in untouched nature and through the longest narrow gauged railway tunnel in France, the Vizzavona-Scheitel tunnel. Before we reach the almost 1200 m high Scalella-Pass, where a breath-taking view awaits us, it is worthwhile to take a side-trip to the highest waterfall in Corsica, the Brautschleier waterfall. Travelling on countless winding roads, we will cycle into a small mountain village, where we will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. We will then cycle on small roads, continuing downhill. The sea glimmers in the background between the mountains time and again. Passing the Tolla reservoir, we will soon reach Porticcio. We will be staying in the Suite Home Porticcio for the following two nights, which is a comfortable, family- friendly hotel with a pool, garden and spacious rooms, only a short walk away from the beach. As dinner is included in the travel price on the day of arrival, you will have this evening to your own disposal. Enjoy the evening sun during a walk on the beach or a glass of wine.

Day 6: Friday Excursion Ajaccio (14 km – 9 miles + 8 km – 5 miles hike)

After breakfast, we will travel by bus to Tour de la Parata, one of the 67 Genoese towers in Corsica which are still preserved. We will hike from there along the coast to an almost deserted beach, where one can have a swim. After lunch, we will cycle to Ajaccio, the capital of Corsica and the birth city of Napoleon, which you will explore with your travel guide. There is still enough time to discover the charm of this lively small city with the impressive citadel and the narrow alleys, before our boat brings us back to Porticcio. We will enjoy our last evening in a well-run restaurant.

Day 7: Saturday Porticcio – Bastia

After breakfast, we will travel together by train back to Bastia. During the approx. three hour train ride across the island, you will have the time to look back on the past week. Our journey ends in the early afternoon at the train station Casamozza (Bastia), from where you can reach the airport by taxi in about ten minutes.

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

We are pleased to book additional nights for you in our partner hotels (depending on availability). Being situated in different regions of Corsica, all partner hotels are suitable for an extension of your trip. Especially in the inland the arrival and departure might be a bit more complex.



Dates and prices

25.05.24 ~~sale~~ 2.699 € **01.06.24** / ab 2.699 € **21.09.24** ~~sale~~ 2.699 € **28.09.24** / ab 2.699 €

