



## The classic GT20 integral - From 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](#)  
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### 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 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

If renting a bicycle(s): delivery of the bicycle(s) to your hotel in Bastia.

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:

55 km (Elevation gain: 717m; Elevation loss: 715m; Min.: 1m; Max.: 390m)

or 69 km (Elevation gain: 1040m; Elevation loss: 1038m; Min.: 1m; Max.: 390m)



#### **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: 56 km (Elevation gain: 1216m; Elevation loss: 1220m; Min: 3m; Max: 216m)  
or 60 km (Elevation gain: 1398m; Elevation loss: 1402m; Min: 3m; Max: 247m)



#### **Day 4 - Saint-Florent - Monticello**

Today, you will set off to explore the Agriates Desert, a wild and unspoilt area that is unique in the Mediterranean. From hamlets to stony paths, you will cross this arid but fascinating region, gradually approaching the coastline. Depending on the route you take, you can climb to the heights of Balagne, where you will find splendid panoramic views of the sea and mountains. As you descend towards the coast, you will 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 lighting up the horizon and the islands



in the distance.

Overnight stay in a hotel in Monticello \*\*\*.

Distances:

51 km (Elevation gain: 796m; Elevation loss: 576m; Min: 1m; Max: 372m)

or 82 km (Elevation gain: 1638m; Elevation loss: 1418m; Min: 1m; Max: 690m)



#### **Day 5 - Monticello - 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: 957 m; Elevation loss: 1173 m; Min.: 4 m; Max.: 536 m)

83 km (Elevation gain: 946 m; Elevation loss: 1163 m; Min.: 2 m; Max.: 536 m)



#### **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: 722 m; Elevation loss: 697 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 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 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+ : 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 2150 euros per person.

#### **OPTIONS**

Single room : 500 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 : 270 euros per person.

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

Hybrid bike hire for 9 days with helmet, phone holder, smartphone holder and bike delivery in Bastia : 290 euros per person.

Electric bike hire for 9 days with helmet, phone holder, smartphone holder and bike delivery in Bastia : 430 euros per person.

9-day road bike hire with helmet, phone holder, smartphone holder and bike delivery in Bastia : 470 euros per person.

Bicycle collection in Bonifacio (price to be divided according to the number of people) : 350 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

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

Airports transfers

Bikes (see options)

Anything not included in the description

Bicycle return to Bastia (see options)

#### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

9 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 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

#### **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 Mérindionale.

Corsica ferries: [http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O\\_TvrcFa-WtAodlScA5A](http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O_TvrcFa-WtAodlScA5A)

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

La Mérindionale: <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.