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## Experience Corsica - Guide Raid Corsica road cycling trip

The Raid Corsica is a famous cycling route and created by the Audax Club Parisien. This organisation has existed for more than 100 years and is known for the long distance race "Paris-Brest-Paris". Cycling on Corsica is wonderful, the island offers you great rides through the beautiful and varied landscapes. Magnificent nature, a beautiful rocky coastline and lovely sandy beaches. Almost two third of Corsica is covered by natural parks. Furthermore you will experience great climbs and awesome downhill through the beautiful Corsican nature. Corsica is nicknamed "the mountain of the sea". The route of this Raid Corsica is stunning, because of the famous hilly and mountainous scenery.

The tour starts in Bastia, you are cycling northwards around the Cap Corse. You will follow the coastal road with stunning views of the Mediterranean sea. During the tour you will visit many famous places in Corsica like: Porto, Piana, Ajaccio, Bonifacio, Aleria and Castagniccia. Ajaccio is the city where Napoleon was born.

If you looking for tough climbs this will be your change. This tours is only suitable for fit cyclist with daily stages from 100 km to 180 km. If you make it through all of the planned checkpoints of this program, you will get a medal and a certificate. We are there to look after you and provide the best possible assistance, so you just have to concentrate on your cycling! Be part of the Raid Corsica made by Corsicans!

### Jump on your roadbike and enjoy Corsica island

- Visiting UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Explore multiple medieval villages
- Experience the best of Corsica "the mountain of the sea".
- Enjoy the breathtaking views, sandy beaches, rocky coastline and the mountainous roads
- Discover the beautiful French island on a high end road bike
- Visiting Ajaccio, the village where Napoleon was born

### Itinerary

#### Day 1

The Cap Corse - 110km

From Bastia, the tour begins northwards, you cycle around "Cap Corse" (the northern extremity of the island). It is a wonderful undulating coastal road with stunning views of the Mediterranean sea and the islands Capri and Elba. The first main challenge is the Col de la Serra in the picturesque port of St Florent on the south-west side of the Cap.

#### Day 2

Through the Corsican desert to Porto - 169km

Leaving the bay of St Florent you will ride across the 'Desert des Agriates', where an easy climb sets you up for the day (col de Vezzu 311m). After a descent route, you will cycle along the coast before heading into the Balagne with the typical Corsican villages. After cycling through Calvi, with its superb citadelle, a great coastal road awaits for you and leads you to Porto over the Col de Palmarella. Night in Porto

### Day 3

Piana / Over the Col de Vergio into the heart of Corsica - 117

This stage starts with a climb to the city of Piana, through the famous "Calanches" (a UNESCO world heritage site). The route continues through other incredible scenery including the Spelunca gorge and the Aitone forest. the route will go up to the highest Corsican road pass, the Col de Vergio. Once you are on the top, you also need to go down, you will enjoy the 39km downhill. Finally there is a little climb over the Col d'Ominanda (654m) before crossing Corte (396m) and finishing Venaco. Night in Venaco.

### Day 4

From the Center of the island to Ajaccio - 172km

You will be heading southwards and after a few warm-up km on the main road, two of the nicest climbs of the week are waiting for you. You start with the Col de Sorba followed by Col de Verde. After cycling the Col de Verde you can enjoy the downhill that takes you through the villages of the upper Taravu-Valley before riding over the col St Georges (757m) and up again towards Bastelica (770m).Night in Ajaccio

### Day 5

From Ajaccio to Bonifacio - 135km

From the city of Napoleon's birth, the route winds along the coast (over Coti-Chiavari, 486m) until reaching Propriano. After a little loop through the typical village of Sartene (305m). You will follow the main road to Bonifacio (famous for its houses perched precariously on the white cliffs). The last 25km of the stage are nearly flat.Night in Bonifacio.

### Day 6

Over the Col de Bavella to Aleria - 136km

Today's stage is a "road classic". Up to the Ospedale region (forest and lake), over the Col d'Illaratathrough the village of Zonza and up again to the well known Col de BavellaAfter enjoying the great views over the "needles" you will ride down to the east coast until reaching Solenzara. Along the coast the route heads northwards to the ancient Roman city of Aleria. Night in Aleria.

### Day 7

The Castagniccia - 143km

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From the largest plain of the island, you will head into the mountains again. More precisely, you will ride through a very authentic area known for its chestnut forests; the Castagniccia. The main climbs are the Col San Gavino (697m), the Col d'Arcarotta (819m) and the Col Sant'Agostino. You will then ride through some typical villages before reaching the east coast again. Night in Bastia.

Day 8

Departure day

After the breakfast the tour ends. The harbour is just a few minutes away and you have about 20 Km to the airport (we can organize a transfer if needed).

### Airport

- The airports of Bastia and Ajaccio are the most important hubs to Corsica Island. Air Corsica is the main operator to Corsica Island. Easy Jet has several flights to Bastia airport as well.
- Bastia airport (Poretta) lies 22 km from the centre of Bastia. At the arrival halls you can find the bus stop to Bastia city centre. The shuttle bus will bring you in 30 minutes to Bastia's railway station. Taxi ranks are in front of the terminal. The ride to downtown Bastia is roughly € 40.

### Ferry Boats

- The most important ports of Corsica are in Bastia and Ajaccio. Ferry boats leaving to Corsica from Toulon and Nice. Another possibility are the ports of Savona & Livorno in Italy. Corsica Ferries is a France and Italian Ferry Company that operates between France & Italy and the Island of Sardinia

### Booking Information

**Add your start date August 30** • All prices are based on double rooms • For bookings and inquiries contact us [info@cycleclassictours.com](mailto:info@cycleclassictours.com)

### Extra Information

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to [info@cycleclassictours.com](mailto:info@cycleclassictours.com)
2. Once we receive your request we contact our local tour operator if the tour is available.
3. When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and send you over to our tour operator
4. We tend and try to send all over within 48 hours.
5. You will receive an invoice, the tour program and the terms and conditions of the tour

operator.

6. Please do not make travel plans until you receive our confirmation.
7. Please be advised that we make every effort to ensure that all the information given on this site is accurate. All statements and information has been researched and supplied by third parties.
8. The information given is accurate and reliable, to the best of our knowledge. Should errors be found, we will rectify them as quickly as possible. However, we accept no responsibility for errors or inaccuracies.

## Included

- 2 & 3 \*\*\* hotels with double or twin rooms
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- Assistance Number
- All picnics and dinners from picnic lunch on day 1 to dinner on day 7 (except dinner in Ajaccio)
- All breakfasts.
- Assistance (driver + vehicle) during the entire tour. 7 nights
- 2\*\* and 3\*\*\* stars hotels in double/twin rooms.

## Not Included

- Single room : 330€
- Aluminium road bike rental (triple crankset) - SPECIALIZED Secteur Sport : 170€
- Aluminium road bike rental (compact crankset) - TREK Domane AL3 2018 : 190€
- Carbon road bike rental (V-brake) - LOOK 566 Ultegra : 220€

- Carbon road Bike rental (Disc brake) - TREK Emonda SL6 2018 : 270€
- GPS rental : 70€
- GPS tracks on USB stick : 25€
- Transfer at the beginning from the airport to Bastia, or at the end from Bastia to the airport : 55€
- The transfer to the starting point of the tour, and the transfer after the tour
- Unplanned transfers
- Dinner in Ajaccio
- Optional activities
- Bike rental, possible repair costs
- Personal spending.