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**EXTRA PLACES AVAILABLE NOW FOR 2020!** Be part of the Raid Corsica made by Corsicans! The Raid Corsica Audax Club Parisien trip is a For trained road cyclists. Daily stages from 100 Km to 180 Km, with some steep climbs (up to around 10% on some sections). The 2020 is available 8 days – 7 nights from €1195 send an email to [info@cycleclassictours.com](mailto:info@cycleclassictours.com)

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## Guided racing cycling holiday

Cycling on Corsica Island is very special. Your start of the cycling week will be in Bastia and ends in Bastia. The island attracts many road cyclists from all around the world. Beautiful landscapes are waiting to be discovered. Almost two-third of Corsica Island is covered by natural parks. Corsica is also known as “the mountain in the Sea”. The mountainous terrain makes Corsica not an easy island to cycle but that makes it more challenging to cycle. The route is famous because of the stunning landscapes, crystal-clear waters, impressive cliffs and spectacular views. Furthermore you’ll cycle tough climbs, great downhill’s through undulating natural beauties. Especially the rugged Mediterranean coast is typical for the islands culture and heritage.

On all cycling days you’ll climb some 700m on the mountains a day and you’ll cycle around the 100 km. These two things makes this cycle trip a real challenging cycling week. You discover the amazing scenery that this Mediterranean island has to offer. Ride along the roads switching between coast and mountains and meet proud local people who will show their passion for food and traditions.

The accommodatiosn are all well located and offers all comfort you need; whether in hotels, guest houses and auberges (double rooms). Certainly this guided Road Cycling trip on Corsica island is a must do for every keen cyclist!

## Join us and get a fantastic cycling holiday on the Island of Corsica!

- Bastia, Corsica's historic capital
- Steep climbs followed by spectacular descents
- The perfectly paved Route National the Coastal road to the bay of Porto
- Fantastic panorama view over the city of Bastia and the bay of St-Florent
- The beautiful Bay of Propriano
- Pure nature region of Castagniccia known for its old chapels
- Well located accommodation’s like gîte d’etape, hotels and typical Corsican auberges
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## Itinerary

## Day 1

Bastia to Calvi 115 km or 140 km

Starting point – Day 1 Bastia center, at 11.00am. You will meet your fellow cycling friends in front of the tourist office (on the place Saint Nicolas). If you require an overnight before day one just let us know and we book a hotel nearby. Your first cycling day on Corsica Island you'll cycle from Bastia to Balagne. You first head west up to Col de Teghime. Here you'll have a fantastic panorama view over the city of Bastia and the bay of St-Florent. The road sweeps downhill from here through Patrimonio, a region known for its vineyards (a quick stop to taste a few good wines is not a bad idea). After Patrimonio you cross St-Florent and ride through the Corsican desert (le désert des Agriates), before reaching the small villages of the Balagne, on the northwest coast. Accommodation in Calvi. Option 1 is approx 115km - 2000 heightmeters - Max height is 549 meter. Option 2 is approx 140km - 2450 heightmeters Max height: 685m

## Day 2

Calvi to Porto 105 km or 170 km

The second day brings you to the bay of Porto The route follows the coastal road along crystal clear waters, and offers some stunning views. The major climb of the day is the Col de Palmarella. After the "Col de la Croix", through a few typical villages, you'll reach Porto and its famous Genoese tower. If you want to, you can ride up to the "Calanques de Piana" (an extraordinary rock formation, UNESCO world heritage). Accommodation in Porto. Option 1 approx 80km -1300 heightmeters - 105km with Calanques de Piana" Max height: 408m. Option 2 is approx 170km - heightmeters 3000m Max height: 1084m

## Day 3

Porto to Corte 115 km

Another exciting day on your road bike! You'll leave Porto behind you for a nice ride through the Spelunca gorges in the heart of Corsica. You'll ride through stunning gorges into the Aitone-forest and up to the highest road pass of the island, the Col de Vergio. Don't be surprised to see some pigs, cows, goats or other wildlife on your way. A long downhill awaits you (the twisty and narrow Scala Santa Regina is just pure pleasure!), before crossing Corte (where the island's university is located) and finally reaching the region of Venaco. Accommodation in Corte 115km -heightmeters 2980m - Max height: 1477m

## Day 4

Corte to Propriano 110 km or 145 km

You're right in the middle of Corsica island. After breakfast your day starts directly with a climb to Col de Vizzavona followed by a short fast downhill before climbing again, up to the top of Col de Scajella. Further on the route undulates through some old historical villages. Your hotel accommodation is situated in the bay Propriano with a spectacular view over the Mediterranean. Accommodation in Propriano. Option 1 110km - heightmeters 2300m - Max height: 1178m. Option 2 About 145km - heightmeters 2500m - Max height: 1178m.



## Day 5

Propriano to Cozzano 95 km or 115 km

Unfortunately you leave the beautiful Bay of Propriano behind. This day you'll cycle through the region of Alta Rocca. You'll pass nice picturesque villages and many olive trees fields. From Zonza the climb starts to one of the most famous mountains in Corsica: Col de Bavella. Relax on top and enjoy the amazing views before you continue your way to the last col of today: Col de la Vaccia. Option 1 - 95km -heightmeters 2400 Max height: 1190m. Option 2 more hard with "Aiguilles de Bavella Approx 115km - hieghtmeters 2800m Max height: 1205m

## Day 6

Cozzano to Corte 80 km or 100 km

Almost your last cycling day. Today's stage goes from Coscione to the historical capital of Corsica. Warm up your legs before you'll conquer the first climb out of three: Col de Verde. A beautiful road through the Verde-forest followed by the next uphill section, up the superb Col de Sorba. Enjoy the views but keep your eyes on the road during the long and twisty descent. The next pass is a bit easier and also offers unique views over the Corsican countryside. Down again on a superb and twisty road, before rolling the last few km into Corte, historical capital of the island. Option 1 - Approx 80kms heightmeters 1750m - Max height: 1314m. Option 2 more hard approx 100km - heightmeters 2250m - Max height: 1314

## Day 7

Corte to Bastia 105 or 123 km

Your last cycling day. Immerse and cycle the Castagniccia area of Corsica. Today's route winds through the pure nature region of Castagniccia known for its old chapels, natural water sources and centuries old chestnut trees. That's pure nature!! Keep your eyes open for the "Milan Royal" (a local Corsican bird ). Soon you will reach the east coast again, and Bastia is not much further. Option 1 Distance 105km to the airport with 2150 heightmeters or 123km ( if you want to stay at the port) - Max height: 985m.

- We can book an extra night for you in Bastia or in Lucciana near the airport.

## 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*

- All prices are based on double rooms
- For bookings & inquiries: send an email to [info@cycleclassictours.com](mailto:info@cycleclassictours.com).

Dates 2020:

- May 31 - 06 June 2020
- NEW ! 31 August- 07 September 2020 > Raid Corsica Hard from € 1195.00 - All picnics and dinners from picnic lunch on day 1 to dinner on day 7 (except dinner in Ajaccio), all breakfasts. The luggage transfer between hotels. Assistance (driver + vehicle) during the entire tour. 7 nights in 2\*\* and 3\*\*\* stars hotels in double/twin rooms.

## 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.
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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

- 6 nights lodging in 2\* and 3\* boutique hotels & auberge in double rooms
- Daily breakfast
- Dinner from day 1 to day 6
- Lunches from day 1 to day 7.
- Van assistance and luggage transfer during the stages.
- GPS Routes

### **Not Included**

- Single supplement € 220
- June / September departures €50
- June / September single room € 250
- Airfares
- Insurance
- Carbon road bike rental (V-brake) - LOOK 566 Ultegra € 220
- Carbon road Bike rental (Disc brake) - TREK Emonda SL6 2018 € 270
- Airport transfers
- Personal expenses
- The transfer to the starting point of the tour, and the transfer after the tour.
- Optional activities to the programme
- Eventual repair costs.