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**Self Guided South Corsica road bike bike Trip. From March 1 until October 31**  
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The best time to cycle on Corsica island is April, May, June or September and October. In July and August it can be hot. Your start will be in the pleasant town of Ajaccio. One of the most famous Frenchman of all times, Napoleon Bonaparte was born her in 1769. On your first cycling day you'll leave the city of Ajaccio for a scenic coastal ride along countryside roads. The route is famous because of the stunning landscapes, crystal-clear waters, impressive cliffs and spectacular views. You'll visit and cycle through villages like : Propiano, Bonifacio, Porto Vecchio and Zonza. Highlights are : the scenic coast ride along the most beautiful beaches of Corsica, including Palombaggia and Santa Giulia and the delightful Gulf of Propiano.

This South Corsica self-guided itinerary on road bike will enable you to enjoy the beautiful South of Corsica . Cycle south from the stunning city of Ajaccio to the south of the island and the discover the chalk cliffs of Bonifacio.

Don't forgot to visit the wonderful town of Bonifacio with its cliff-top citadel. More challenging are the climbs on day 5 from the pleasant town of Porto Vecchio via the legendary Col de l'Ospedale where pro cyclist like Valverde, Froome and Contador have demonstrated their talent year after year during the Criterium International. Finally on day 7 you'll arrive back in Ajaccio. The city has a great Mediterranean climate. The inhabitants of Ajaccio are also known as the Ajacciens or Ajacciennes. Furthermore If you have time left you can visit Casa Buonaparte Homebase of Napoleon.

## Jump on your bike and cycle the South of Corsica

- Ajaccio, one of the most famous Frenchman of all times, Napoleon Bonaparte was born her in 1769.
- The beautiful Bay of Propriano
- Stunning landscapes, crystal-clear waters, impressive cliffs and spectacular views
- A scenic coast ride along the most beautiful beaches of Corsica, including Palombaggia and Santa Giulia
- Immerse and cycle the West Coast of Corsica
- The beautiful village of Porto Vecchio

## Itinerary

### Day 1

#### Check in

Check in around 14.00 at your hotel. For those who want to have an airport pick up please contact us. There will be a bike fitting and briefing for this self guided South Corsica trip. Depending on the time of your arrival, you'll be able to explore Ajaccio.

### Day 2

#### Ajaccio to Propiano 75 km or 115 km

Unfortunately you leave the pleasant city of Ajaccio. One of the most famous Frenchman of all times, Napoleon Bonaparte was born her in 1769. On your first cycling day you'll leave the city of Ajaccio for a scenic coastal ride along countryside roads. This stage goes uphill to Coti Chiavari. From this enchanting village, you get spectacular views over Ajaccio. Next, you'll descend to the village of Propriano with its fine sandy beaches. Cyclists, who feel brave enough to tackle the Col de Siu, will have the opportunity to admire the Gulf of Propriano from above. Climbing meters 876 short - 1870 long distance. Accomodation in Propiano

### Day 3

#### Propiano to Bonifacio 65 km or 120 km

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After leaving the delightful Gulf of Propriano, you'll cycle through Sartène and head to the south of the island with brilliant views over the majestic coves along the route. Cycling to Bonifacio should not be a problem for you and you'll have enough time to explore this wonderful Corsican town. Uptown, Bonifacio's cliff-top citadel stands as an architectural marvel, rising up proudly over the rest of town. Stunning landscapes, crystal-clear waters, impressive cliffs and views to the Sardinia's coastline makes it an unforgettable day on Corsica island. Climbing meters 940 short - long 2240. Accommodation in Bonifacio.

#### Day 4

Bonifacio to Porto Vecchio 60 km or 95 km

Your short version of this stage is also the easiest: you'll cycle inland and then eastward to reach the coastline. A scenic coast ride along the most beautiful beaches of Corsica, including Palombaggia and Santa Giulia, will surely tempt you to go for relaxing swim in the Tyrrhenian Sea. Mountain-lovers will undoubtedly enjoy the second version of this stage, with a 15 km ride around the Col de Bacinu and spectacular views over Porto Vecchio. Climbing meters 821 short- 1650 long distance. Accommodation in Porto Vecchio.

#### Day 5

Porto Vecchio to Zonza 60 km or 90 km

For this fifth day of the tour you'll have two different itineraries. The first one will lead you directly to Zonza via the legendary Col de l'Ospédale where Professional racers like cyclists such as Froome, Evans or Contador have demonstrated their talent year after year during the Criterium International. On top you'll see the Dam of Ospédale which offers lunar-like landscapes and stunning pine tree forest. The second itinerary includes a coastal ride northwards, along a very narrow and uphill road which leads you to the village of Conca, where the GR20 officially ends. You'll also have the chance to climb the Col de Bavella. This 30 km detour is easy to start however the ascent gets a bit steeper as you try to reach the 1240m summit. Climbing meters 1580 short - 1950 long distance. Accommodation in Zonza.

#### Day 6

Zonza loopride 65 km or 85 km

There are two routes or a day at leisure... Today, you'll have the choice to stroll down the streets of the enchanting village of Zonza or go for a swim in natural pool. The riding option: You'll ride through several charming little villages and for sure you discover the authentic side of Corsica with its friendly locals. This particular stage will end with a gentle 25km uphill ride (available for both versions of this route). Climbing meters 1330 short - 1610 long distance. Accommodation in Zonza

#### Day 7

Zonza - Ajaccio 95 km or 120 km

Your last cycling day. Immerse and cycle the West Coast of Corsica. One of the toughest rides

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of today's stage is the Col de St Eustache. After this tough climb you freewheel down with a sensational 15km descent. Along the way you will be able to feel the typical Corsican ambience and pass tiny little old Corsican cottages on this 'relaxing' cycling day. Second option is the harder version that will bring you to the Col de Saint Georges, which is named after a spring, and the Col de Cricheto (725m). You will also cycle through Tolla Lake before you arrive back in Ajaccio. The city has a great Mediterranean climate with an average annual sunshine of 2726 hours. The inhabitants of Ajaccio are known as Ajacciens or Ajacciennes. If you have time left you can visit Casa Buonaparte Homebase of Napoleon. Night in Ajaccio. Distance: approximately 95km or 120km. Climbing meters 1550m or 2060m.

Day 8

Departure

Departure day.....Time to say goodbye, a good flight back home or a pleasant stay on Corsica Island. Airport transfers on request.

## 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 & inquires: send an email to [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

2. Once we receive your request we contact the local tour operator if the tour is available.
3. When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and charge you're a deposit fee of €425 per person plus a € 15 booking fee.
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. Your confirmation invoice contains a statement reflecting of your deposit payment and the balance due.
8. The balance payment is due 60 days before the start of the tour.
9. 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.
10. 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**

- 7 nights lodging in 3\* hotels
- Routes maps and information package
- Daily breakfast from day 2 to day 8
- All baggage transfers
- GPS routes

## **Not Included**

- Airfares
- Insurance
- Airport transfers
- Carbon Road bike € 220 Look
- Carbon Road bike Disc Trek Emonda SL6
- E Bike €170
- Single room supplement €400
- Supplement for July, August and september departures €130
- Personal expenses