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TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING LEVEL 3

Europe / France / Corsica

Corsica Bike Tour

L'Île de Beauté: All is Color and All is Light

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Pedal along the Cap Corse, the peninsula that juts into the Mediterranean and surrounds you with the sea on all sides
- Catch a speedboat to the Scandola Nature Reserve, where UNESCO-listed formations of red rock mark the Corsican coast
- Enjoy unforgettable dining experiences like a sunset dinner overlooking the port in Saint-Florent and a five-star feast at La Villa Calvi
- Experience Corsica's unique island identity, whether you're tasting local Patrimonio wines and Corsican olive oil or swimming at secluded beaches









ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- **Airport City**: Bastia, France
- **Pick-Up Location**: Bastia Airport or downtown hotel
- **Pick-Up Time**: 10:00 am

Departure Details

- **Airport City**: Calvi, France
- **Drop-Off Location**: Calvi Airport
- **Drop-Off Time**: 10:00 am

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or **emergency@duvine.com**.

Travelers Take Note

The boat rides on Day 3 and Day 5 are weather permitting and subject to change.



Tour By Day

DAY 1 Welcome to l'Île de Beauté

Your guides will welcome you at the Bastia airport before transferring you to the outskirts of the small town of Patrimonio, the birthplace of Corsican wine. Setting the tone for an exceptional week of riding, we set off on our first ride along the island's northernmost peninsula, Cap Corse. Carved into the contours of the rocky seaside mountains, pedal the iconic D80 road surrounded by sweeping views of bright blue Mediterranean waters, secluded pebbly coves, and sleepy fishing villages to the perched village of Nonza. Here, we dismount and take a short walk to a Genoese watchtower before a revitalizing lunch. Returning along the coast, we venture inland to Patrimonio for wine tasting that highlights the local Nieluccio variety. Later, a short ride brings us to Saint-Florent, where a beachfront hotel awaits for a two-night stay. Raise a glass of local Patrimonio wine to celebrate our first day and enjoy a delicious welcome dinner in the town. Anticipate a seafood extravaganza as our chosen restaurant transitions from a vibrant fish market by day to a Michelin-recommended restaurant by night.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Bastia, Patrimonio, Nonza, Patrimonio, Farinole, Saint-Florent
Accomplished: 25 miles / 41 km, elevation gain: 2,483 feet / 716 meters
Accommodations: **La Roya**

DAY 2 Bike / Eat / Hike / Beach

This morning, set off by speedboat for northern Corsica's most beautiful beach, the Plage de Saleccia. On our own secluded stretch of powdery white sand, spend time swimming or sunning before we begin a trek on the Sentier des Douaniers, a trail that cuts through the Désert des Agriates—a wild landscape of flowers, desert scrub, and salty air—and arrives at Loto Beach. Finish the hike with another dip, then refuel with a seaside lunch. After, return to Saint-Florent for an afternoon ride in the surrounding hills thick with maquis—a shrub that also became a general term for the French Resistance during the Second World War. This evening, dine at the hotel and catch a classic Mediterranean sunset over the port of Saint-Florent.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Oletta, Saint-Florent, Saleccia Beach, Loto Beach
Accomplished: 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 2,591 feet / 790 meters; 4 miles / 7 km hiking
Accommodations: **La Roya**

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DAY 3

The Littoral

Today, choose to begin riding straight away or transfer for a leisurely start to a delightful descent on the outskirts of L'Île-Rousse, which delivers us into the countryside dotted with sleepy villages. Our winding route on the littoral arrives at the stacked village of Pigna, where we'll pass by local boutiques selling hand-blown glass, ceramics, and Corsican handicrafts, then stop for a tapas-style lunch overlooking the Bay of Calvi. Fresh goat cheese and fig jam, homemade breads, tapenades, pâté, and so much more are on the menu today. From here, transfer to our next hotel outside of Calvi, or finish riding right to the front door, gaining plenty of hard-won elevation along the way. Settle into your room for a three-night stay at La Ville Calvi before reuniting for a crisp glass of rosé. We'll later shuttle to the cobbled city of Calvi for a delightful dinner at the port.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Désert des Agriates, Monticello, Corbara, Pigna, Calvi
Accomplished: 37 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 3,523 feet / 1,074 meters
Longer Option: 52 miles / 84 km, elevation gain: 4,826 feet / 1,471 meters
Accommodations: La Villa Calvi

DAY 4

Where Mountains Meet Sea

Today, we will pedal into the picturesque inland countryside of Balagne, where charming villages perch on the hillsides. Our route winds along the plateau until we reach the hilltop village of Montemagiorre where we pause for a snack paired with stunning views. In Zilia, a town famous for its shortbread, thermal springs, we will challenge our palates with a vertical tasting at a winery established in 1968, predating the birth of the Calvi AOC—a distinction used to certify the geographical origins of wines in France. Afterwards, head back to the coast from the foothills of Monte Grosso for a relaxed, beachfront lunch and a swim in the sea. Upon returning to the villa, relax by the pool and ponder dinner options for your free night in Calvi—your guides have a wealth of recommendations, whether you prefer a spot in the heart of town or a scenic option right on the beach.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Destinations: Montemagiorre, Zilia, Calenzana, Calvi
Accomplished: 37 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 2,021 feet / 616 meters
Accommodations: La Villa Calvi

DAY 5 Calvi Coast

Another day of exploration awaits! We'll begin the day cycling along a breathtaking coastal road carved into the cliffs, making our way to the village of Galéria. From there, a small boat will ferry us to the Scandola Nature Reserve, a breathtaking collection of ragged red cliffs reflected in the deep turquoise waters of Corsica's gulf. Keep soaking in the scenery during a picnic lunch, then return to dry land in Calvi with time for souvenir shopping or a rest at the hotel. Later, we'll reconvene for a final dinner in the hotel's lovely indoor-outdoor restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Galéria, Scandola, Calvi
Accomplished: 24 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 2,552 feet / 778 meters
Accommodations: **La Villa Calvi**

DAY 6 Au Revoir

Take your time enjoying an excellent breakfast at the hotel—you've earned it. Reflect on the amazing rides you just accomplished before your guides see you off at the Calvi airport.

Meals: Breakfast
