

Around Corsica's towers

7 days/ 6 nights

Discover a completely different side of Corsica and explore the island's rich cultural heritage.

There are approximately 60 Genoese towers left on the Isle of Beauty, most of which are in ruins. Some, however, have actually been restored. Full of historical charm, these circular or square-shaped towers will undoubtedly sweep you away.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - The Cape of Corsica and its towers

Arrival in Bastia. Today's journey will lead you to discover the Cape of Corsica, a piece of land scattered with more than 30 ancient Genoese towers. Once a popular spot for Barbarians, the Cape of Corsica also became a strategic point where Corsicans would watch out for enemies.

Next, head to Mियो, a village with a very well-preserved tower, and continue your journey to Erbalunga, which is a fishing village where its old signal tower dominates the rest of the landscape. After going through Macinaggio and the beautiful Tower of Santa-Maria, drive in the direction of the northern tip of the Cape. After that, you will also come across the Tower of Rogliani, and the villages of Centuri and Pino, where you will be able to have lunch. Ride to the other side of the cape and visit the towers of Nonza, Albo and Cannele which are spectacular architectural gems, before reaching Saint Florent or the 'Saint-Tropez of Corsica'.

Night in hotel*** in St Florent.

Distance: 130km.



Day 2 - The coast of the Balagne region

After leaving Saint Florent and the weathered tower of Mortella, start your crossing of the Désert des Agriates. Shaped by beautiful deserted coves, this protected natural reserve releases heady whiffs and fruity scents.

Then, follow the western coastline, which is dotted with Genoese towers, and reach Calvi in order to explore its salt tower, its port and imposing Genoese citadel, perched atop a promontory rock.

Night in Hotel*** in Calvi.

Distance: 80km.



Day 3 - From Calvi to the Calanches de Piana

Start today's journey by discovering Calvi and its magnificent citadel, if you haven't already done so.

Then, continue driving along one of the island's most beautiful piece of coastline in order to reach Galéria, where you will come across a tower dominating the mouth of the Fango River. End today's journey by travelling to Porto and the unusual square-shaped tower of Girolata.

Night in hotel *** in Porto.

Distance: 110km.



Day 4 - From Porto to the imperial city

Your itinerary will lead you to drive past the Tower of Porto and its museum, which has an exhibition on the history of Corsica's Genoese towers. The square-shaped Tower of Porto will also offer you breathtaking views over the Gulf of Porto, the Calanches de Piana and the Scandola Nature Reserve.

Next, head southwards and walk up to the highest tower in Corsica (walking: 1h30), the Tower of Turghjiu, which also happens to be the most visited tower on the island.

Then drive in the direction of Cargèse - otherwise known as the Greek Corsican city - and its weathered tower. You will also be

able to discover seven other similar monuments in this particular region. A stop near the Tower of Sagonne and Parata will also enable you to enjoy magnificent panoramic views over Corsica at sunset. Finish today's journey in Ajaccio.

Night in hotel*** in Ajaccio.

Distance: 130km.



Day 5 - From the Gulf of Ajaccio to the City of Salt

Leave Ajaccio and start today's drive by visiting the Tower of Capitello, which stands on a small cliff that overlooks the mouth of the Gravonna and the Prunelli Rivers. Then, speed off to Propriano and its spectacular Tower of Campomoro. From its heights, you will be able to get spectacular views over the Gulf of Valinco. Nearby stands the Tower of Roccapina, an extraordinary site not far away from the town of Sartène or the 'most Corsican of all Corsican cities'. Finally, head off to Bonifacio and its impressive chalky cliffs. Once there, you can stop at the Tower of Pinarellu, which overlooks the beach.

Night in hotel *** in Porto-Vecchio.

Distance: 180km.



Day 6 - The East Coast and its towers

During today's stage, you will drive along the eastern coastline. Keep your eyes wide open, as its charming landscape is sprinkled with amazing Genoese towers including that of Diana, near Aléria.

Take your time to enjoy strolling down the streets of the little villages in the area, or instead go for a swim in one of the natural swimming pools near Solenzara. You will end today's journey by driving back oriental coast and your hotel*** in Prunete.

Distance: 180km.



Day 7 - Your trip ends here

Make the most out of your last day in Corsica and enjoy doing whatever you want! Visit Bastia and its surroundings including the hilltop villages of Cardo, San Martino di Lota or Ville di Pietrabugno and its citadel.

Your trip ends here.

If you would like us to book your ferry crossing, please do not hesitate to contact us either by email or telephone.



Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 580 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Supplement for July and August departures : 130 euros per person.
Supplement single bedroom : 340 euros per person.
Car rental (clio or similar) : 380 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Nights in ** and *** hotels
Breakfasts
The travel file including a digital roadbook accessible on mobile application
Assistance 7 days a week, from 8am to 8pm, during the stay.

NOT INCLUDED

Air or sea transport
Transfers not provided for in the programme
Insurance
Drinks, meals
The car, any repairs, fines, etc.
Site visits
Optional programme activities
Personal expenses
Any tourist tax to be paid on site.
Anything that is not indicated in the section "This price includes".

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Distances: up to 170km a day.

ACCOMMODATION

In 2 and 3 star hotels - Room for two people

SIZE OF GROUP

From 2.

DEPARTURES

Every day from the beginning of April to the end of October (please contact us for November departures).

DEPARTURE

Bastia. For more details or if you would like us to book your flight/ ferry crossing, please contact us either by email or telephone.

DISPERSION

Bastia.

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 Mériidionale.

Corsica ferries: http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O_TvroCFa-WtAodIScA5A

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

La Méridionale: <http://www.lameridionale.fr>

From this city all access is possible by bus and train.