



E-bike trip in Cap Corse

Spectacular coast & history tour about American palaces
with a night at one of this palazzu

During your e-bike trip, you travel across the Cap Corse, the northern tip of the « Ile de beauté », the Island of Beauty. The electric bike is the perfect means of transport : you can move along small cliffs, narrow and sinuous roads; get down and have a break whenever you want. With this six day program by bicycle with electrical assistance, you can take your time to visit this « island within an Island », region of Corsica forgotten by tourist tours.

The Cap Corse is a rocky mountain that falls into the sea, with more softness on the east side, at the Tyrrhenian Sea, and violence on the west, on the Mediterranean side. Contrary to the rest of Corsica, the Cap Corse inhabitants are navigators. Two centuries ago, a lot of them migrated to America. Back home, it was good taste to show its wealth. The ones that we call « The Americans » have built impressive constructions, called the « American palazzi ».

For this e-bike trip, in the Cap Corse, you have a travel journal to discover these « American Palazzi » and others architectural extravagances.

Depending on the sites and monuments, this travel journal talks about the history of the Cap Corse, but also about the environment and the remarkable natural sites of Corsica.

The electric bikes are excellent for touring, they are comfortable and designed for your long trip, made by prestigious brands like Riese & Müller, Stevens or Haibike. We selected for this stay, well located, high-quality and welcoming accommodations.



Program



Day 1 : In the heart of Bastia

When you arrive in Corsica, we are here to welcome you, to give you the e-bikes, the equipment and the bags. We explain to you how the e-bike work and share our best advices for your e-bike trip in the Cap Corse.

The bike trip starts in Bastia, a city with a real mediterranean beauty. Leaning back against the mountains, some old buildings are tumbling down to the sea and surround the old harbour. Peaceful, it feels good to walk along the pontoons where the small boats oscillate. Your walk brings you naturally on the « Place du Marché », the market square, in front of the most emblematic church of Bastia. Then, you arrive at the « Place Saint Nicolas », San Nicholas square, meeting place for all the inhabitants of the city.

Your stay for the night is at a hotel in the center of Bastia. Your bikes are safe in a closed courtyard.

Day 2 : Erbalunga and the villages of the Cap Corse inlands

While riding with your bike along the coast, you will have, your first idyllic vision of the Cap Corse at the Erbalunga marina. A little fishing harbour surrounded by frotages with pastel colours next to the sea, and extended by a genoese tower on a green schist rock. The first Americans Houses remind us that this village was a rich trading harbour in Corsica.

You continue by riding along the Tyrrhenian coast, before turning inward to see a more authentic, mountain and rural area. The villages are constituted by scattered hamlets, with a varied religious architecture : convents, bell towers, churches and chapels.

Night at Cagnano. Don't forget to charge the e-bike batteries.

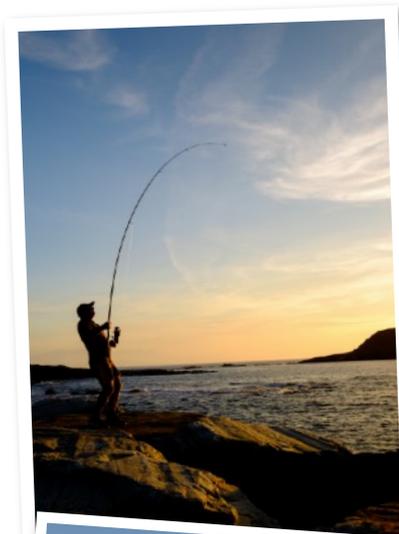
D 36 km / d +500 et -100 m / T : 2h

Day 3 : The little marinas of the Cap Corse

Your bike trip continues in the inland of the Cap Corse, crossing Luri through a well conserved valley, thank's to a dynamic agriculture. For the more athletic ones, a little detour to the Seneca's tower is recommended to have a panoramic vision of the Cap Corse and the two seas.

Then, your road goes back along the wilder and arid coast, alternating with different marinas until a more recent one, Macinaggio. Here starts the « sentier des douaniers », the customs path of the Cap Corse, a spectacular pathway that runs along the sand beach of Tamarone, the ones of the Finocchiarola islands, and then the one of Santa Maria with its uncovered tower. Park your e-bike to enjoy a part of this coastal path of Corsica.





The road goes inward to Rogliano. Composed by many very old hamlets, Rogliano reveals impressive buildings : several American houses, a castle, the big church, the convent of San Francesco, chapels, bell towers, towers and wash houses.

Night at an admirable American house, the Palazzu Nicrosi.

D 32 km / d + 650 et - 550 m / T : 2h

D 45 km / d + 900 et - 1 000 m / T : 3h

Day 4 : Towards the tip of the Cap Corse

With your e-bike, you slowly head towards the extreme north of Corsica. The road winds during 8 km in the maquis, with in your vision, the coast and the Giraglia island, an huge rock with a tower and a lighthouse.

Then you cross the pass of Serra, at the height of the mill of Mattei. From there, a breathtaking view shows the two seas, all the islands of Tuscany, the ridge line of the Cap Corse and Corsica.

While heading down to Centuri, there is a change of landscape. Exposed to winds and storms, the coast is steep, marked and jagged. It even influences the harbours and the architecture of the villages. Night in the little harbour of Centuri, known for its lobsters. During one night, your Ebike trip offers you here, at the end of the Cap Corse, the unforgettable feeling to be at the end of the world.

D 16 km / d +150 et -400 m / T : 1h30

D 32 km / d +500 et -700 m / T : 3h

Day 5 : From Centuri to Nonza

The e-bike trip brings you in front of the most extravagant American houses, which can be considered discordant in the landscape. The same thing occurs with the monumental tombs which are very surprising. They are manifestly built on the prettiest headlands, they look like the Capitole, boats or pyramids.

The impressive road goes along the west coast of the Cap Corse and brings you to small marinas with houses, convent or tower, next to beautiful white sand beaches. The next step is Canari, famous for its industrial history in Corsica, and its bell tower / lighthouse which is located on a very special place. After that, it's the spectacular arrival at Nonza, rebel fortress, built almost vertically above the sea.

You stop for the night in a mansion in the center of the village of Nonza listed among the most beautiful villages of France.

D 39 km / d +600 et -500 m / T : 3h15

D 50 km / d + 1 000 et - 900 m / T : 4h30

Day 6 : Around Patrimonio

This self-guided electric bike trip of the Cap Corse finishes with beautiful views, little marinas, churches built in an incredible way



like in Farinole and Patrimonio. Because of its limestone lands, Patrimonio is a famous place for the vine-growing in Corsica with a lot of vineyards. For the bravest, a little detour brings you to the harbour of Saint-Florent, well sheltered at the bottom of the Gulf. Saint-Florent is an old city with a Genoese citadel. You just have to cross the pass of Santa Stefano to come back to your first citadelle, in Bastia. The end of the trip can be in Saint-Florent or in Bastia, as you wish.

D 22 km / d + 300 et -450 m / T : 1h30

D 35 km / d + 650 et - 800 m / T : 2h30

Price

Registration starting with at least two people

In April and May : 880 €/pers.

1 – 10 June : 895 €/pers.

11 – 30 June & September : 950 €/pers.

In July : 985 €/pers.

In August : 1 025 €/pers.

Discount of 80 euros / pers. From four people registered.

Price includes

Accommodation

1 night in a wonderful palazzu, 2 nights in hotels, 1 night in B&B. Breakfasts on site.

The E-bike rental

High quality electric bike, suitable for your journey.

The bike is equipped with a triple bag adapted to long distances; total volume 64 litres.

All accessories are included: helmet, anti-theft device, tool kit.

The travel book

Provided as soon as you book and pay for your tour. It includes day to day details of your itinerary, a detailed map and a whole load of other useful information

Price doesn't include

Lunches

Dinners : choice of restaurants on site.

Cancellation and repatriation travel insurance, except if you took the option.

Caution, all the changes of this program will be at your expense.