

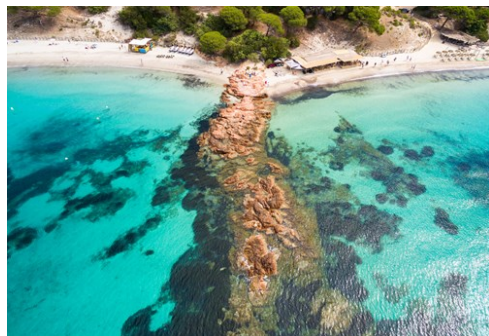


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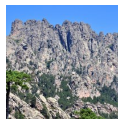
Birthplace of Napoléon Bonaparte and home to some awe-inspiring natural landscapes, Southern Corsica (or Corse-du-Sud) entices with outdoor pursuits, remnants of prehistoric settlements and stunningly diverse scenery. From the dramatic white cliffs of Bonifacio to the whimsical rock formations of Piana to the uninhabited Lavezzi Islands and white-sand beaches, Southern Corsica has plenty to capture your imagination.

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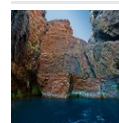
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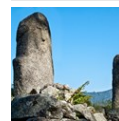
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Southern Corsica's visitor hot spots are Propriano and Porto-Vecchio (known for its lively nightlife), along with the capital of Ajaccio, the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, whose family home, Maison Bonaparte, has now been transformed into a public museum.

The western coast of Corsica boasts numerous sandy beaches that stretch down to the southernmost point of the island. The region's highlights include the impressive Citadel of Bonifacio, situated atop steep white cliffs, and the pristine, uninhabited Lavezzi Islands located just off the coast.

Sartène, although situated away from the frequented coastal areas, is a quintessential Corsican town with a rather grim past—it had notoriously struggled with gang crime—that has preserved a good amount of its medieval charm. It is primarily known for its annual Good Friday procession, an event that aims to recreate Jesus' journey to the Calvary. The 35-kilo cross and 17-kilo chain used in the procession are on display year-round at the Sartène church of St Mary.

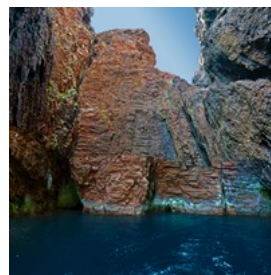
DO & SEE



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Southern Corsica boasts a wealth of natural beauty, ranging from the imposing Bonifacio cliffs to the majestic landscapes of the island's interior, as well as its idyllic white-sand beaches and deserted islands just a stone's throw from the coast. With its vibrant hues of yellow and orange, Ajaccio is yet another captivating highlight of this region. Outdoor enthusiasts will find no shortage of activities to enjoy amidst these awe-inspiring landscapes.

Scandola Natural Reserve



No paths or roads lead to the Scandola Natural Reserve, an area of wild natural beauty accessible solely by sea. This UNESCO World Heritage

Site is all cliffs, sensational rock formations, pristine waters, and dramatic sea and landscapes. One company offering boat tours is Porto-based, Via Mare:

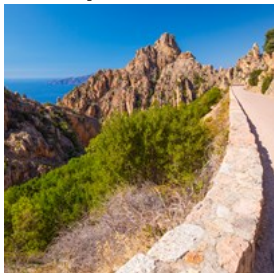
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Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-10pm

Phone: +33 6 07 28 72 72

Internet: www.viamare-promenades.com

Calanques de Piana Cliffs



One of the island's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the wondrous cliffs of Piana are best seen in the evening when the natural reds of the earth light up in the rays of the setting sun. Another way to see the cliffs is from the water, on a boat cruise in the Gulf of Porto.

Photo: gevision/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piana

Palombaggia Beach



Just south of Porto-Vecchio lies Corsica's celebrated Plage de Palombaggia, an idyllic beach with crispy white sand and azure waters. There are several locations that provide sunbed and umbrella rentals, along with a couple of beach restaurants along the stretch.

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Address: Palombaggia, Porto-Vecchio

Filitosa



The megalithic archaeological site of Filitosa is known for its curious menhirs, with detail of facial features and body outlines carved into them. The earliest artefacts dug up here date back to 3300 BC (the menhirs are estimated to have been erected around 1500 BC). There are a small museum and a thousand-year-old olive tree on site.

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Address: Filitosa, Sollacaro

Opening hours: Fri-Mon 9am-6:30pm

Phone: +33 4 95 74 00 91

Ajaccio

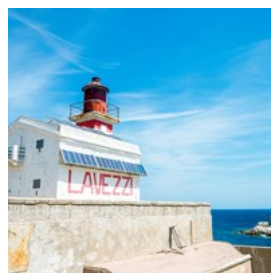


The capital of Corsica and the birthplace of Napoléon Bonaparte, Ajaccio is an attractive seaside settlement with an animated yet slow-paced street life. Some of its primary attractions include the Maison Bonaparte (the Bonaparte family's ancestral home) and the fine arts museum Musée Fesch, containing works of great masters such as Titian and Botticelli.

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Internet: www.musee-fesch.com

Lavezzi Islands



The uninhabited Lavezzi islands off the coast of Corsica are one of its must-visit natural gems, accessible by a quick boat ride from Bonifacio or Porto-Vecchio. These islands boast pristine nature and crystal-clear waters that are perfect for snorkelling. Remember to bring your own sun umbrella and plenty of water, as facilities are limited.

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Bonifacio



Perched atop a towering rock platform in Bonifacio, just 12 kilometres from Sardinia, Italy, is the island's oldest citadel. This must-visit attraction exudes a relaxed and uncomplicated

vibe that feels more like southern Italy than France. Its dramatic location adds to its charm and makes it a unique experience.

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Aiguilles de Bavella



To see some of the island's most striking natural landscapes, follow the Col de Bavella, a mountain pass that boasts spectacular views of the Aiguilles de Bavella (the Bavella "needles", called that for its spiry peaks). A part of the G20 trail runs from the Notre Dame des Neiges statue all the way up to the massif.

Photo: sanddebeautheil/Shutterstock.com

Catenacciu Procession



Once known for its notorious banditry and rival gangs, the scenic town of Sartène has long left the grim of its past behind. However, it still maintains the historic tradition of reenacting Jesus' journey to Calvary on Good Friday each year. The town's church of St Mary displays the 35-kilogram cross and 17-kilogram chain used in the reenactment, preserving this important aspect of its history.

Photo: FCG | Shutterstock
Address: Sartène

Canyoning



Corsica's diverse landscape is home to many natural canyons that are ideal for families and beginners to explore. Organised tours take groups to canyons such as the Richiusa at Bocognano, as well as lesser-known canyons throughout the island. These canyons offer an exciting and unique way to experience Corsica's natural beauty. One company offering guided excursions is Canyon Corse.

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Phone: +33 4 20 19 09 09
Internet: www.canyon-corse.com
Email: infos@canyon-corse.com

DINING



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Corsican charcuterie is renowned worldwide for its exceptional quality, thanks in large part to the island's unique breed of pigs, which are cross-bred with wild boar and fed on natural chestnuts — a traditional staple that has also made its way into modern cuisine in dishes such as "pulentu" (chestnut porridge) and "fritelli a gaju frescu" (chestnut fritters). Additionally, the island's cuisine features a variety of other local specialities, including fish, seafood, and game. One of the most famous dishes on the island is the "civet de sanglier," a casserole made with

wild boar.

Le Bilboq Chez Jean-Jean (Ajaccio)



Le Bilboq holds somewhat of a legendary status: the restaurant specialises in one thing only — lobster — which comes in extremely generous

servings, as part of its signature "spaghettis à la langouste" dish. Payment is in cash only, and reservations are strongly recommended.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Rue des Glacis, Ajaccio

Phone: +33 4 95 51 35 40

Le 20123 (Ajaccio)



Le 20123 provides a unique dining experience that feels like walking through an ethnography museum exhibition hall.

The restaurant's owner

has stylized the space to recreate a village square, complete with a water pump and life-size dolls dressed in traditional costumes. The menu features classic Corsican cuisine, sharing plates, and a selection of local wines.

Photo: Tatiana Vorona/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Rue Roi de Rome, Ajaccio

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7am-11pm

Phone: +33 4 95 21 50 05

Internet: www.20123.fr

Email: contact@20123.fr

A Nepita (Ajaccio)



In a town often overrun by visitors, A Nepita is one establishment that keeps delivering authentic, high-quality Corsican meals. Fixed

menus vary by day and come with a choice of two dishes for each course. Reservations in advance are highly recommended.

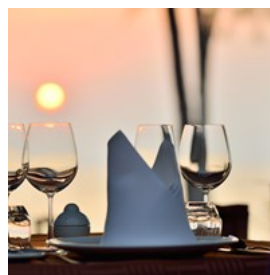
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Address: 4 Rue San Lazaro, Ajaccio

Phone: +33 4 95 26 75 68

Internet: www.anepita.fr

Le Santana (Sagone)



Located on the west coast of Corsica, Le Santana is a perfect blend of exceptional cuisine and breathtaking views.

Situated directly on the

beach, it offers patrons a front-row seat to witness the island's spectacular sunsets while enjoying a wide selection of superb fish and seafood dishes.

Photo: Kitti Tantibankul/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plage du Santana, Sagone

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8am-11pm, Sun 8am-5pm

Phone: +33 4 95 74 02 03

Internet: www.lesantana.fr

Le Piano Chez Toinou (Porticcio)



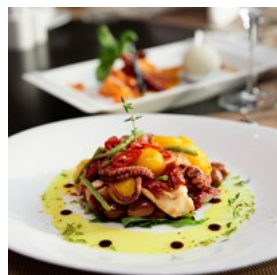
From the appetizer to the digestif, through the main course and the dessert, everything at Le Piano Chez Toinou is simply divine. The dining

experience, although a bit pricey, is definitely worth it as the food is exquisite, homemade, and

hearty. Not to mention, the warm and friendly atmosphere with beautiful Corsican music playing in the background.

Photo: Romrodphoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Les Candilelli, Grosseto-Prugna
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7:30-9:30pm
Phone: +33 4 95 20 87 93
Internet: www.restaurant-piano.com

Terra Cotta (Propriano)



If it's fine dining you are looking for, look no further than Terra Cotta — a delightful Michelin-starred restaurant located on the

port's quayside. Although the complete dining experience may be costly, it's an investment that's definitely worth it. The skilled chef expertly pairs the island's ingredients with the daily caught fresh seafood, resulting in an array of unexpected and delectable flavors.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com
Address: 31 Avenue Napoleon III, Propriano
Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu-Sat noon-2pm / 7:30pm-10pm; Wed 7:30pm-10pm
Phone: +33 4 95 74 23 80

Auberge San Ghjuvani (Propriano)



Set in the rolling hills over Propriano, this family-run restaurant affords spectacular views over the Corsican landscape. Choose from an extensive menu of home-style Corsican specialities. Produce is locally sourced, and the running family readily welcomes patrons in person.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Route de Baracci, Propriano
Phone: +33 4 95 76 03 31
Internet: www.san-ghjuvani.com

La Bodega (Bonifacio)



Despite its very central location, Bonifacio's La Bodega is far from a tourist trap. Dishes served here are honest Corsican classics, with grilled meats flavoured with island herbs and the Bonifacio-style aubergine enjoying particular popularity.

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Address: 1 Avenue de la Carotola, Bonifacio
Phone: +33 6 73 75 94 70

L'An Faim (Bonifacio)



Set at the foot of Bonifacio's dramatic Citadel is L'An Faim, an upscale restaurant whose pride lies in its locally-sourced, quality ingredients. Meats such as veal, fish of the day, lobster, and prime fresh vegetables all constitute the bulk of L'An Faim's seasonally changing menu.

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Address: 7 Montée Rastello, Bonifacio
Phone: +33 4 95 73 09 10
Internet: www.instagram.com/lanfaim

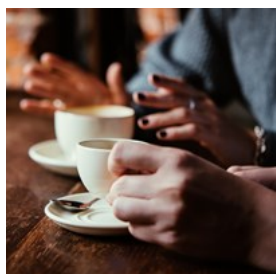
CAFES



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Cafe tables spill out onto palm-tree-lined boulevards and squares of the capital, Ajaccio, and aren't tough to find one in most of the island's settlements either. Corsica has a thriving coffee culture, with locals frequently gathering in bars and cafes to savour their coffee or indulge in a late afternoon aperitif.

L'Eternisula (Zonza)



An unexpected find in the heart of the Corsican highlands, the hip L'Eternisula serves up snacks and desserts worthy of an upcoming

neighbourhood in any mainland metropolis. Pizzas, sandwiches, salads, delightful desserts, and ice cream are all options to count upon.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Zonza

Phone: +33 4 95 76 11 75

Internet: www.leternisula.com/en

La Minute Moule (Bonifacio)



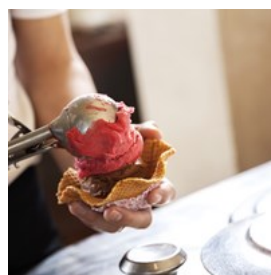
The attractive, simple concept of La Minute Moule entails a choice of your preferred serving size of mussels (S, M, or XL) and a selection of a sauce—the white wine and cheese "Bonifacienne" comes highly recommended. The (very moderate) price includes a non-alcoholic drink and a serving of french fries.

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Address: Rue des Moulins, Bonifacio

Phone: +33 4 95 50 55 67

Glacier Pierre Geronimi (Sagone)



Glacier Pierre Geronimi, a renowned Corsican artisanal ice cream maker, is located in a village close to the island's capital. In addition to traditional flavours, the menu offers unique varieties such as anchovy, fresh herbs, and mustard, among others.

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Address: Résidence De La Plage, Les Eucalyptus

Phone: +33 4 95 28 04 13

Email: info@glacespierregeronimi.com

Le Café de la Plage



This breezy café, restaurant, and beach bar is a great spot any time of day, one that serves everything from breakfasts and cheese/charcuterie platters to full, multi-course dinners. Facilities include beach beds and shaded gazebos, along with a seafront dining area.

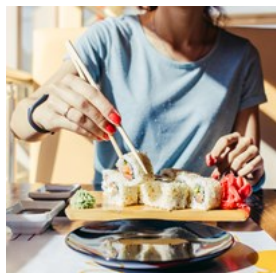
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Address: Plage d'Arone, Piana

Phone: +33 4 95 20 17 27

Internet: www.lecafedelaplage.com

Cafe de La Marine (Porto-Vecchio)



This eatery in Porto-Vecchio offers a range of snacks and meals, with sushi, burgers, and pizza being the standout menu items.

The menu also includes a variety of local and international cuisine options, along with delectable desserts. Patrons can enjoy their meal on the outdoor terrace, which provides a stunning view of the marina.

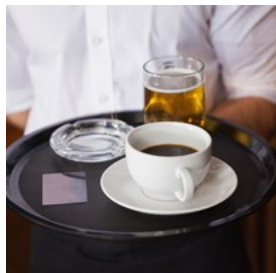
Photo: progressman/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Quai Pascal Paoli, Porto-Vecchio

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7am-2am

Phone: +33 4 95 70 35 24

Le Grand Café Napoléon (Ajaccio)



Despite being located on one of the capital's main thoroughfares, Le Grand Café Napoléon is a genuine cafe serving up excellent home-cooked

meals in its imperious interior. For cake and dessert or an evening cocktail, take a seat outside and indulge in some people-watching.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Cours Napoléon, Ajaccio

Opening hours: Mon 7am-10:30pm, Tue-Fri 7am-11:30pm, Sat 8am-11:30pm, Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +33 7 88 15 80 99

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Porto-Vecchio is the nightlife magnet of the Corsican south. Celebrity appearances aren't uncommon, and world-renowned DJs are invited to host parties — especially during the high season. For those who prefer a more relaxed evening, there are bars serving Corsica's own wines — there are four wine regions in the south alone — and beer. Pietra, the island's own brand that brews beloved beers from chestnuts.

La Taverne du Roi (Porto-Vecchio)



Upholding the island's cultural tradition by playing host to frequent performances of traditional Corsican polyphonic music, La

Taverne du Roi is the place to go and familiarise oneself with music that originates from the area, and enjoy a pleasant evening in Porto-Vecchio.

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Address: 43 Rue U Borgo, Porto-Vecchio

Opening hours: Daily 10:30pm-5am

Phone: +33 6 10 73 16 53

Le Glacier de la Place (Porto-Vecchio)



The promise of artisanal ice cream in the heart of Porto-Vecchio draws many to this place during the daytime, while its evening allure lies in the remarkable selection of international beers, cocktails, and spirits on offer and a delightful outdoor terrace to enjoy them on.

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Address: 4 Place de la République, Porto-Vecchio
Phone: +33 4 95 70 21 42

Le Point de Vue (Porto-Vecchio)



With a direct view of the Gulf of Porto-Vecchio, Hôtel Alcyon's 6th-floor bar is, perhaps, one of the island's most scenic evening drink locations. A professional sommelier is in charge of the wine selection, and Corsican charcuterie plates are a readily available side.

Photo: IVL/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue du Maréchal Leclerc, Porto-Vecchio
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5-10:30pm
Phone: +33 4 95 70 50 50
Internet: hotel-alcyon.com/rooftop-bar

Le Cellier de la Caravelle (Bonifacio)



With a unique ambience forged by its setting inside a 13th-century chapel, Le Cellier is an exquisite wine and whiskey bar of the elite variety. The adjacent La Caravelle restaurant serves excellent seafood its catches of the day, and fresh pasta on its elegant outdoor terrace.

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Address: Quai Jérôme Comparetti, Bonifacio
Phone: +33 6 87 99 58 35
Internet: hotelcaravelle.fr

B'52 (Bonifacio)



B'52 is the hot spot on Bonifacio's nightlife scene. It hosts resident and international DJs, providing a diverse and exciting musical experience for its patrons. During the day, the bar's comfortable terrace on the port is the perfect place to unwind while sipping on a glass of wine and indulging in homemade tapas. As night falls, the B'52 terrace comes alive, transforming into a festive location renowned for its themed evenings.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 37 Quai Jérôme Comparetti, Bonifacio
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-1am, Fri & Sat 7am-1:30am
Phone: +33 6 32 82 18 69
Internet: www.instagram.com/b52bonifacio

SHOPPING



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Farmers' markets are held in most larger settlements, but Corsican deli shops do well in lieu of those. The array of quintessentially local edibles is impressive: charcuterie (meats and sausages that rank among the world's finest), cheeses, jams and marmalade made from organic

fruit and berries, olives and olive oil, and sweet treats. The north of the island is famous for its wineries, whose products are readily available in the shops of the south. Traditional handicrafts, such as pottery, basket-weaving, and knife-making, are kept alive by local artisans.

U Stazzu (Ajaccio)



To pick up some of that celebrated Corsican charcuterie, try and make your way to this shop run by the island's best charcutier — once also

named best in all of France. There are multiple varieties of meats to choose from, as well as other deli items sourced from small independent producers from across Corsica.

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Address: 1 Rue Bonaparte, Ajaccio

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 9:30am–8:30pm, Fri & Sat

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Phone: +33 4 95 51 10 80

Farmers' Market (Ajaccio)



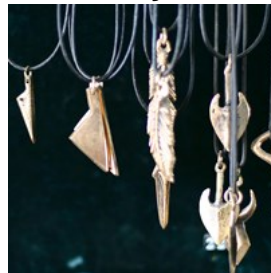
The Ajaccio Farmers' Market takes place daily during the summer, bringing together the best of local producers selling deli foods Corsica

is famous for: charcuterie, cheeses, olives and olive oil, tapenade, home-made jams as well as fresh fruit and vegetables.

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More Info: Across from the Tourist Office

Art'Isula (Ajaccio)



The compact boutique stocks a wide variety of unique items made by local artisans, from exquisitely crafted knives to jewellery, figurines, clothing, and various edibles and

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Address: 57 Rue Cardinal Fesch, Ajaccio

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 9:30am–8pm

Phone: +33 4 95 50 54 67

Internet: www.artisula.com

Casa Napoléon (Ajaccio)



Not to be confused with Napoléon's ancestral home, Casa Napoleon is a gourmet grocery store that stocks a wide array of Corsican specialties, from jars of organic jams to olive oils, charcuterie (meats and sausages), tapenade, confectionery, and local organic wines.

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Address: 3 Rue Cardinal Fesch, Ajaccio

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–7pm, Sun 10am–3pm

Phone: +33 4 95 21 47 88

La Marge (Ajaccio)



For a jaunt into literary Corsica, check out the La Marge bookshop located in downtown Ajaccio. The shop stocks local and international literature, music, periodicals and various paraphernalia, and occasionally hosts literary readings and events.

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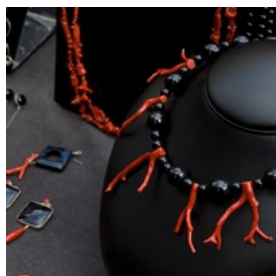
Address: 4 Rue Emmanuel Arène, Ajaccio

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-7:30pm

Phone: +33 4 95 51 23 67

Internet: librairie-lamarge.fr

La Taillerie du Corail (Porto-Vecchio)



La Taillerie du Corail is a workshop, showroom, and store that features an exquisite collection of coral jewellery, which is a testament to the Masson family's unwavering commitment over the years.

Photo: Rido/Shutterstock.com

Address: 46 Rue Maréchal Juin, Porto-Vecchio

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm / 3pm-7pm

Phone: +33 4 95 70 21 21

Internet: www.lataillierieducorail.com

Email: bijouxmrm@gmail.com

U Cintu (Porticcio)



The number one address for local goodies in Porticcio, U Cintu is a genuine deli run by a welcoming staff. The store carries a variety of

Corsican delicacies, including artisanal charcuterie, cheeses, olives, and dried fruits, as well as Italian specialities and wines.

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Address: 1 Les Marines de Porticcio, Porticcio

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 9am-1pm

Phone: +33 7 56 42 54 64

Internet: www.ucintu.fr

Email: contact@ucintu.fr

La Cave Sartenaise (Sartène)



La Cave Sartenaise is a must-visit spot for local delicacies in Sartène. The store offers a wide array of regional products, such as the renowned Corsican charcuterie, different types of cheeses from local farms, tapenade and olive oil, marmalade, jams, and canistrelli biscuits.

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Address: Place de la Libération, Sartène

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10:30am-noon / 4pm-7pm

Phone: +33 6 88 65 50 49

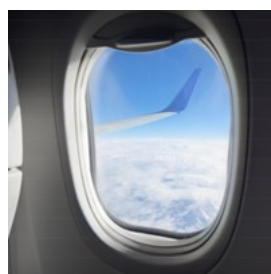
Internet: www.lacavesartenaise.com

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Napoleon Bonaparte Airport (AJA)



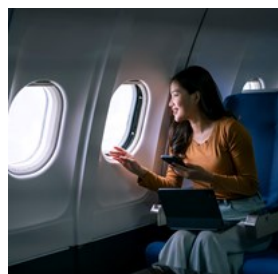
Corsica's busiest airport, Napoleon Bonaparte Airport (AJA), lies 5 kilometres from the island's capital. Formerly known as Campo dell'Oro, after the alluvial plain on which it was built, it has regular and seasonal connections to mainland France and other European destinations.

Bus Line 11 runs directly to the Ajaccio city centre in around 20 minutes, every 15 minutes during the day on weekdays and Saturdays, and every 30 minutes on evenings, Sundays and public holidays. Tickets must be purchased before boarding.

Ricantu train station lies around 2 kilometres away along a coastal path, though services are infrequent. Taxis are available outside arrivals.

Photo: valiantsin suprunovich/shutterstock
Address: Napoleon Bonaparte Airport, Ajaccio
Internet: ajaccio-aeroport.cci.corsica/en

Figari-South Corsica Airport (FSC)

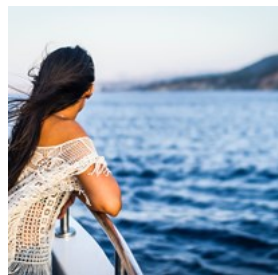


Figari-Sud Corse Airport lies 3 kilometres northwest of the village of Figari and around 25 kilometres southwest of Porto-Vecchio, serving the far south of the island. Most connections are seasonal.

A shuttle bus runs to Porto-Vecchio with timetables varying by season. Taxis are available on arrival.

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Address: Figari-Sud Corse Airport (FSC), Route de l'aéroport, Figari
Internet: figari-aeroport.cci.corsica/en

Ferry



Ferries run from Nice, Marseille, and Toulon to Ajaccio, Propriano and Porto-Vecchio (along with several destinations in the island's north).

There's also a ferry service from nearby Sardinia

(Italy) to Bonifacio.

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Internet: www.corsica-ferries.co.uk

Passport & Visa



Citizens of the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter France, only a valid ID. Many other countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2026, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle Eastern, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

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Internet: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en

Best Time to Visit



Peak tourist season in Corsica falls in the months of July and August when the weather is hottest. Late spring (May to June) and early

fall (September to October) are much more pleasant in terms of weather, and better fit for hiking and active outdoor pursuits.

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Public Transport



It is notoriously difficult to keep track of Corsican public bus schedules, as these may change without notice or not

always be reliable. There is, however, a frequently updated website containing all available information on island transport.

There are also three railroad routes on Corsica, one of which connects the capital of Ajaccio to inland Corte.

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Internet: www.corsicabus.org

Taxi



There are multiple companies that operate all across the island. Here are a few: Taxi Yellow Cab Corsica (Ajaccio) +33 6 74 62 63 68 Taxi

Porto Vecchio

+33 6 86 73 97 80

Ajaccio Radio Taxis

+33 4 95 10 19 01

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Post



Post offices can be found in most Corsican settlements. In larger cities, these work Monday through Friday, with short opening hours on Saturdays. Stamps may also be purchased at press and tobacco shops.

Photo: Sonia Kardash/Unsplash

Address: Main Post Office, 13 Cours Napoléon, Ajaccio

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-6:15pm, Sat 8:30am-noon

Phone: +33 800 00 36 31

Internet: www.laposte.fr

Pharmacy



There are multiple pharmacies in larger settlements. Most pharmacies are open from 8:30am until around 7pm, with a lunch break around noon. Find a "pharmacie de garde" (on-duty pharmacy) if you need to get your prescription filled outside these hours.

Photo: Mariano Baraldi/Unsplash

Address: Pharmacie Principale, 65 Cours Napoléon, Ajaccio

Phone: +33 4 95 23 36 61

Internet: www.corse.ars.sante.fr/les-pharmacies-de-garde-0

Telephone



+33 followed by a 9-digit number without 0

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Electricity



In France, the electrical system operates on a voltage of 230 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. The country uses two

main types of plugs: type C, which has two round pins, and type E, which also has two round pins along with an additional hole for the grounding pin.

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Population

351,255 (2023)

Currency

1 euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Although business hours vary, there is often a lunch break at most shops and small businesses, making the customary working hours from 8:30/9am to 1/1:30pm and from 2/2:30pm to 6/7pm. Most businesses close on Sundays.

Newspapers

Corse-Matin – www.corsematin.com

Emergency numbers

Medical: 15

Police: 17

Fire: 18

Mobile emergency number: 112

Tourist information

Tourist Information Centre in Ajaccio

3 Boulevard du Roi Jérôme, Ajaccio

Open Mon–Sat 9am–12:30pm / 2pm–6pm

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