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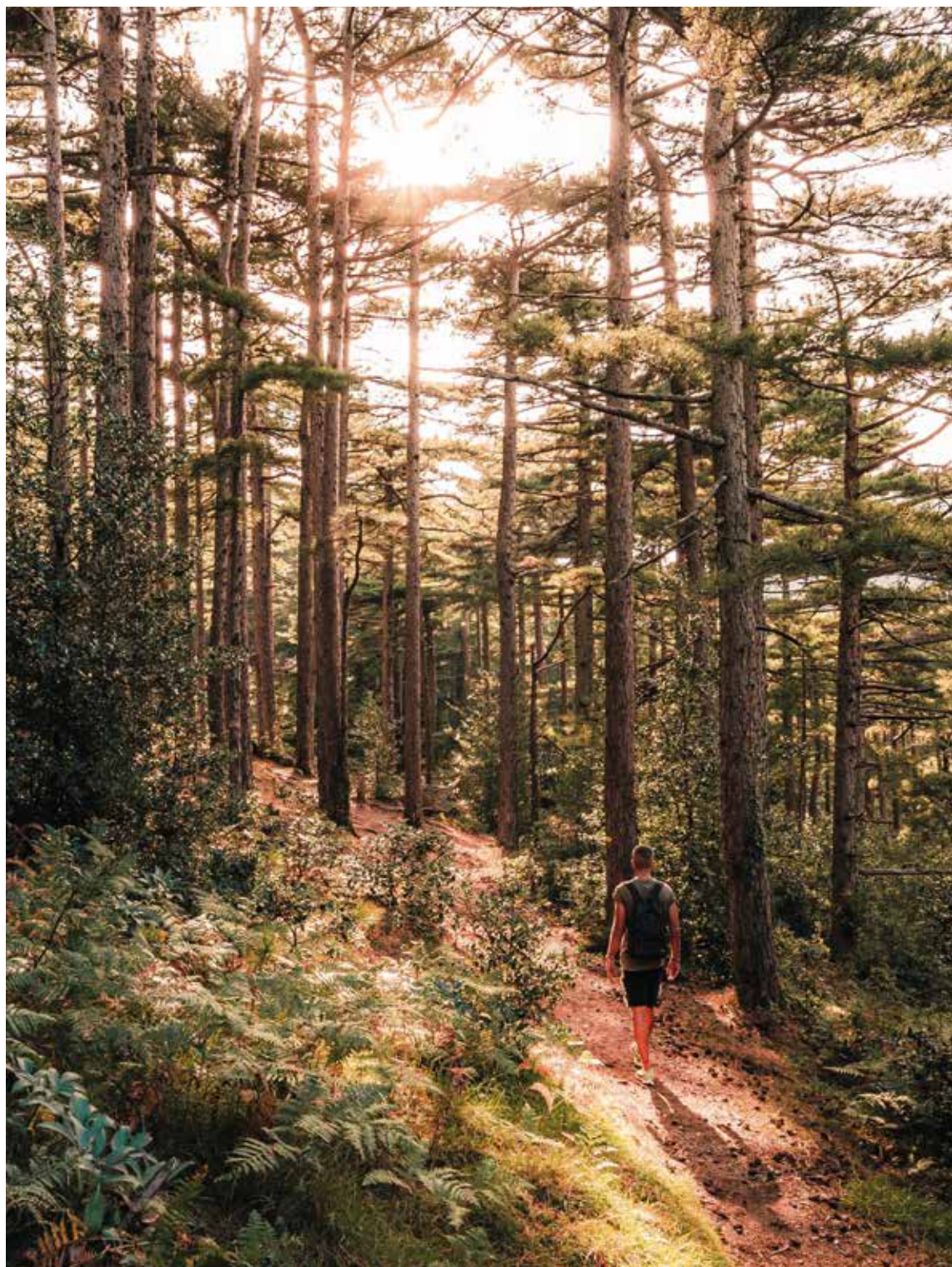


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WELCOME TO SOUTHERN CORSICA!

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SIA MONDA FELICI.*

**That's it, you've finally set foot
in the Far South of the island!
Welcome!**

**You're not there yet, but want to
prepare for your stay? No problem,
in any case, this practical guide is
made for you!**

The Southern Corsica region invites
you to discover a remarkable
environment where preserved
heritage, exceptional local produce
and a whole range of activities await
you.

A dazzling coastline is yours to enjoy
with a multitude of beaches to marvel

at, get active, enjoy, or just relax...

In the hinterland, an authentic land,
it's possible a path will lead you to
meet a shepherd or discover a mill, a
tradition, a story, our history...

From the plain to the mountains,
villages, forests, rivers, etc. offer
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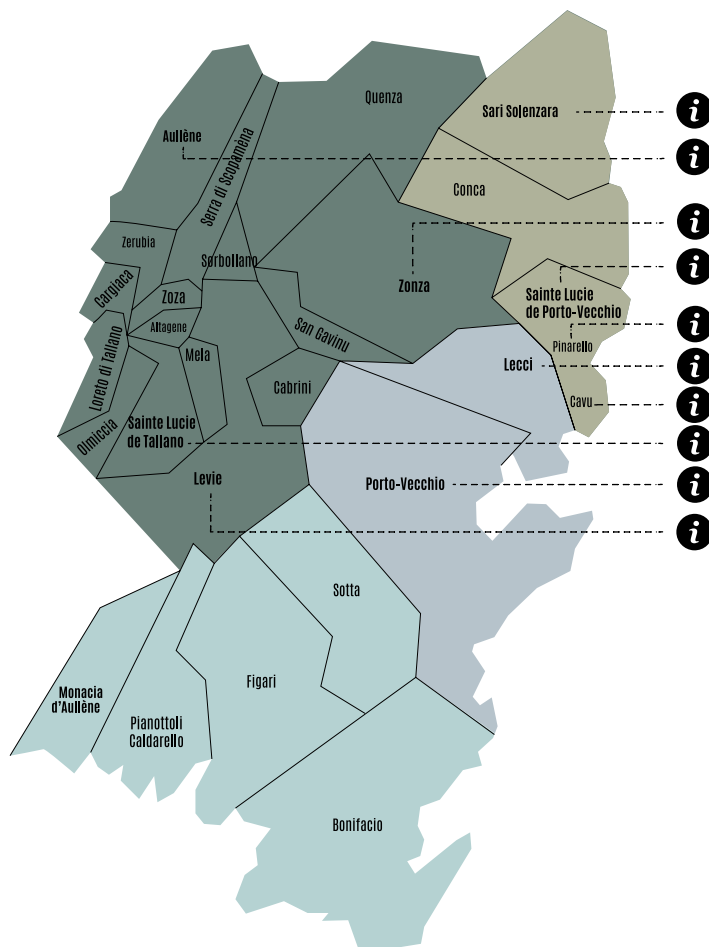
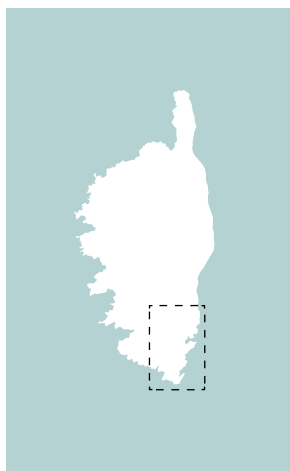
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GETTING TO CORSICA

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ON THE COAST



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DISCOVER

A REGION



Before setting off to explore the region, first take time to understand its history and origins.

FROM THE SEA TO THE MOUNTAINS... A COMMON (PRE)HISTORY

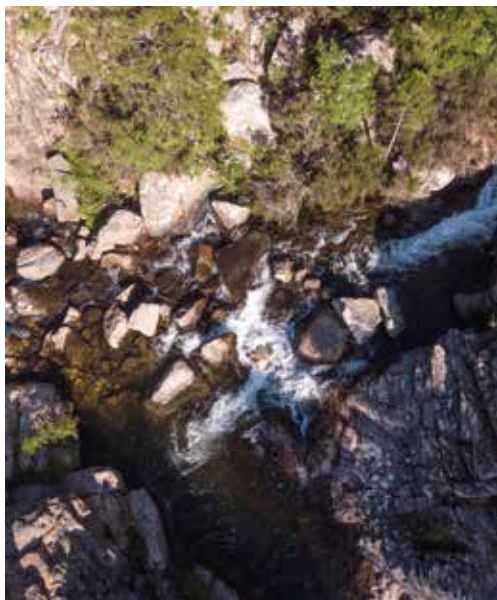
You should know that the Far South is undoubtedly the region where man has been most present, even before the beginning of Corsica's history.

It was in Bonifaziu that the oldest burial discovered to date in Corsica was exhumed, in the Araguina cave: the «**Lady of Bonifacio**» dating from 6500 BC. The ancestor of all Corsicans now rests in the Alta Rocca museum in Levie.

From *Cucuruzzu* to *Araguina Senola* via *Araghju*, the area was settled from the mountains to the plains, which explains why we find the same working of the land, the same architecture, as well as the same population.

FROM THE SEA TO THE MOUNTAINS... STRONG FAMILY TIES

From this “prehistory” stems the mountain ancestry of souls from the plains: Sainte Lucie de Porto-Vecchio was created by the inhabitants of Zonza, Portivechju by families from Quenza. In Sotta, we find the surnames Surbuddà and Sarra di Scopamena, in Figari the origins of Livia, and in Munacia, the families of Auddè. As for Bonifaziu, it was the port of a singular migration, that of the people of Alta Rocca towards Maddalena and Gallura (today, Sardinia). From this singular history emerged the characteristic feature of our region, which is that our towns stretch from the mountains to the coast.

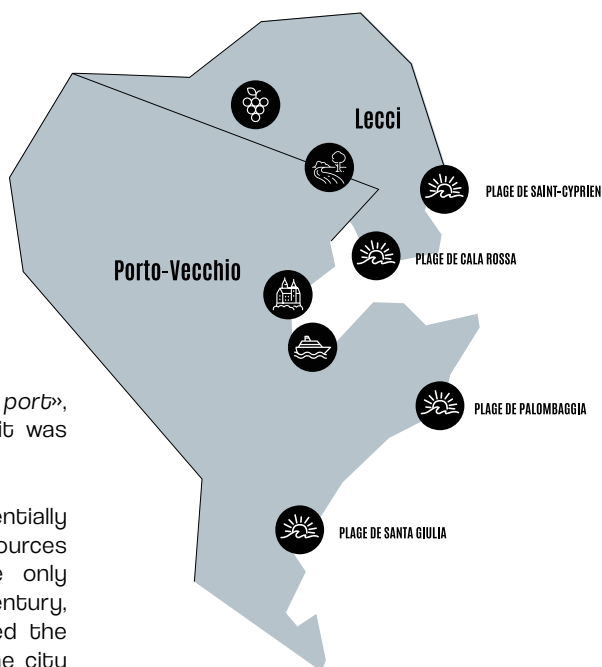


FROM THE SEA TO THE MOUNTAINS... OR A MOUNTAIN IN THE SEA

While it's true that Corsica is a mountain in the sea, the Far South is its climax. In just a few minutes, it's possible to rise to 1000 metres of altitude and reach the village of U Spidali and its enchanting forest... In an hour's drive, there's the captivating site of Cucuruzzu waiting to be discovered, as well as the majestic needles of Bavedda.

FROM PORTIVECHJU TO LECCI

YOU'LL FIND ... SALT, OAKS AND THE SEA



Portivechju, or Porto-Vecchio «*the old port*», probably owes its name to the fact it was one of the first ports in Corsica.

Its economy of years gone by is essentially based on the exploitation of local resources such as cork, wood and salt: the only exploitation in Corsica since the 18th century, the Salt Marshes of Portivechju raised the town to the status of *Cità di Sali*, the city of salt!

When industrial times arrived, the exploitation of cork oak forests, a *suvara*, also intensified. Factories were set up in the port, and the cork was worked on site before being exported. But the arrival of plastic would put an end to this production, however enduring.

With the boom of the 1950s, the town took on another dimension with the creation of the marina, hotels and restaurants ... which means that, today, it's now the first tourist resort on the island.

Lecci, «*the green oak*», a town bordering Porto-Vecchio, followed the same path as its neighbour and also had to abandon the working of its dense cork groves.

But its lands have another strength: their vineyards. Facing the rising sun, original (*niellucciu*, *sciaccarellu*, *vermentinu*) and traditional (grenache) grape varieties gave rise to exceptional nectars. These authentic red, rosé and white cuvées are now certified by the appellation AOP *Corse Porto-Vecchio*.



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YOU REALLY MUST SEE

The upper town of Portivechju:

residents and traders settled within the walls of the old Genoese citadel. It's the historic heart of the city, but also the heart of life for the Porto-Vecchians.


The seafront, below the citadel, where you can stroll along the quays of the marina and take a stroll to the commercial port.

The Benedettu peninsula and its small beach, anchored in the Gulf of Portivechju.

The bay of Cala Rossa with the Aiguilles de Bavedda in the background.

The Gulf of San Ciprianu at the edge of Arasu pond.

The Osu River which has its source in Piscia di Ghjaddu.



DON'T MISS

Tour, guided or not, of the citadel:

learn the history of the five bastions, including the Bastion de France with its panoramic terrace, Rue Borgu, the Genoese Gate, the Santa Cruci Chapel, etc.

Place de la République surrounded by café terraces, shopping streets and the bell tower of Saint John the Baptist Church, *San Ghjuvanni Battista*.

The Bouches de Bonifaziu Nature Reserve: set out to sea off the Cerbicale Islands, passing by Chiappa Point and its lighthouse, and marvel at the dazzling coastline.

The fine sandy beaches around Palumbaghja, Santa Ghjulia, Rundinara.

A tasting of AOP Corse Porto-Vecchio wines.

31 July, U Luddareddu, a traditional Porto-Vecchian festival.

24 June: A San Ghjuvà, patronal feast of Portivechju.

30 November in Lecci: A Sant'Andria celebrates the transition from autumn to winter.

TO KNOW

The upper town of Portivechju, a pedestrian area in summer, offers night shopping in July and August. Nearby, the *Santa Catalina, Customs House* and *Upper Town* car parks are available.

A Citadina, the Portivechju electric shuttle connects the city centre districts all day long (port, upper town, 4 routes, Poretta, Pifanu), free of charge.

A Berlina, the free inter-municipal shuttle connects the villages and hamlets of Portivechju (Chera, Pricoghju, Figari, Sotta, Murateddu, etc.) to the city.

The port of Portivechju is one of the starting points for sea trips, jet-ski excursions and scuba diving to the Bouches de Bonifaziu Nature Reserve.

Lecci, where a market of various regional products is held every Wednesday morning, offers its night market in July and August in San Ciprianu. Nearby, the car parks in the shopping street are available.







FROM PORTIVECHJU TO LEGGI

TO DO

EXCURSIONS

Guided tours
Mountain bike tour
4x4 tour
Helicopter flight
Sea trip

SPORTS IN THE HEART OF NATURE

Adventure trail
Hiking
Mountain biking
Horse riding

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ACTIVITIES ON THE SEA

Fishing equipment
Parascending
Diving club
Sailing club
Water skiing
Kayaking, Stand-up Paddle
Seabob
Jet ski
Boat rental
Boat licence



RELAXATION & ENTERTAINMENT

Golf
Pilates
Educational farm
Cinema, bowling
Game space
Merry-go-round, amusement park





FROM PORTIVECHJU TO LEGGI

SHOPPING

HOME

Concept store
Interior decoration
Furnishing
Household linen

FASHION

Perfumery
Optician
Corsican designer
Children
Concept store
Ready to wear
Sportswear
Women's lingerie
Shoes

SOUVENIRS

Artisanal products

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VIE QUOTIDIENNE

FOOD

Producer's store
 Fish shop
 Butcher's shop
 Cheese shop
 Bakery
 Wine merchant
 Organic market
 Supermarket
 Hypermarket
 Caterer

WELLNESS & BEAUTY

Hair salon
 Beauty parlour
 Well-being
 Grocery store

PRACTICAL

Tobacconist
 Newsagent
 Florist
 Nursery
 Phone repairs
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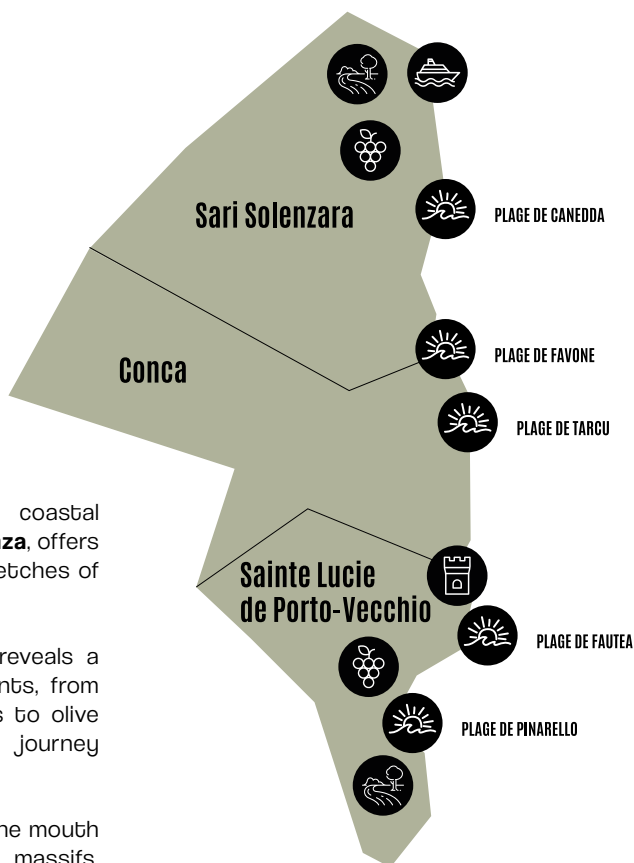


PERSONALISED SERVICES

Event photographer
 Concierge
 Management agency

FROM SANTA LUCIA DI PORTIVECHJU TO SARI SULINZARA

THERE'S ... RIVER, PINEWOOD AND SEA



Santa Lucia di Portivechju, a coastal extension of the **municipality of Zonza**, offers a preserved coastline with long stretches of fine sand.

Within its lands, the Cavu Valley reveals a diversity of vegetation whose scents, from maquis to oak groves, pine forests to olive groves, take us on an olfactory journey through Corsica.

From the beach of Lavu Santu, by the mouth of the Cavu, to the mountainous massifs, head up the Cavu River, contemplate the petrified landscapes it's shaped over time and dive into its natural pools for a refreshing swim.

Taking the road on the eastern coast, about twenty kilometres to the north, come and visit **Sari Sulinzara**, a charming seaside resort, formed by delicate valleys surrounded by subtle hills and mountains.

The village, dating from the 19th century, produced cast iron, wood and coal for export. Its economy, also based on agriculture and livestock, opened up to tourism in the 1960s.



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An aerial photograph of the sea, showing a long, narrow wake from a boat stretching from the bottom center towards the middle of the frame. The water is a deep teal color with some lighter patches. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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FROM SANTA LUCIA DI PORTIVECHJU
TO SARI SULINZARA

YOU REALLY MUST SEE

The marine village of Pinareddu or Pinarellu with its infinite view of the sea, its Genoese tower and islet of Ruscana.

The dolphin diving into the sea ... sculpted in bronze by artist Stéphane Deguilhen, this work is Pinareddu's new emblem.

Lavu Santu, little known and protected, this beach will delight anyone looking for a bit of tranquillity.

The marina of Sulinzara, in the heart of town, was at the forefront of the island's industrial revolution in the 19th century with the foundry, flour mill and the export of wood.

The natural ponds of Sulinzara forming beautiful family pools below the road to Bavella.

The village of Sari Sulinzara, overlooking the plain and hamlets of Togna, San Quilicu and La Penna, is full of heritage treasures such as **Saint Paul's Chapel and Saint Peter's Church**.

DON'T MISS

Pinareddu Bay: its beaches, its pine forest and its many water-based activities.

The Cavu Valley, ideal for a walk with its forest track leading to the Marion Bridge and great for swimming in its natural pools.

The Fautea Tower, built under the Genoese occupation, overlooking two beautiful beaches located on either side.

Fine sandy backdrop, remote and unspoiled, like the beaches of Favone and Canedda.

On 8 December, A Festa di A Nazioni in Conca, celebrating Corsica under the protection of the Immaculate Conception.

The Assunta Gloriosa Convent, located at the foot of Monte Santu, with its modern architecture from the 1970s and its handicrafts fashioned by the nuns.

TO KNOW

In **the Cavu Valley**, traffic is regulated. Pedestrian and mountain bike circuits have been created from the river by the Associu A Punta Bunifazinca. An information point welcomes you there from June to September.

Conca is the arrival or departure point of the GR 20 hiking trail. A Punta Calcina, located southeast of the village, offers climbers its equipped climbing routes.

The Lavu Santu marsh, the Fautea coast, the Ruscana islet and the Pinarello and Arasu ponds are **protected natural sites**. Please respect their fragility.





FROM SANTA LUCIA DI PORTIVECHU TO SARI SULINZARA **TO DO**

EXCURSIONS

Sea trip
Underwater vision
Sea kayak

SPORTS IN THE HEART OF NATURE

Adventure course, canyoning
Horse riding

ACTIVITIES ON THE SEA

Parascending
Diving club
Sailing club
Water skiing
Kayak, Stand-up Paddle, Pedalo
E-foil
Seabob
Jet ski
Boat rental
Boat licence

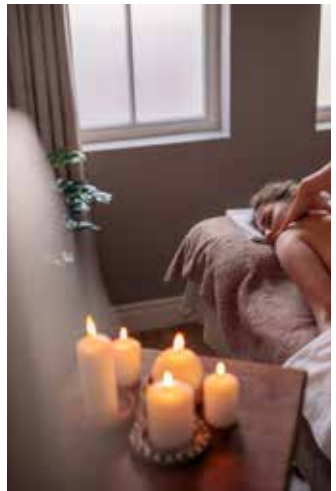
SPORTS, RELAXATION & ENTERTAINMENT

Fitness, health, coaching
Mini-golf
Open-air cinema

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DAILY LIFE

FOOD

Supermarket, drive-through
Home caterer

WELLNESS & BEAUTY

Hair salon
Beauty parlour
Reflexologist
Naturopath

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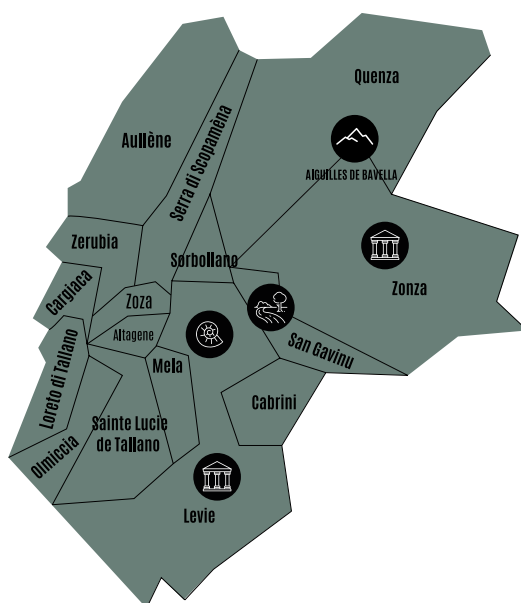
PERSONALISED SERVICES

Private concierge



IN ALTA ROCCA, FROM BAVEDDA TO U SPIDALI

THERE'S ... A SPRING, VILLAGE AND PEAKS



Alta Rocca is located in the heart of the Far South mountains, surrounded by the Bavedda and U Spidali massifs and The Cuscionu plateau. The latter offers as a backdrop Mount Alcudina or Incudine, the highest point in southern Corsica, which rises to 2134 m in altitude.

A region protected by the Corsica Regional Natural Park, Alta Rocca is commonly called «Terre des Seigneurs» (Land of the Lords): a stronghold of customs and traditions, it's made up of 18 villages, each with its own unique authenticity:

ALTAGHJÈ - AUDDÈ - CARBINI - CONCA - CARGHJACA - LIVIA - LARETO DI TALLÀ - MELA - ULMICCIA - QUENZA - SANTA LUCIA DI TALLÀ - SAN GAVINU DI CARBINI - SARI SULINZARA - A SARRA DI SCOPAMENA - SURBUDDÀ - ZIRUBIA - ZONZA - ZOZA.

Countless riches, whether natural or built (ovens, bridges, mills, fountains, etc.) or religious (Romanesque churches, chapels, convents, *Giovanalli* period, etc.), have been preserved and tell you their story if you open your eyes and listen...



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IN ALTA ROCCA,
FROM BAVEDDA TO U SPIDALI

YOU REALLY MUST SEE

In Bavedda: the immaculate statue of Notre Dame des Neiges (Our Lady of the Snows), patron saint of Corsica and Bavedda, surrounded by a majestic forest and magnificent views of the Aiguilles.

The village of Zonza, a true crossroad of Alta Rocca and a remarkable view of the Aiguilles de Bavedda.

On the road to Aiacciu, a stop at **Quenza, Surbuddà, Sarra di Scopamena, Zirubia** and **Auddè** is a must.

On the way to Sartène: the villages of **San Gavinu di Carbini, Livia, Santa Lucia de Tallà, Ulmiccia...**

The village of Carbini and the descent to the A Fretu plain via the Bacinu pass.

After crossing the Illarata pass, discover **the U Spidali massif:** its village, its dam, its lariciu pine forest, the hamlets of Cartalavonu and Agnaronu and the view plunging down to the coast.



DON'T MISS

In Zonza, the church of **Santa Maria Assunta**.

In summer, Sunday horse-racing at **the Viseu racecourse**, the highest in Europe, for a unique atmosphere!

From Quenza, a bucolic stroll on **the Cuscionu plateau** in spring.

In Levie, a walk through the heart of the village, a visit to the **Alta Rocca Museum**.

In U Pianu di Livia, the archaeological sites of **Cucuruzzu and Capula**.

Santa Lucia de Tallà, famous for its orbicular diorites, the exploitation of olive oil and its hot springs.

On 5 August in Bavedda, the pilgrimage of Our Lady of the Snows.

TO KNOW

Alta Rocca Montagne Refuge : n'hésitez pas à suivre l'un des quatre sentiers thématiques qui permettent de découvrir le patrimoine et l'histoire des villages d'Auddè, Quenza, Sarra di Scopamena et Livia.

Le massif de **Bavedda** est la dernière étape du **GR 20** avant l'arrivée au village d'étape de Conca. Il est également le point de départ de nombreuses randonnées pédestres, son accès est réglementé en raison de la sur-fréquentation du site en été.







IN ALTA ROCCA, FROM BAVEDDA TO U SPIDALI TO DO

EXCURSIONS

Donkey ride
4x4 tour
Quad and buggy excursion

SPORTS IN THE HEART OF NATURE

Hiking
Mountain bike
Adventure trail
Via ferrata
Canyoning
Climbing

ENTERTAINMENT & CULTURE

Racecourse
Museum

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FOOD

Supermarket



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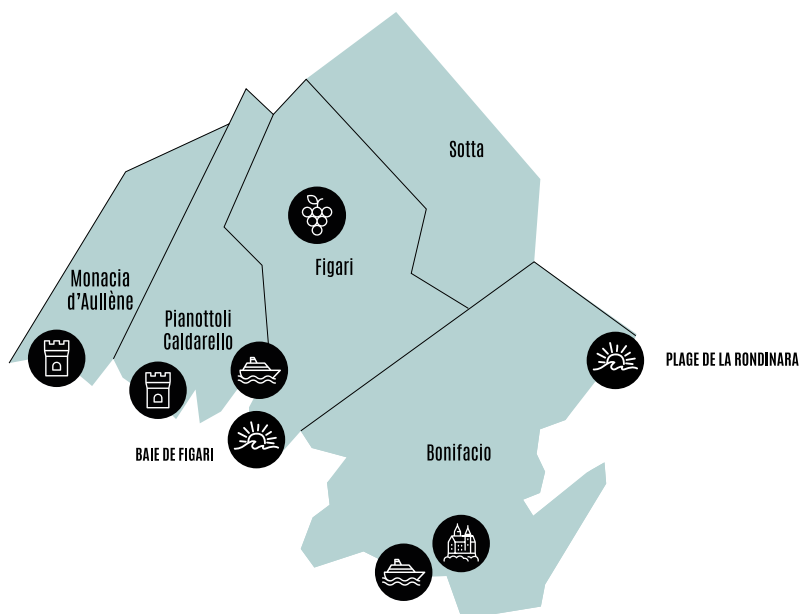
THERE'S ... MAQUIS SCRUBLAND, GRANITE AND SEA

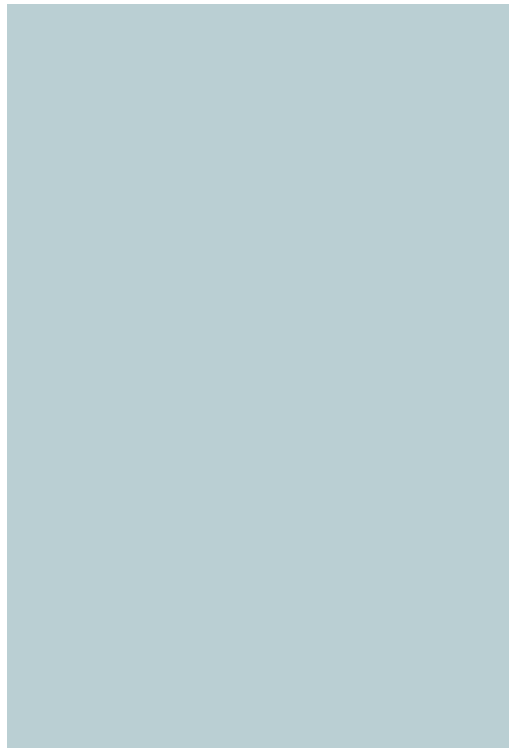
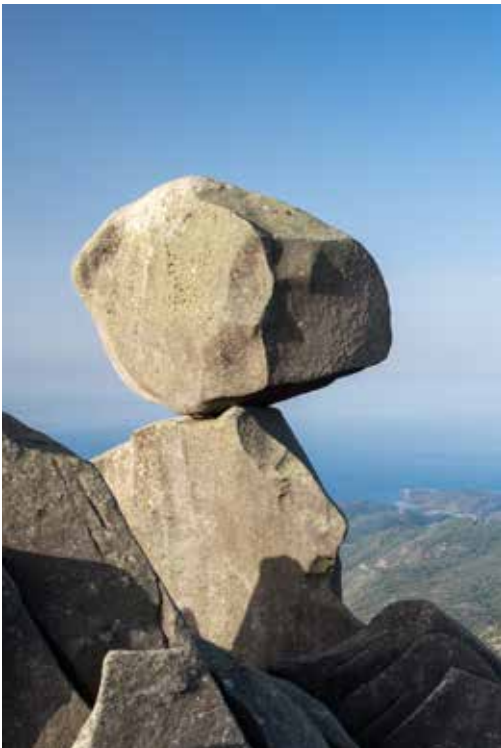
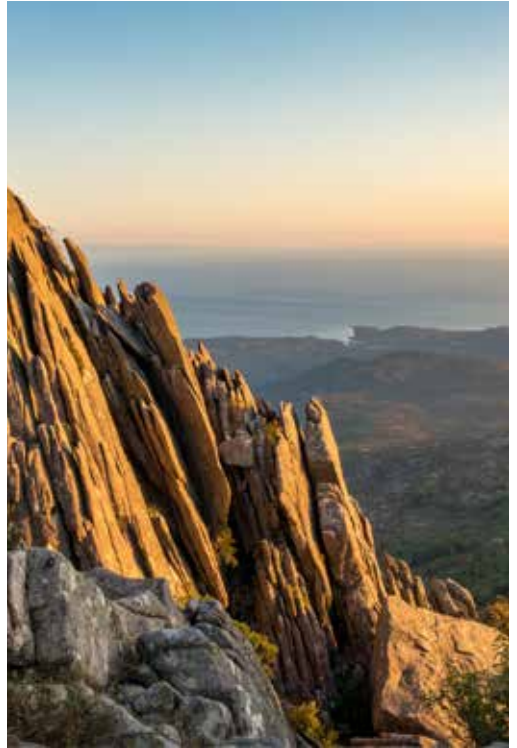
This ancestral land has retained traces of the passage of prehistory with its megalithic fortifications and its *orii*, rocky cavities serving as shelters for animals and reappropriated by shepherds as annual migration dwellings.


The wine estates of **Figari** are also steeped in history and offer the oldest grape varieties in Corsica, cultivated since Roman times.

For lovers of authentic Corsica, the paths of the western coast open onto the maquis, granite rocks, *tafoni* (rock cavities), creeks and wild beaches, some of which are overlooked by Genoese towers...

And how could anyone not stop at **Bonifaziu**, the last Genoese enclave before plunging into the sea. The town stands out with its citadel built on 60m-high cliffs and tells an obviously Genoese story, but sacred, too, with its 5 churches and brotherhoods, and naval with its marina, fishermen and marine cemetery. In short, an end to the region that's worth the detour!







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YOU REALLY MUST SEE

Tunnara Beach: a beach with clear water and fine sand bordered by maquis and rocks, it's retained its natural character. La Tonnara is a popular spot for kitesurfing and windsurfing enthusiasts. It also marks the start of nice coastal walks.

The San Quilicu de Montilati Chapel (Figari): founded in the 12th century, probably by a local lord, Orso la Mano. Its particular feature which makes it a rare chapel in Corsica: not having a frame thanks to a perfect vault forming a semi-circle without breaks.

A Testa Ventilegna: 4-hour coastal hike that lets you reconnect with the wild parts of the south while enjoying an exceptional view of the sea.

Figari Bay: a small cove steeped in the maquis, this peaceful setting is homes the Genoese Tower of Caldareddu. Come and enjoy its tranquillity and panorama.

The winegrowers of the South: from Portivechju to Pianottuli via Figari, discover these passionate producers who cultivate the southernmost vineyards of Corsica, labelled AOP Corse Figari.

San Agostinu Chapel, a Romanesque chapel with a single nave, at the end of a path through the undergrowth in the heart of the hamlet of Chera.

DON'T MISS

Ulmeto Tower: Enthroned on large blocks of granite, this Genoese tower watches over its many coves, including Furnellu Beach, considered one of the most beautiful beaches in south-west Corsica.

The Munacia d'Auddè heritage trail: go back in time by exploring the Orit and Mills of Munacia, heritage intimately linked to distant uses.

The cliffs and caves of Bonifaziu: head along the marina and set off to discover the Madonetta, Fazio cove and other features of this marine site by treating yourself to an hour's cruise with the boatmen of Bonifaziu.

St Dominique Church: built in the early 14th century, it's the only church in Corsica built in the Gothic style. Classified as a Historic Monument since 1862, this building is also full of many classified items of furniture: paintings, statues, organ, etc. St Dominique is also a special place, in the summer season, for polyphonic concerts.

Les Escaliers du Roy d'Aragon: Take on 189 steps dug into the limestone cliffs of the Bonifacian city. Flanked against this unusual wall, you'll have a breathtaking view of the cliffs, the sea and Sardinia. This site is listed as a Historic Monument.

TO KNOW

Transport: the Portivechju - Aiacciu bus and A Berlina inter-municipal shuttle serve these areas. So you can get to the villages of Sotta, Figari, Pianottuli Caldareddu and Monacia d'Auddè.

Food: These villages all have convenience stores and local shops to stock up on supplies and improvise all kinds of picnics. Only Munacia has its resupply point in Pianottuli.







FROM MUNACIA D'AUDDÈ TO SOTTA

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N A T HAPPINESS IS FOUND IN U R E

From dawn, tread the fine sand of Palumbaghja and dive into a translucent sea.

Explore the seabed off the Cerbicali Islands, play with schools of bream and barracuda.

Push your limits in the Alta Rocca massifs, cool off in the invigorating water of the Rizzanese.

Sit in the shade of a lariciu pine and wake to the discreet visit of a Corsican deer, *u cervu corsu*.

Head back down to the plain at sunset and see the Bearded Vulture wheeling above the peaks.





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LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

FAUNA & FLORA

L'ALTORE - There are numerous raptors in the Bavella massif. The high peaks are the domain of **the Golden Eagle** *l'Altore*, and are home to one of 8 pairs of Bearded Vulture remaining on our island.

U CERVU - Having disappeared since 1960, **the Corsican Deer** *u Cervu Corsu* was reintroduced to the area around Quenza in 1999. Just like **the Mouflon** *a Muvra*, it's one of the protected game animals.

A TRUITA - At an altitude of 1500 metres, the Cuscione plateau contains vast natural ponds called «*pozzine*». The **Macrostigma**, also known as the **Corsican Trout**, still lives in its natural state and in the rivers of the plateau.

A PICCHJARINA - In the forests of Laricci Pines nests an almost unique bird: the **Corsican Nuthatch** *a Picchjarina*.

A CUPPULATA - The maquis is home to a large colony of friendly **Hermann's tortoises** *a Cuppulata*.



The Cerbicale Islands and Lavezzi Islands in the heart of the Bouches de Bonifacio Nature Reserve let you observe along the coast **Seagulls**, **Audoin's Gulls** and **European Shags**.

Near the Porto-Vecchio saltflats,

the shores of the Stabiacciu, bordered by marshes, are an ecosystem of choice for the **Cory's Shearwater**, **Coot** and **Moorhen**.



FAUNA



F L O R A

LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

FAUNA & FLORA

I PINI - The coast is home to **the Pinion Pine, Corsican Maritime Pine, Holm Oak, Cork Oak and Olive Tree.**

A MACCHJA - **The maquis** rising from 0 to 900 metres is made up of Cistus, Rosemary, Broom, Arbutus, Mastic Trees, Myrtles, Holly, Ferns, Asphodels, Brambles, etc.

U LARICIU - Between 1000 and 1800 metres above sea level, particularly in the Ospedale forest, you'll encounter the **Laricio Pine, u Lariciu**, as well as Heather *a Scoppa* up to 1300 metres.

A MUREDDA - From the seashore to the highest peaks, small, very rich flora are present: Cyclamen, Crocus, **Immortelle**, Anemone, Honeysuckle...

DID YOU KNOW?



L'ERBA MARINA / POSIDONIA - At the end of winter, mounds of dry leaves cover our beaches. It's **Posidonia**. It's not an algae but an aquatic plant, deposited by the waves. It plays a tremendous role in the underwater ecosystem! It's also nicknamed «the lung of the Mediterranean» for the importance of its oxygen production. Its presence on our beaches is proof of the clarity of the waters. It also protects the coastline from erosion. So maintaining it on the beaches is necessary; Posidonia strips prevent the sand from being washed away by the waves, and the beaches gradually disappearing.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
AND YOU?

A hand holding a single green leaf against a blurred background. The leaf is positioned vertically, with its stem held between the thumb and index finger. The background is a soft, out-of-focus greyish-green.

PRESERVE

the environment, nature, natural resources

RESPECT

la population locale et s'intéresser à sa culture, son patrimoine, son histoire

CONSUME

local, en circuit court au maximum

RESPONSIBLY

1

When you arrive in southern Corsica:

If you're interested in the history and heritage of the region, contact the **organised guided tours**.

Be aware of the benefits of **local commerce** - purchase directly from producers, craftsmen and designers in the region.

In your accommodation:

Just like at home, **sort your waste** according to the instructions for your vacation spot.

Since natural resources aren't inexhaustible, pay particular attention to your water and energy consumption.

All the information on syvadec.fr

2

At the beach, in the mountains:

Always have a small bag or beach ashtray with you to **collect your cigarette butts** and waste, and throw them in the sorting bins you find on your return.

Water is at the heart of the ecosystem, which is why you should use **sunscreen that doesn't harm** the sea or river.

Nature is all around you, so stay on the **marked trails** to fully respect the fauna and flora

Summer in Corsica is very dry, so be vigilant about **fire risks**.

3

When setting off:

To take home a little holiday souvenir which is eco-responsible, come and discover the shop at our

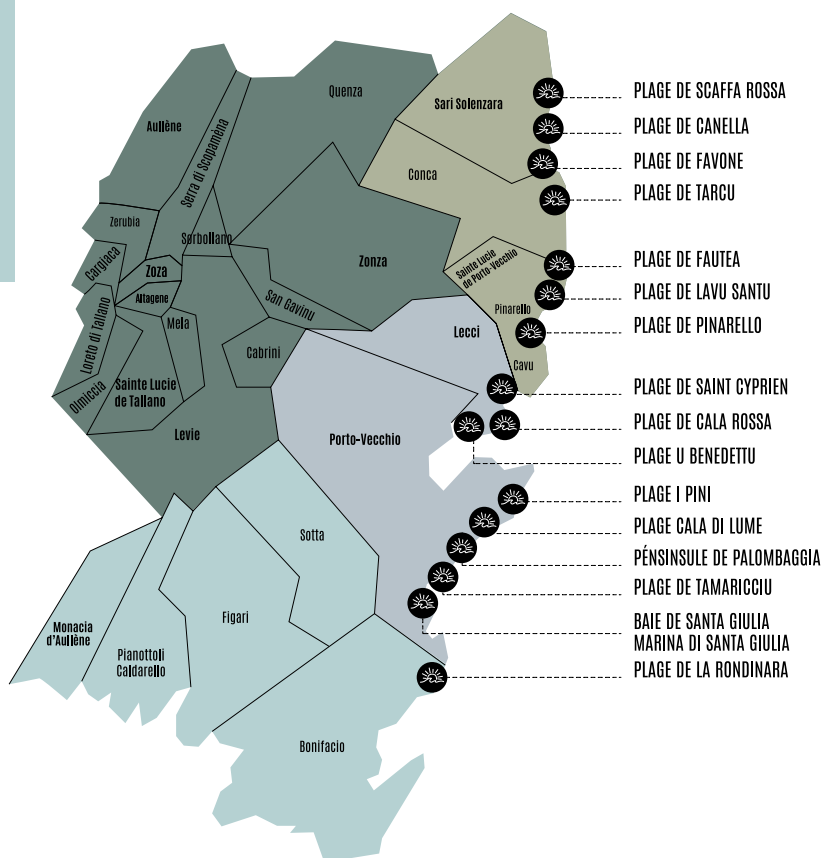
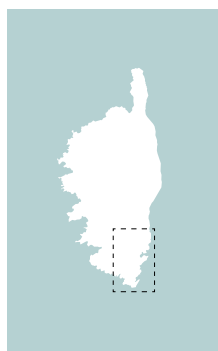
Tourist Office which aims to sell **100% local creations**.

Last useful tip: **recycle your** beach buoy at Dinò, who'll turn it into a stylish object!

Dinò Recyclerie Créative, Avenue Maréchal Leclerc (upper town), 20137 Porto-Vecchio

4

A WONDERFUL TOUR OF THE BEACHES





THE BEACHES

FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

SCAFFA ROSSA - CANEDDA - TARGU - FAVONA

Between Solenzara and Sainte Lucie de Porto-Vecchio, beautiful stretches of little-known beaches follow one another along our coast which are therefore less often visited. Sometimes hidden, sometimes bordering a hamlet, this succession of northern coves offers various landscapes of maquis, pine forests or rocky reefs, but the fine sand and crystal-clear waters remain, each time, a given.



FAUTEA - LAVU SANTU

4 km northeast of Sainte Lucie de Porto-Vecchio. From the top of its crown, the Genoese tower of Fautea dominates two beaches, the one that bears its name and the beach of Lavu Santu. A customs path lets you walk from the tip of Fautea Beach, passing by the tower, to Lavu Santu Beach, enjoying the panorama of this rugged coast plunging into clear, deep waters.



OLMUCCIU - VARDIOLA - CARAMONTINU

Small, more intimate beaches, each with their own specific nature (sand, pebbles or rocks) to enjoy the wilder side and explore the seabed.



VILLATA - CAPICCIOLO

If you're a fan of nudism, the southern part of Villata beach is reserved for you. After the Punta Capicciola walk, you can dive into the turquoise waters of Capicciola Cove.

PINAREDDU

2 km south-east of Sainte Lucie de Porto-Vecchio. Pinareddu (or Pinarello) Beach stretches for 2 km and, with its shallow waters, never fails to delight families. The Pinareddu site is also rich in maquis and pine forest, its square Genoese tower and its two Natura 2000-listed ponds: Padulatu and Padulu Tortu, as well as its small seaside village.





BEACHES



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FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

SAN CIPRIANU



7 km from Lecci. The bay of Saint Cyprien with its immense stretches of fine sand, is part of a coastal area where the green of the maquis and the turquoise blue of the sea rub shoulders, bordered by the Arasu Lake, with, in the background, a 500-year-old Genoese tower. Its calm, shallow water is perfect for young children.



CALA ROSSA - TRAMULIMACCHJA

8 km from Lecci. For a little more tranquillity, lay your towel out on the gently sloping beaches of Cala Rossa (left) and Tramulimacchia (right). Less busy than their neighbours, they have what makes the region's beaches so wonderful: translucent waters and beautiful stretches of white sand framed by rocky clusters. They draw the northern entrance to the Gulf of Porto-Vecchio.



U BENEDETTU



As an extension of Cala Rossa Beach, the Benedettu Peninsula offers a lovely view of the Gulf of Porto-Vecchio and Chiappa. Clear sand, transparent waters, red rocks ... it's a pretty family beach.



I PINI - PÉNSINSULE DE PALUMBAGHJA

12 km from Porto-Vecchio. One of the most famous coastlines in Corsica, the Palombaggia Peninsula owes its fame to an exceptional site where a series of coves, each more remarkable than the next, are entangled. Separated by chaotic rocky outcrops of red porphyry, these translucent-water beaches are dominated by dunes where hundred-year-old laricciu pines stand. Unmissable, the very first cove is called *i Pini*.



CALA DI LUMI

Continuing from Palombaggia, halfway, a glimpse of the beach of Cala di Lume which has been classified as a «Tobacco-free beach» since 2014 and offers facilities accessible to people in wheelchairs, offering the pleasure of taking a summer dip. «Plage des Lumières» beach owes its name to the family of Lumière brothers, Auguste and Louis, pioneers of photography, who owned a house nearby.



THE BEACHES

FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

TAMARICCIU - A FOLACCA

A *Punta Columbara*, a rocky point of red porphyry, is the heart of this marvellous site. Tamaricciu offers an idyllic setting: white sand, heaps of rocks, umbrella pines, dense maquis... Offshore, the Cerbicale Islands can be seen. This little corner of paradise continues with the beach of La Folacca to Acciaghju Point.



L'ACCIAGHJU

Less well known, a *Cala d'Acciaghju* is the last cove on the Palombaggia peninsula. Its southern part provides shelter on days with an easterly wind. It's known for its translucent water, fine sand and white dunes surrounded by junipers.



LA BAIE DE SANTA GHJULIA



7 km south of Porto-Vecchio. Compared to the most beautiful lagoons in French Polynesia, Santa Giulia is like a precious jewel deposited on the shore of Porto-Vecchio. Offering a picture postcard panorama par excellence, Santa Giulia delights all generations. Its wide strips of sand raised in the sea make it possible to venture out towards the horizon, while still touching the bottom, for several metres. To the rear, a coastal barrier protects the unspoiled lagoon of Santa Giulia, which is full of invaluable fauna and flora.



MARINA DI SANTA GHJULIA - PETRAGGIONE



Located to the north of the gulf, the coves of Petraggione and Marina di Santa Giulia are accessible by road only via Bocca dell'Oro or Precqjo and have a launching facility.



A RUNDINARA

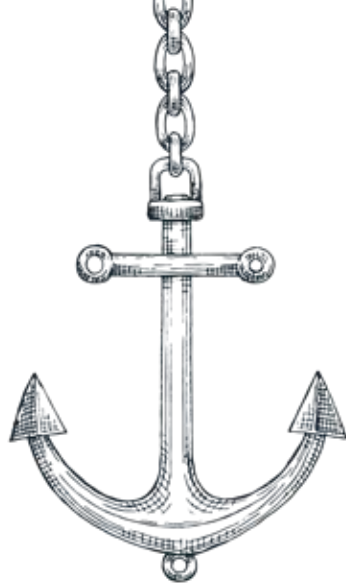


Halfway between Porto-Vecchio and Bonifacio, Rondinara Beach stands out from other beaches due to its particular appearance. Having the rounded shape of a shell, the bay gives the impression of a lake with calm, crystalline waters, surrounded almost entirely by endemic flora. For nature lovers, a small path leads to the discovery of its maquis, its dunes, Prisarella Lake and a coastline offering exceptional viewpoints!





BEACHES



RAISE THE ANCHOR

Smell the open sea air, set off to discover inaccessible coves, the South Corsica coast has some great discoveries in store for you!

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SULINZARA MARINA

Location: 41.857258 – 9.399233

VHF Vigie: Channel 9

Rings: 450

Length: 30m

Depth: 1.3m

The Harbour Master's Office:

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Open: in season from 7.00am to 9.00pm and out of season from 8.00am to 12.00pm and from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

PIANOTTULI MARINA

Location: 41°28'05"N – 09°04'04"E

VHF Vigie: Channel 10

Rings: 300

Length: 35m

Depth: 5/10m

The Harbour Master's Office:

Tel. : +33 (0)4 95 71 83 57

Opening hours: in season from 8.00am to 12.00pm and from 3.00pm to 8.00pm, and out of season from 8.30am to 12.00pm and from 2.00pm to 5.30pm.

GOING OUT TO SEA

Rent a boat with or without a licence, or choose to go out with a skipper.

And why not take the opportunity to get your coastal licence?

Please note that you're sailing within the Bouches de Bonifacio Nature Reserve, so find out where its perimeter is, its various protection zones and the regulations in force.

www.rnbb.fr

PORTIVECHJU MARINA

Location: 41°35'4N – 009°17'1E

SHOM map 6911-6929

Navicarte 1004-1008

Distances: Elba 85M, Bonifacio 25M, Maddalena 25M, Solenzara 18M

VHF Vigie: Channel 9

Rings: 350

Length: 50m

Depth: 3m

The Harbour Master's Office:

Tel. : +33 (0)4 95 70 17 93

Fax: +33 (0)4 95 70 27 68

port@porto-vecchio.fr

Opening hours: in season from 8.30am to 12.00pm and from 2.00pm to 7/8.00pm (in July-August: 8.00am to 9.00pm) and from October to March from 8.30am to 12.00pm and from 2.00pm to 5.30pm.

BONIFAZIU MARINA

Location: 41°23'02"N – 09°09'08"E

VHF Vigie: Channel 9

Rings: 370

Length: 85m

Depth: 2.5/5m

The Harbour Master's Office:

Tel. : +33 (0)4 95 73 10 07

Opening hours: in winter from 8.30am to 4.30pm - In summer from 7.30am to 8.30pm

www.bonifacio-marina.corsica

MOORINGS

Mooring on the beaches is authorised outside the marked protection zones.

Organised mooring areas: Santa Ghjulia Bay - San Ciprianu and Cala Rossa Bay - Pinareddu Bay





FROM THE SEA,
ITS CURVED BLUE
LINES ARE SO ENTICING...

THE CALL OF THE MOUNTAINS

ADMIRE the Aiguilles de Bavella, the dizzying views of the coastline and the Sardinian coast.

DRINK IN the charm of the villages, their built heritage, history and traditions.

ENJOY meats direct from the producer.

COOL OFF in the shade of a century-old Iariciu pine or in the cool, crystalline waters of the rivers...

CLIMB the celestial peaks of L'Alcudina or L'Asinau.

WALK the Cuscionu Plateau in spring, loose yourself in the reflection of its *pozzine*.

SMELL the unique, wild aromas of *Arba Barona* (mountain thyme) and *Nepita* (wild mint).

TRY OUT climbing sports and descend a canyon in the Bavella massif.

WALK the country trails of the Alta Rocca loop and commune with nature...



DA U MARI À U MARI

HIKING FROM SEA TO SEA...

Departing from Porto-Vecchio, the MARE À MARE SUD takes you to the other side of Corsica, the Gulf of Valincu and Propriano.

This mid-mountain route is an unmissable, iconic path criss-crossing the Alta Rocca region, its villages and its heritage. You'll discover the region's most beautiful panoramas and penetrate deep into Corsica.

It will take you to the heart of pine, oak and chestnut forests. You'll approach wild fauna and flora, often endemic and preserved. It will also be an opportunity to cross streams and rivers and enjoy a refreshing swim. A route through the heart of nature, ideal

for sports holidays with family or friends, accessible almost all year round.

On the Mare à Mare Sud, accommodation is provided in stopover lodges, guest rooms or campsites in the stopover villages. These private establishments offer a half-board service and, on request, a picnic. For a «lighter» hike, having your luggage transported from lodge to lodge is also possible.

It's strongly recommended that you book accommodation before setting off. And of course, suitable equipment and knowledge of the weather are essential.



5 STAGES MARKED IN ORANGE

Stage 1:

Porto-Vecchio – Cartalavonu
15km

Ascent: 1130m. / Descent: 100m.
5 hours of walking

Stage 2:

Cartalavonu – Levie

12km – Ascent: 670m. / Descent:
1120m.

5 hours of walking

Stage 3:

Levie – Serra di Scopamena

19km – Ascent: 900m. / Descent:
630m.

6 hours of walking

Stage 4:

Serra di Scopamena – Sainte Lucie
de Tallano

10km – Ascent: 570m. / Descent:
800m.

4 hours of walking

Stage 5:

Sainte Lucie de Tallano – Burgo

16km – Ascent: 710m. / Descent:
720m.

6 hours of walking

Information and reservation
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DISCOVERY

TRAILS

THE GENOESE TOWER OF FAUTEA AND THE BEACH OF LAVU SANTU

Start: 4 km north of Sainte Lucie de Porto-Vecchio.

Interest: the property of the Conservatoire du Littoral since 1979, the site presents rich, diversified natural environments. The Fautea Tower was built at the end of the 16th century. It's part of the set of fortifications to protect the Porto-Vecchio region, with the towers of Pinareddu, Benedettu and San Ciprianu. From the tower, a customs path leads in 30 minutes to the long beach of Lavu Santu, also called «the beach of the Americans» because it was the scene of NATO manoeuvres. It's nearly 900 m long and extends south to the mouth of the *Cavu*.

CAVU VALLEY

Start: in Sainte Lucie de Porto-Vecchio, head for Taglio Rosso and continue to the car park, at the start of the Cavu Valley. The path along the river gives access to surprising natural pools.

Interest: swimming in natural pools, hiking for all levels, mountain biking trails, pine forest, oak grove, olive grove, maquis, Marion Bridge.

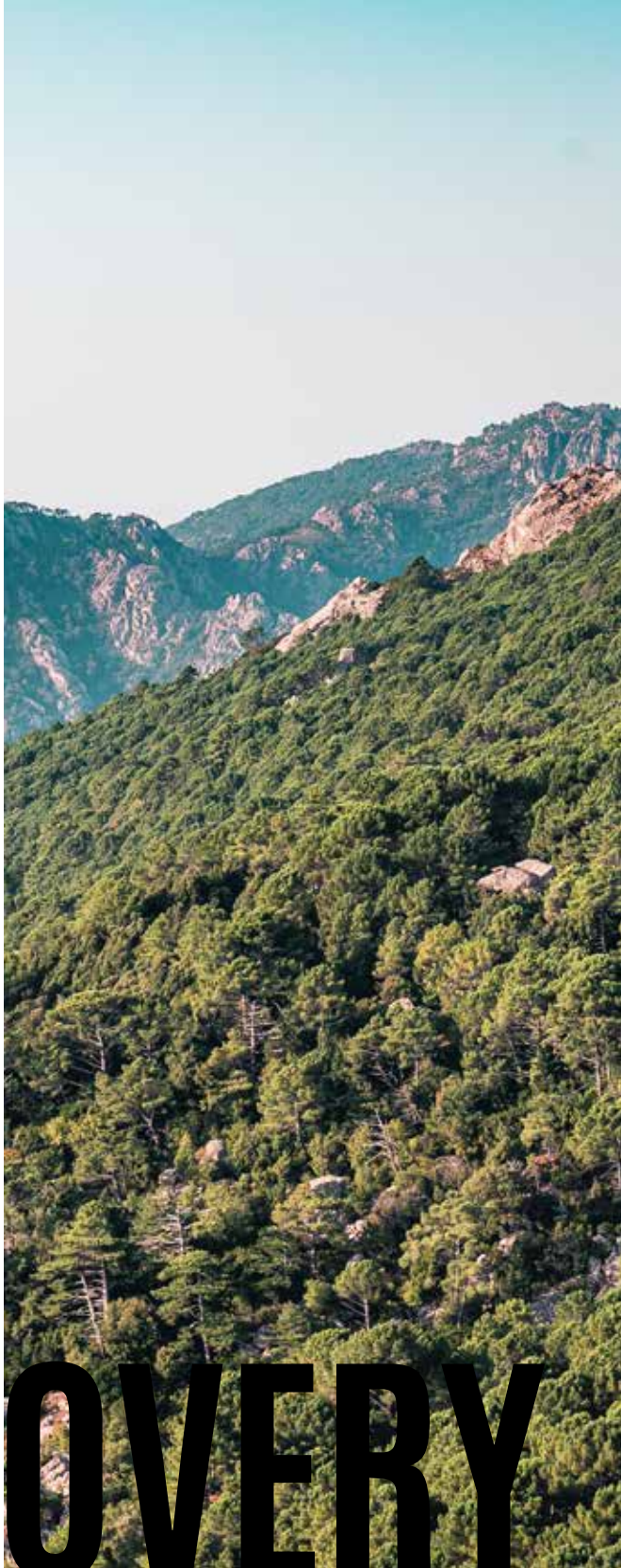
THE HERITAGE TRAIL IN SARRA DI SCOPAMENA

Start: village of Serra di Scopamena.

Marking: wrought iron signs and cairns.

Duration: 50 min.

Interest: chestnut grove, chestnut dryer, water mill, fountain-washhouse, traditional architecture. This path begins with a beautiful cobbled descent down a decorative street in the centre of the village. You then take a magnificent route that winds between dry stone walls, bordering old vegetable gardens to discover a traditional building typical of the mountain culture of southern Corsica.



DISCOVERY



TRAILS

THE GHJUVANNALI INTERPRETATION TRAIL

Start: the village of Carbini.

Marking: follow the interpretation panels.

Duration: 1 hour.

Interest: Pisan church, bell tower, orientation table. During its history, the village suffered a lot: it was completely razed during the Barbary incursions and was at the heart of the bloody crusade against the Giovannali, a religious movement suppressed in the 14th century. The Pisan church you'll discover in the very heart of the village has a unique nave, flanked by an isolated bell tower to the N-E of the apse. Along the way, you can discover a series of interpretation panels related to the history of the village and this family.

I STRITTONI

Start: Monacia d'Aullène. The trail begins at the village square. The route begins in the alleyways, before taking the path that goes towards the river, crossing the D50.

Marking: yellow.

Duration: 2 hour.

Distance: 4 km.

Interest: 18th century house, traditional bread oven, at the exit from the village and at the end of the circuit, the old cemetery whose oldest graves date back to the end of the 18th century, orii (Cubia, Iddastricciolu...), stritti, mills and canals to feed them (those of Tiaddori and Ghjarbeddi in particular). There are lots of caves and «orii». These remarkably beautiful «orii» have been used for centuries as dwellings, burial chambers or grain silos. Also remarkable, the flour mills are built of dry stone, along two streams, u Spartanu and la Cioccia. The part where the waterwheel turned was made of stone and surmounted by a vault on which the millstone lay.



U CASTEDDU D'ARAGHJU

ARCHAEOLOGICAL

Start: at the exit from the village of Trinité, Bastia road, turn left towards the village of Araggio and follow the signs.

Free parking.

Difficulty: steep, rocky climb with no shade.

Duration: 1 hour round trip.

Interest: 500 metres northwest of the village of Araghju, on a height overlooking the entire valley, the prehistoric Casteddu of Araghju bears witness to 37 centuries of history. This monumental fortification contains a dungeon and a fine surrounding wall. A little higher, amid a superb chaotic granite setting, difficult to access, there's also a site summarily fortified since prehistoric times.





TAPPA

Start: 10 minutes by car from Porto-Vecchio on the road to Figari. Signpost visible from the road (on the left).

Duration: 20 minutes round trip.

Interest: on the edge of the D859, on the edge of the town of Sotta, this archaeological complex is located at an altitude of 60 m and offers a superb view. This fortified site, occupied by man from the 4th millennium BC, contains traces of human occupation until the 2nd millennium BC. It consists of a huge enclosure surrounding a village and containing a monumental tower. Here, you can see the presence of lodges and underground passages in which the population kept its reserves. A staircase gave access to the first floor. The site is classified as a Historic Monument.

SITES



CUCURUZZU È CAPULA

WALK IN THE FOREST OF TIME

Start: from Levie, take the road to Sainte Lucie de Tallano then follow the signs. Paid entry.

Last departure: 2 hours before the site closes.

Duration: 1hr30 guided audio tour.

Route: 3 km.

Recommendation: walking shoes.

CUCURUZZU

A path lined with stones and shaded by oaks takes you back to prehistory...

This remarkable monumental complex from the middle of the 2nd millennium BC skilfully uses a natural spur. It extends over 2 hectares and consists of an enclosure and upper monument formed by stacks of rocks weighing more than a ton. The interior of Casteddu, inhabited in the Bronze and Iron Ages, contains lodges for craft activities, underground passages for storing foodstuffs, basins and containers used for grinding cereals.

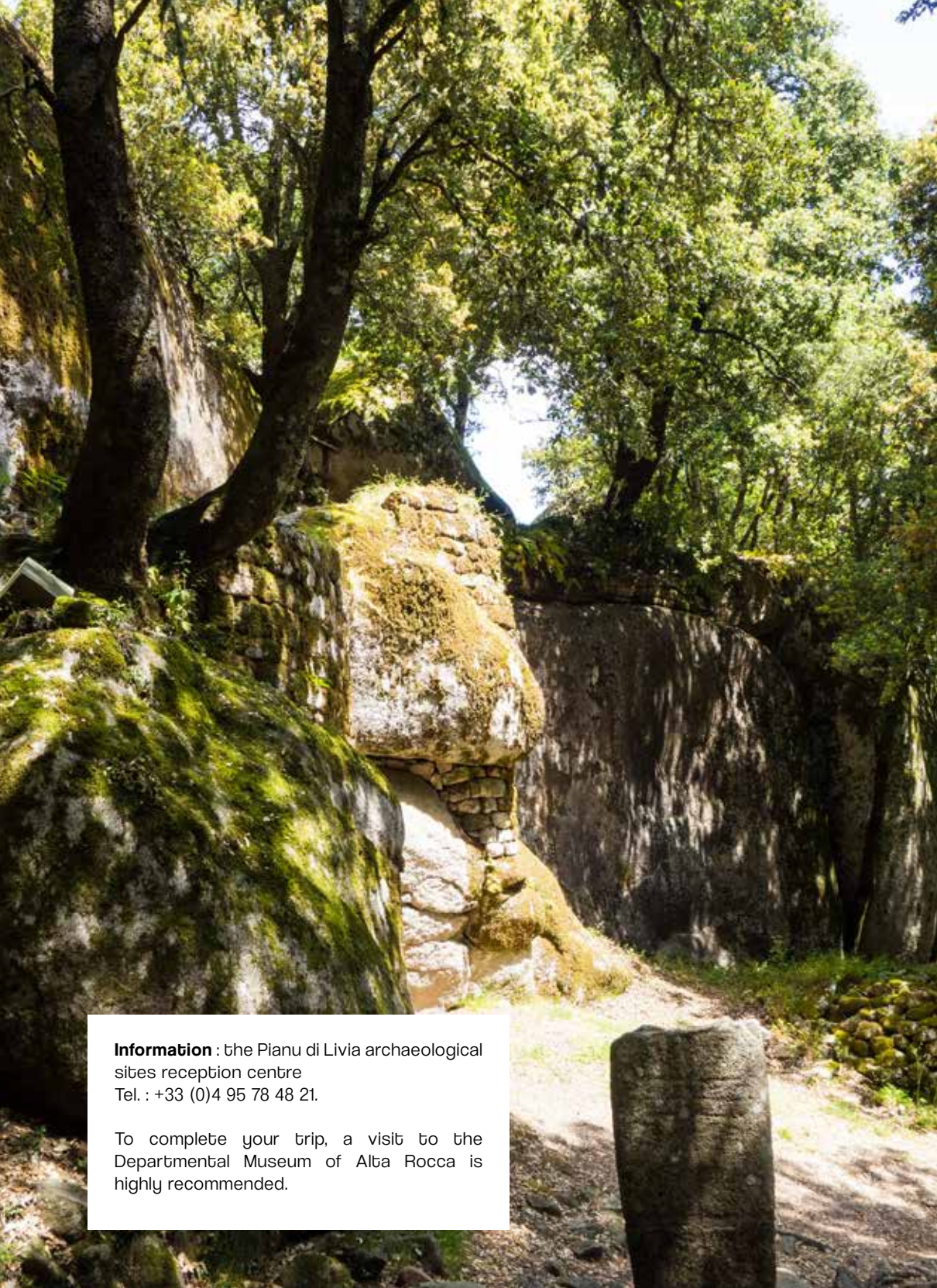
CAPULA

From Cucuruzzu, a three-thousand-year-old path connects to the site of Capula.

Standing on a hill covered with oak trees, the Casteddu reproduces part of the wonderful medieval history of Alta Rocca. This prehistoric site, converted into a fortification in the 10th century by Count Bianco, was home to his descendants the Biancolacci, until 1400.

At the foot of the monument, there's a statue-menhir whose fragments have been reused in medieval masonry.

On the way back, a little further on, the foundations of the medieval San Larenzu chapel appear, whose stones were used to construct the more recent building located about ten metres away.



Information : the Pianu di Livia archaeological sites reception centre
Tel. : +33 (0)4 95 78 48 21.

To complete your trip, a visit to the Departmental Museum of Alta Rocca is highly recommended.

A STRONG HERITAGE

THE GENOESE CITADEL OF PORTIVECHJU

In Porto Vecchio

Strolling through the alleyways of the citadel, discovering its architecture, its shops, drinking a cup of coffee and enjoying the local gastronomy, is a real pleasure... But the walls that surround it, its imposing bastions and its population have a story to tell: a story of invasions, a story of hard work, a story of illnesses ... the story of the city of Porto-Vecchio.

THE TERRACE OF THE BASTION DE FRANCE

In Porto Vecchio

Access the panoramic terrace with an exceptional 360° view opening onto the Gulf of Porto-Vecchio, its old salt marshes, the roofs of the old town and the mountain with the village of Ospedale. You also have binoculars, an orientation table and panels relating the history of the region. Paid entry.

THE CHIAPPA LIGHTHOUSE

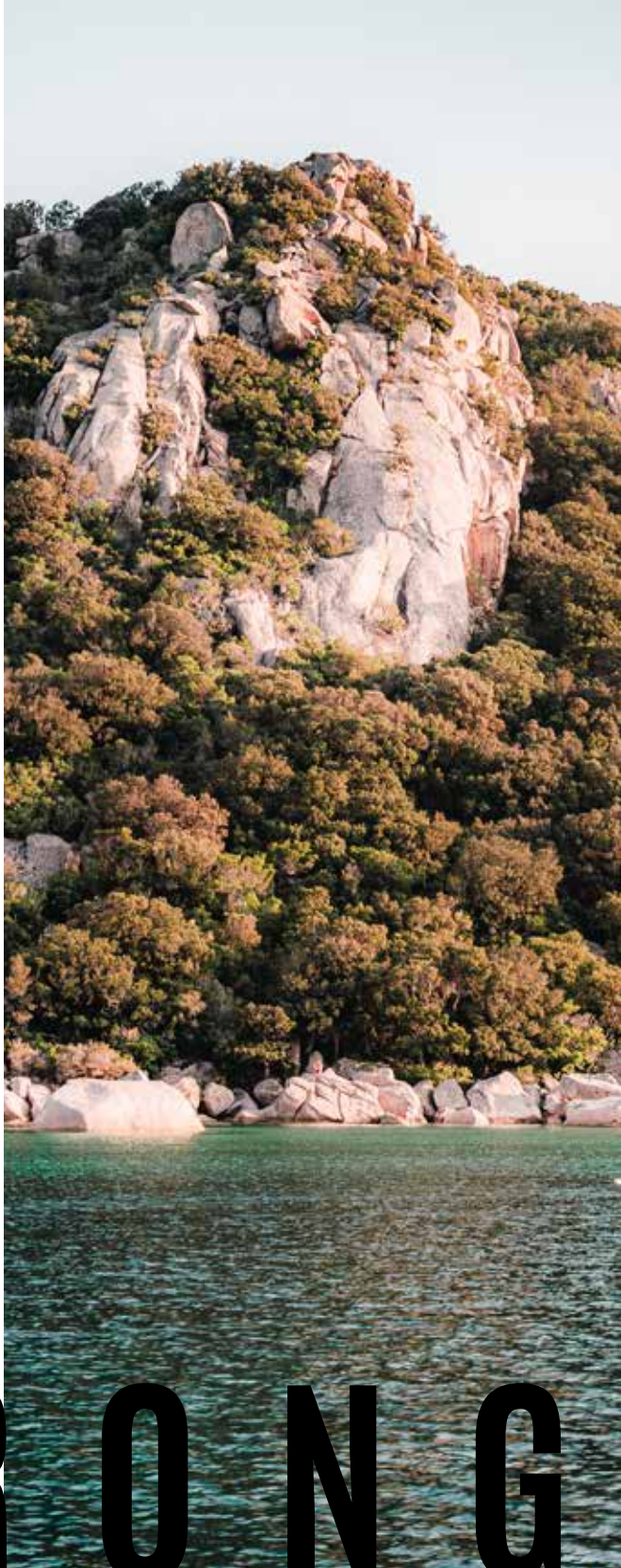
In Porto Vecchio

Located on Chiappa Point, at the entrance to the Gulf of Porto-Vecchio, it was built in the 19th century. It was then only accessible by a dirt road. Its construction lasted 6 years and owes its architecture to Léonce Reynaud. It signals the approach to the Bouches de Bonifacio further south. Inaccessible and visible only from the sea, the Chiappa lighthouse is part of the town's heritage.

THE CONVENT OF NOTRE DAME DE L'ASSUNTA GLORIOSA

In Sari

Thanks to the generosity of the inhabitants of Sari Solenzara who offered them the land, the nuns of Bethlehem and the Assumption of the Virgin founded at the foot of Monte Santu, between heaven and earth, a monastery of evangelical solitude. Located in the heart of this majestic landscape, the building with its modern, refined architecture has a chapel, open all day including during liturgical services, as well as a workshop for craft creations. These monastic products are made by the sisters themselves and sold on site: earthenware, essential oils, beneficial balms, jams, monastery herbal teas, vegetable syrup, gingerbread, desert star biscuits, candles, sacred art (crosses, nativity scenes, icons, cards, rosaries, etc.).



STRONG



HERITAGE

A STRONG HERITAGE

CHATEAU DE QUENZA

In Quenza

Château de Quenza was built with stones imported from Tuscany, on the model of the Palazzo del Podestà in Florence. This building is closed to the public, however it's well worth a detour for a souvenir photo.

THE CHAPEL OF THE YEAR 1000

In Quenza

The Romanesque chapel of Santa Maria, dating from the year 1000, is classified as a historical monument. You can discover it by following the road leading to Serra di Scopamena, coming from Zonza.

THE RESISTANCE MEMORIAL

In Zonza

Unique in Corsica, the Resistance Memorial, located in the heart of the village, pays tribute to the resistance fighters of Alta Rocca, where much fighting with the Germans and Italians took place. The Memorial bears witness to local history during the Second World War. Free entry.

SAINT FRANCIS CONVENT

In Sainte Lucie de Tallano

This building dates from the 15th century and was occupied for a long time by the Franciscans. It houses a polychrome marble high altar dating from the 17th century. In this 17th-century baroque parish church, with its unique nave, you can admire a white marble bas-relief, the altarpiece of the Virgin.

U FRAGNONU

In Saint Lucie de Tallano

Ecomuseum of olive oil below the village, in an old mill dating from the 18th century. Here, you'll discover a very nice paddle wheel fed by the water from the stream. Guided, commented tour.
Entrance fee €2.

THE ALTA ROCCA MUSEUM

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR ANCESTORS...

Archaeology, paleo-ethnography and history come together in this museum, a reflection of 10,000 years of human occupation. The collections on display illustrate the history of the daily life of the populations of Alta Rocca from the 8th millennium BC to the Middle Ages.

The Alta Rocca is more than 60 excavated sites, more than 200 prospected sites whose remains are a reference collection.

Here, you can discover original items such as the skeleton of the oldest Lady of Corsica, the Lady of Bonifacio and the remains of extinct animals such as the prolagus, the atypical dishes of Curacchiaghju (Levie), tools made of local rock or imported, bronze ornaments, including the Corsican fibula, all testifying to human know-how.

These silent witnesses complement the visit to two sites open to visitors - Cucuruzzu and Capula - and offer a journey through time that begins in the Mesolithic period.

Each year, the curator also offers several temporary exhibitions.

The Museum offers:

Guided tours of the permanent route and temporary exhibitions on prior request for groups, adults and children and schoolchildren.

Workshops for young people (theme on request by prior reservation).

From 8500 to 6000 BC, the first human groups arrived in Corsica, in the Mesolithic.

From 6000 to 2000 BC, a second grouping arrived in Corsica, the Neolithic.

From 2000 to 700 BC, the time of the Casteddi, the Bronze Age.

From 700 to 259 BC, the time of the Korsi, the Iron Age.

From 259BC to 1600AD, And History is written ... the Middle Ages.

Timetables:

From June to September, open every day from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Closed on public holidays.

From October to May, open Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Closed Sunday, Monday and public holidays.

Information at:

+33 (0)4 95 78 00 73



GUIDED TOURS

We invite you to discover our history through various guided tours led by our tour guide.

A Citadedita, weekly guided tour:

From its construction to its turbulent history, its great Houses to the exploitation of its swamps, its pagan festivals to its religious history, the Citadel of Porto-Vecchio will reveal all its secrets to you! On Registration.

If the walls could speak..., weekly evening guided tour with projector:

While Porto-Vecchio is deeply linked to the Genoese presence, it also has its own history: its origins, its inhabitants, its traditions... It also has the privilege of having experienced a flourishing economy thanks to the exploitation of salt and cork, the traces of which are still visible today. Come and discover another facet of the city with a projection of photographs of Porto-Vecchio of yesteryear during your visit. On Registration.

The Pirate's Riddle

And for young people, discover the citadel and its riddles independently in a fun way, thanks to the «Pirate's Riddle» treasure hunt.

More information at the Porto-Vecchio Tourist Office.





IN SOUTHERN CORSICA

FLAVOURS & KNOW-HOW

There's no production without seasons... Authentic flavours, real ones, are those that respect the seasons and tradition. It also requires passion!

OUR PRODUCERS

Cheeses
Organic fruit and vegetables
Charcuterie
Essential oils

OUR STORES

Stores selling Corsican products
Delicatessen
Wine cellar

OUR WINEGROWERS

OUR CRAFTSMEN

Earrings
Handmade soaps
Jeweller craftsmen
Art gallery

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SEASONS

U BROCCIU

Brocciu made with goat's milk or sheep's milk has a Protected Designation of Origin. It comes from whey and is consumed from November to June.



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SEAFOOD

Winter is also the time for seafood and *sea urchins* on the beach, under the mild sunshine of January, February, March and April.



U FICATEDDU

You have to wait for winter, the slaughter period *a tumbera*, to eat *U FICATEDDU* (liver sausage) and *I SANGUI* (black pudding).

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MILK-FED LAMB AND GOAT

The production of MILK-FED LAMB and GOAT takes place from October to May. They're traditionally eaten during the Christmas and Easter periods.



CITRUSES

CITRON, LEMON, ORANGE, KUMQUAT, POMELO ... citrus fruits add their zest of colours from March, sometimes even February, until June...

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& TRADITIONS

A RIVIA

Traditional skewer prepared with goat offal for the Christmas holidays in the far south of Corsica and in the Sartenais.



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OLIVE OIL

«OLIU DI CORSICA» is characterised by its extreme softness in the mouth and intense scents of the maquis. The olive harvest takes place, depending on the variety, from November to June. You find the first oils on the market around March, sometimes even December.



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HONEY FROM CORSICA

(AOP or AOC) offers a wide variety of aromas. From the sea to the mountains, Corsican beekeepers move their hives with the seasons. Spring honey is sweet, floral and fruity while the spring maquis reveals notes of caramel and cocoa.

SEASONS & TRADITIONS

A CANESTRA

Circular brioche-shaped bread, traditional for Easter, A *MERENDELLA DI PASQUA*.

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AROMATIC PLANTS

Present in Corsica for almost 8000 years, the maquis covers the island from the shore up to about 800 metres above sea level.

Lentisk, myrtle, cistus, immortelle... These wild plants make up the beauty and particular nature of the Corsican landscape. They're also recognised for their culinary, medicinal and olfactory virtues.

A *NEPITA* (wild mint), *ARBA BARONA* (mountain thyme), Rosemary, Lemon Verbena, Lemon Balm, Sage, Oregano, Marjoram, etc.



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SEASONS

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Picked at maturity and distributed in short circuits, Corsican fruit and vegetables gain in flavour and freshness. Tomatoes, melons, peaches, nectarines, watermelons, apricots, courgettes, strawberries, table grapes, salads, cucumbers, peppers, aubergines, plums, apples, cherries, Swiss chard...



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MEATS

You have to wait for the end of the salting to taste *U PRISUTTU* (cured ham), *U LONZU* (tenderloin), and *A COPPA* (loin).

CORSICAN VEAL

Raised in the maquis. It has a typical taste, flavour and a rosy colour to the flesh. It's eaten all year round. Sautéed, roasted in the oven or simply grilled, Corsican veal delivers an authentic, fragrant taste.



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I FRAPPI

Sprinkled with sugar, they're a must at family events.



DONUTS

Plain or stuffed with brocciu, depending on the season.



& TRADITIONS

DONUTS, FRAPPI

They're found on all happy occasions: weddings, baptisms...

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HARVESTING

Autumn picks the first CHESTNUTS and CLEMENTINES.

CHEESE

SHEEP AND GOAT FARMERS, U CASGIU SARTINESI

Formerly nicknamed «the island of shepherds», Corsica remains the heir to a strong tradition of breeding ewes and goats of the Corsican breed for milking. Tomme... *U Casgiu Sartinesi* is obtained from an uncooked pressed paste.

THE BREAD OF THE DEAD

Brioche sweet bread with nuts and raisins, ritually prepared for the Day of the Dead, 2 November. On the evening of All Saints' Day / SANTI, i.e. the day before the feast of the dead, these breads are left out as an offering on our tables... (an ancient tradition believed that the dead woke up on the night of 1 to 2 November. The doors were left open, the fireplace lit and bread on the table...).

In Corsica, on 2 November, people come to put flowers on the graves of their dead. The bread of the dead or *l'uva sicata*, an energy bread eaten for the occasion, also made it possible, at the time, to stay all day at the cemetery.

HUNTING

Corsica is a land of hunters. The wealth of the island's gastronomy is also rich in these traditional family recipes concocted around game: wild boar, partridge, hare, pheasant, woodcock, pigeon, thrush, blackbird... Regulated, the hunting period extends from mid-August to the end of February.

SEASONS & TRADITIONS

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FLAVOURS AND KNOW-HOW

YOU REALLY MUST TRY

Omelette with brocciu and mint

A minestra, traditional soup

Canelloni with brocciu

I pitti morti, oven-baked corn polenta and veal stew with olives **stufatu di viteddu**

Stuffed aubergines

U fiadonu, essential pastry made from a mixture of eggs, sugar, fresh brocciu, brandy and lemon zest

I sciacci (di patati) is a Livian (Lévie) speciality whose family recipe is passed down from generation to generation. It's a potato tartlet garnished with garlic, olive oil and grated sheep's cheese

È **Acqua vita** no?

Digestives: brandy, or liqueur of myrtle, arbutus, chestnut

WINES

PROTECTED DESIGNATIONS OF ORIGIN

APPELLATIONS D'ORIGINES PROTÉGÉS (AOP)



AOP CORSE PORTO-VECCHIO

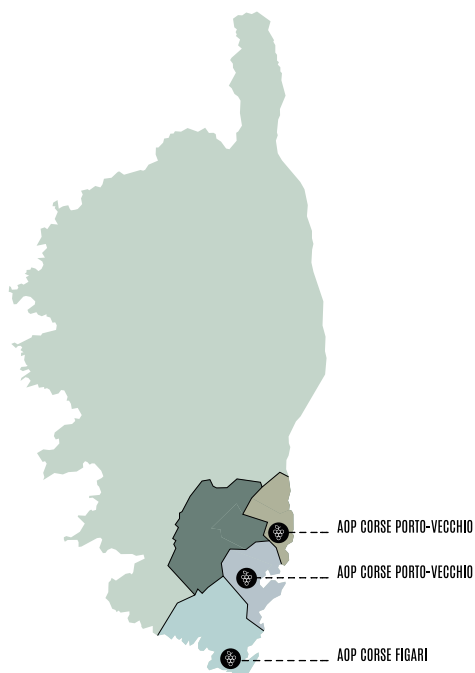
Between a rocky coast and vast cork oak groves, AOP Corse Porto-Vecchio is an arid land, beaten by the winds, that plunges towards the sea.

Its wines: the **Niellucciu** and **Sciaccarellu** grape varieties combine with the traditional Grenache to produce round, elegant reds and fine, aromatic rosés. The whites, from **Vermentinu**, are dry and fruity to perfection.

AOP CORSE FIGARI

AOP Corse Figari is an old vineyard, probably the oldest in Corsica, where the first vines appeared in the 5th century BC. This land, the most southern and sunny in France with Bonifacio, is defined by a harsh and very windy climate making viticulture complex.

Its wines: with typical Corsican grape varieties, there are white wines, very floral on an exotic note, lively, colourful rosé wines as well as well-structured red wines with a deep colour.





& ART CRAFTSMEN

The craftsmen are heirs to multiple traditions of Corsican pastoral society, manufacturing for their own use «*u bellu è l'utile*», the beautiful and the useful.

Working with metal, wood, wool, basketry, pottery, or cutting coral: Corsican Craftsmanship is full of great diversity and quality of products.

This know-how almost disappeared at the same time as the society that passed it on. Today, the emergence of a new generation of designers, who combine tradition and innovation, is breathing new life into craftsmanship.

Today's craftsmen combine quality of materials, technical excellence and creativity to offer you objects that reflect the beauty of our island.

ESSENTIAL OILS

Immortelle *murza*, myrtle *morta*, rosemary *rosumarinu*, laricio pine *lariciu*, dwarf juniper *astratella*, mastic pistachio *listincu*, fennel *finochju*, samphire *baschichja*...

This floral richness, combined with total mastery of knowledge of the plant cycle, from its picking to its distillation into essential oil, offers the guarantee of a unique quality. Essential oils are used in aromatherapy, pharmacy, cosmetics, perfumery and sometimes even cooking.

CUTLERY

The art of cutlery is experiencing a craze that goes well beyond the borders of the island.

Like our culture and our pastoral world, this craft bears the soul of the people. Also, the constant search for quality is supported by a more assertive identity. The knife is a personal object, but above all a tool, a companion to the peasant in their daily life. Thus, *U Spuntichju* and *A Curnachjola*, which were used to butcher, consisted of a slender pointed blade, set in a large horn handle. *A Runchetta*, a sort of pruning knife, was sometimes rigid, sometimes articulated with a wooden or horn handle.

CORAL CUTTING

Mediterranean coral has been known and appreciated since Antiquity. Coveted from the West to the East, it's synonymous with good luck and protects against the «evil eye».

Of great value, it served above all as currency of exchange in the same way as precious stones and gold. In Corsica, coral is recognised for its exceptional quality and colour. Brought up from more than a hundred metres deep, divers push themselves to their limits every day. This coral is called «precious» because of its natural shine due to grinding and polishing. Often using ancestral techniques, the artisanal workshops select it, cut it, carve it and polish it to mount in a necklace or a gold or silver buckle.





IN SOUTHERN CORSICA

EAT

Farmhouse inn,
restaurant, on the go,
take away

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IN SOUTHERN CORSICA

ENJOY A DRINK GET OUT AND ABOUT

Café, ice cream bar, organic bar,
wine bar, cocktail bar, cabaret,
unusual

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IN SOUTHERN CORSICA

GETTING ABOUT

TIME & DISTANCE

BY BUS

BY ELECTRIC CAR

2-WHEEL RENTAL

CLASSIC CAR RENTAL

VAN RENTAL

CAR RENTAL

TAXI / HYBRID BIKE

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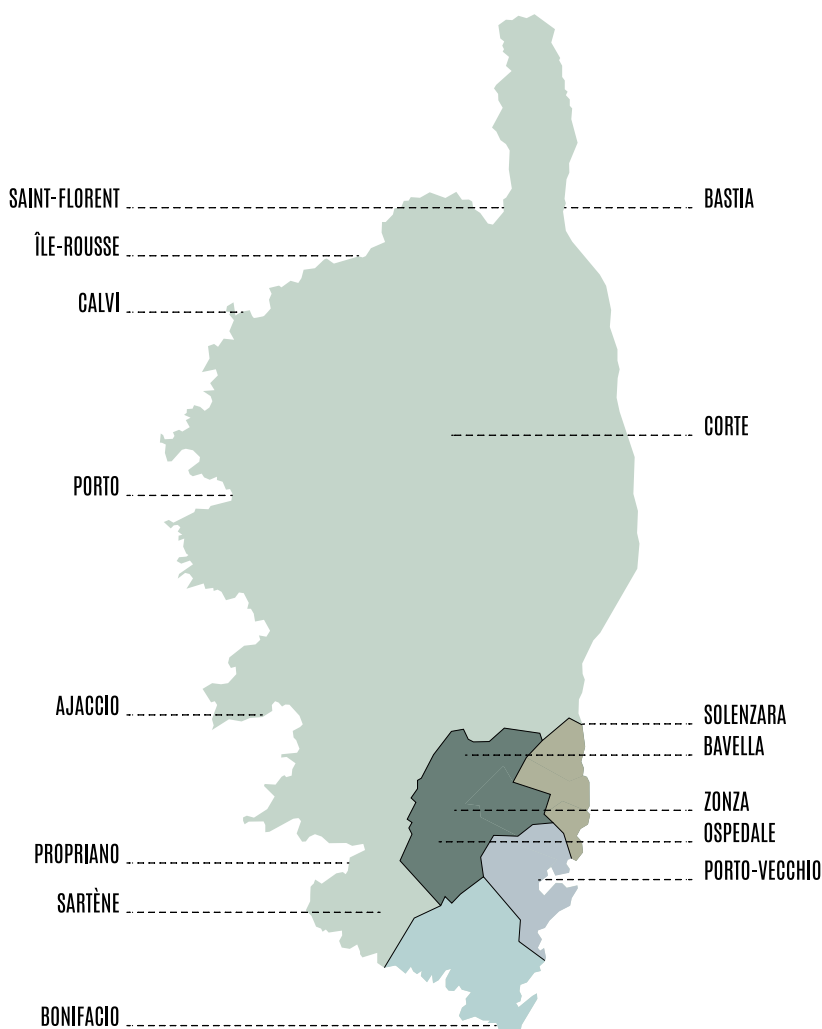
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THE CONCEPT OF TIME / DISTANCE

In Corsica, we don't count the distances in kilometres, but in time. With the exception of the Porto-Vecchio-Bastia axis, our roads cross passes and are sometimes winding.

To reach the following towns from Porto-Vecchio, we've taken into account summer visitor numbers to calculate the duration of journeys on the following routes:



**Aiacciu Ajaccio**

140 km, allow 2hr30

Bastia

143 km, allow 2hr20

Bavedda Bavella

47.7 km, allow 1hr07

Bonifaziu Bonifacio

27 km, allow 30min

Calvi

204 km, allow 3hr25

Corti Corté

118 km, allow 2hr00

Isula Rossa Ile Rousse

179 km, allow 3hr00

U Spidali Ospedale

18.9 km, allow 29min

Portu Porto

200 km, allow 4hr10

Pruprià Propriano

72 km, allow 1hr20

San Fiorenzu Saint Florent

152 km, allow 2hr40

Sartè Sartène

61 km, allow 1hr05

Sulinzara Solenzara

38 km, allow 45min

Zonza

38.8 km, allow 55min



REGULAR BUS LINES

All year round, increased frequencies in summer:

Porto-Vecchio > Aéroport Figari
Sud Corse (planning mensuel)

Porto-Vecchio > Bonifacio

Porto-Vecchio > Bastia

Porto-Vecchio > Ajaccio

Porto-Vecchio > Ajaccio par la montagne (Zonza)

All year round on request:

Porto-Vecchio > Conca (GR20)

Summer (July - August):

Porto-Vecchio > Bavella

Porto-Vecchio > Plage de Palombaggia

Porto-Vecchio > Plage de Santa Giulia (de juillet à septembre)

Porto-Vecchio > Pinarello > Sainte Lucie > Conca

Porto-Vecchio > Lecci > Sainte Lucie
> Caramontino

**All the info at
www.destination-sudcorse.com**



GETTING ABOUT IN SOUTHERN CORSICA

IN ELECTRIC CARS

3 slow charging stations provided by the Community of Municipalities of South Corsica:

Car park at the Tourist Office in Lecci

Claude Papi stadium in Porto-Vecchio

Town hall of Pianottoli

5 rapid charging stations:

Géant Casino car park (Bastia road) in Porto-Vecchio

Super U and Vito service station in Sainte Lucie de Porto-Vecchio

Convent of Saint Francis in Sainte Lucie de Tallano



BY BUS

At Citadina (intramural Porto-Vecchio)

All year round - 7 days a week - Frequency:
15/20 min - Free - Electric

Real-time information and traffic on the
ZENBUS app or on
acitadina.porto-vecchio.corsica

In Berlina, «*Da un paesi à l'altru*»

Bonifacio > Chera > Precqjo > Porto-Vecchio

Monacia d'Aullène > Figari > Sotta > Muratello
> Porto-Vecchio

Lecci > Trinité > Porto-Vecchio

All year - 6/7 days - €2 / person

Online booking at www.tixipass.com







IN SOUTHERN CORSICA

STAY

HOTELS

APART'HOTELS

APARTMENTS

HOLIDAY VILLAGES

CAMPSITES

LODGES

UNUSUAL, GLAMPING

GUEST ROOMS

PRIVATE RENTAL

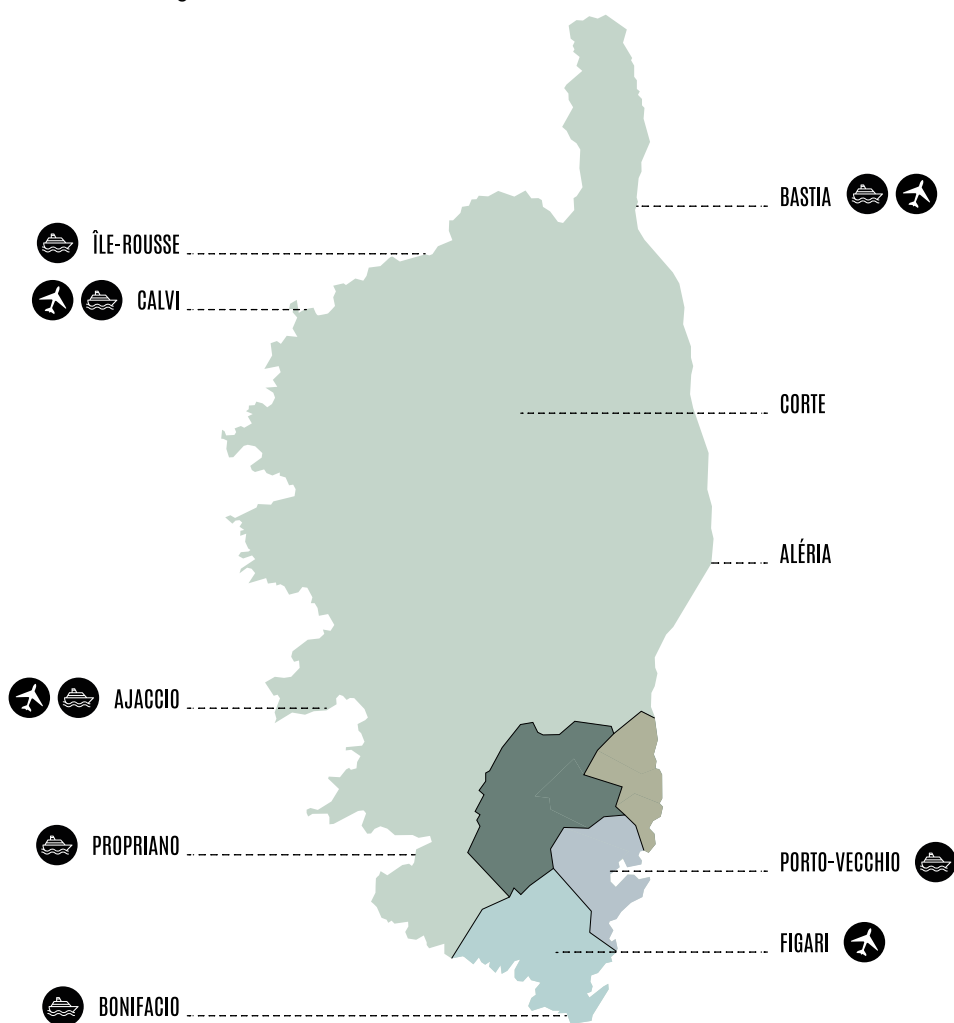
AGENCIES,
SEASONAL RENTALS, CARRIERS



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GETTING TO CORSICA

Corsica stands in the heart of the western Mediterranean, 170 km from the French mainland coasts and 80 km from those of Italy.



PAR AVION

15 minutes from Porto-Vecchio, Figari Sud Corse international airport is connected by direct, regular flights to the main European cities: Brussels, Bern, Geneva, London (Stansted), Rome, Marseille, Nice, Paris (Orly-CDG), Avignon, Bordeaux, Brest, Caen, Clermont Ferrand, Dijon, Lille, Lyon, Metz, Nantes, Quimper, Rennes, Rouen, Strasbourg, Toulouse, Tours... In addition, Corsica has three other international airports connected in particular to Salzburg, Berlin, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Copenhagen...

AIRPORTS OF CORSICA

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Ajaccio : +33 (0)4 95 23 56 56

Bastia : +33 (0)4 95 54 54 54

Calvi : +33 (0)4 95 65 88 88

PORTS OF CORSICA

Porto-Vecchio : +33 (0)4 95 70 49 49

Bonifacio : +33 (0)4 95 73 06 75

Propriano : +33 (0)4 95 76 21 51

Ajaccio : +33 (0)4 95 51 55 45

Bastia : +33 (0)4 95 55 25 85

Île Rousse : +33 (0)4 95 55 25 46

BY BOAT

The Commercial Port of Porto-Vecchio is connected to the ports of Marseille, Nice, Toulon, Porto Torres and Golfo Aranci (Sardinia). Corsica also has 6 commercial ports serving the ports of Marseille, Nice, Toulon, Santa Teresa, Porto Torres (Sardinia), Savona, Livorno and Genoa (Italy).

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a beach scene. At the top, teal waves with white foam and bubbles wash onto a sandy beach. In the foreground, a white sun hat with a dark blue ribbon is positioned on the left. To its right are several blue beach shoes. The background features abstract, overlapping shapes in orange, yellow, and red, suggesting a sunset or a colorful beach blanket. Teal palm fronds are visible in the bottom right corner. The overall style is modern and graphic.

FEATURED **PICTOGRAM**

PICTOGRAMS

MEANING

					
SEASIDE	MOUNTAINS	CITY CENTRE	ON THE PORT	BEACH	RIVER
					
PORT	AIRPORT	CAR PARK	INFORMATION	PANORAMIC VIEW	
					
GENOESE TOWER	WINE ESTATE	CITADEL	MUSEUM	ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE	

PLACES

				
SHUTTLE CONNECTIONS	CAR PARK	MOORING	PONTOON	LAUNCHING
				
DISABLED WELCOME	NO-SMOKING AREA	PETS ALLOWED		
				
SUPERVISED BEACH	BAR	RESTAURANT	BEACH WITH FACILITIES	WATER SPORTS





