

## A Taste of Corsica



Approximately 4 Hours



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Board your motor coach at the pier and travel along the coastal Corniche road on a scenic drive. Turn inland to discover a landscape covered with macchia—the island's fragrant chaparral vegetation. You'll stop to visit the essential oil distillery at Basteliccaccia, where herbs and flowers are pressed into essential oils for aromatherapy or for use in perfumes. Corsica has approximately 24,710 acres of vines under cultivation and a visit to a local vineyard means you are sure to enjoy a taste of at least one of the varietals. Try some nougat as well. This is a classic French-Corsican confection famed throughout the Mediterranean. Your visit to the nougat factory allows you to follow every step of the production.

## Ajaccio Sights



Approximately 3 Hours



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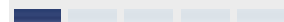


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Value



1 out of 5

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Ajaccio is the largest town in Corsica and the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte. Begin your tour with a drive along the Route des Sanguinaires, passing a series of white-sand beaches en route to Punta Della Parata. Take in the superb views of the Iles Sanguinaires—the four red granite islets that dominate the entrance to the Golfe d'Ajaccio. Heading back into town you will travel by coach down the Cours Napoleon and pass the Place de Gaulle with its immense bronze monument to Napoleon and his brothers. Continue past the former English Quarter and the Assemblée Régionale to Place Austerlitz, where Bonaparte played as a child. The square is dominated by immense monument to Napoleon, set atop a huge pedestal inscribed with the names of his battles. You'll disembark here to explore the Old Town on a guided walking tour. Step inside the Venetian-style Baroque cathedral, which the locals refer to as A Madonuccia. Its interior includes the font where the future emperor was baptized, a marble altar dating from 1811, and Delacroix's painting, La Vierge au Sacre Coeur. You will walk past the Casa Bonaparte, where the emperor was born in 1769 and also view the Roman-style statue of Napoleon as First Consul in the Place Foch. Pass the Town Hall, situated just behind the market square, before returning to the ship.

**Notes:**

Inside visits of the churches and cathedrals may not be possible in the event of unexpected church services.

### Cargese Greek Village



Approximately 3¾ Hours



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5 out of 5

Value

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Corsica is a beautiful island off the Mediterranean coast of France. It offers sandy beaches, rugged coastline, mountains, wild countryside, fascinating towns and villages. Kallisté—the most beautiful—was what the ancient Greeks called Corsica, and the compliment holds as true today as ever. In few corners of the Mediterranean will you find water as transparent, sand as soft and white, and weather so dependably warm and sunny; and nowhere else has seascapes as dramatic as the red porphyry Calanches of the west coast, and the striated white cliffs in the far south. This tour offers a panoramic drive from Ajaccio to San Bastiano Pass, with superb views of the Gulf of Ajaccio along the way. You will follow the coastal route along the sandy beachfront of the Gulf of Sagone. The road takes you through little summer resorts before arriving in the ancient Greek village of Cargese, sitting high above a deep blue bay. You will follow your guide through its winding, flower-filled lanes, dripping with fig trees, bougainvillea and palm trees, and learn about the origin of the village. 730 Greek settlers from the southern Peloponnese originally landed in Corsica in 1676. You will visit the two churches, one Catholic and one Orthodox—a reminder of the old antagonism between the two cultures. You will then drive back the same road and stop on the way for a taste of local products before returning to Ajaccio.

## Panoramic Prunelli



Approximately 3¼ Hours



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Depart the pier and within minutes you will discover the deep macchia vegetation, typical of this Mediterranean island. Follow Prunelli Gorge as it winds its way to Tolla Lake, where you can enjoy the mountains and the peaceful serenity of this dramatic setting, stopping for a tasting of local specialties en route.

Please note: This tour is not recommended for passengers who experience vertigo: the gorge roads are extremely winding with severe hair-pin turns.