

DESTINATION INFORMATION - CORSICA

The picturesque, mountainous, verdant and wild island of Corsica is a true yachting paradise offering some of the most beautiful cruising grounds of the West Mediterranean where everyone will find something fascinating. Spectacular beaches, rich culture, ancient monuments and a delicious cuisine await you in Napoleon's birthplace.

COORDINATES	42°09N, 09°05E	
LANGUAGE	French (official), Corsican (widely spoken)	
CAPITAL	Ajaccio	
WEATHER	Influenced by winds and temperature moderated by mountains. Average summer temperatures 25C-35C (77F-95F). The sea does not warm up until early June but comfortable swimming temperatures prevail until mid-October. Corsica enjoys the most hrs of sunshine per year in France with an average of 7.5 hr/day.	
BEST TIME TO CHARTER	June-September	
AIRPORTS	There are four airports on the island: Ajaccio (AJA), Bastia (BIA), Calvi (CLY) and Figari (FSC), and some of the destinations are Nice, Marseille, Paris; seasonal flights to London, Brussels. Nice (NCE) is the major international gateway and some of the airlines are British Airways, Emirates, Air France, Lufthansa	
TIME	GMT+1 (winter), GMT+2 (summer)	
CURRENCY	Euro (EUR); American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa should be widely accepted, however there are still small shops, restaurants and hotels where they are not acceptable. It is recommended to carry cash, money exchange available in banks.	
ELECTRICITY	230 V, 50 Hz	
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	1 Jan	New Year's Day
	Mar/Apr	Easter Monday
	1 May	Labor Day
	8 May	Victory Day
	May/Jun	Ascension Day (Thursday)
	May/Jun	Whit Monday
	14 Jul	Bastille Day
	15 Aug	Assumption Day
	1 Nov	All Saints' Day
	11 Nov	Armistice
	25 Dec	Christmas Day
MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS	Corsica offers many beautiful historic ports, new marinas and lovely anchorages: Bastia, Macinaggio, Saint-Florent, Île-Rousse, Calvi, Girolata, Cargèse, Ajaccio, Porto Pollo, Propriano, Bonifacio, Porto-Vecchio, Solenzara	
RECOMMENDED BEACHES	All beaches in Corsica are worth seeing, and some of them are: Roccapina, Capo di Feno, Ostriconi, Girolata, Santa Manza, Rondinara, Palombaggia, Plage du Lido, Cupabia	
CULTURAL	It is appreciated if visitors speak a few words of French. Smoking is not allowed in public and fines are high.	

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