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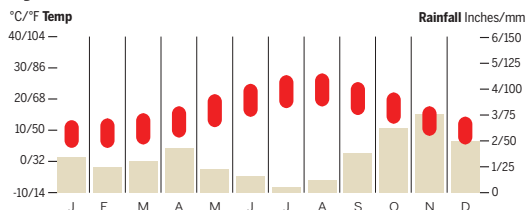
Why Go?

Corsica is for (beach) lovers...and culture buffs...and hikers ...and divers...and families. It combines vast stretches of shoreline with the beauty of the mountains, plenty of activities for your body and some rich history to engage your mind. Jutting out of the Med like an impregnable fortress, Corsica resembles a miniature continent, with astounding geographical diversity. Within half an hour, the landscape morphs from glittering bays, glitzy coastal cities and fabulous beaches to sawtooth peaks, breathtaking valleys, dense forests and enigmatic hilltop villages. The scenery that unfurls along the island's crooked roads will have you constantly stopping to whip out your camera.

Though Corsica has officially been part of France for over 200 years, it feels different from the mainland in everything from customs and cuisine to language and character, and that's part of its appeal.

WhentoGo

Ajaccio



Easter Easter is marked by solemn processions and colourful passion plays.

May & Jun The maquis is in bloom, and vivid hues in the island's rugged heart are unforgettable.

Jul-Sep Work on your tan with the crowds at sandy beaches, secret rock coves and in turquoise waters.



Corsica Highlights

- 1 Cruise sapphire waters in the **Réserve Naturelle de Scandola** (p886)
- 2 Explore wild and remote **Cap Corse** (p879) by way of winding coastal roads
- 3 See red, blazing red, between fantastic rock formations in **Les Calanques de Piana** (p888)
- 4 Slip into serene turquoise waters at **Plage de Palombaggia** (p895) and **Plage de Santa Giulia** (p895)
- 5 Admire the work of prehistoric people – see where they lived and what they built – at **Filitosa** (p894)
- 6 Bone up on Bonaparte around Napoléon's home town, **Ajaccio** (p887)
- 7 Ride the rickety **Tramway de la Balagne** (p882) along the coast
- 8 Discover island paradise with a boat trip to the **Îles Lavezzi** (p893)
- 9 Hike along the **Bonifacio coastal path** (p893) from citadel to lighthouse, with awesome cliff vistas
- 10 Test your nerves, fitness and head for heights on **Bonifacio's** (p892) extraordinary 187-step Escalier du Roi d'Aragon down to the sea

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