

Corsica

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Best Places to Eat

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Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Hôtel Demeure Les Mouettes (p887)
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- ➔ Les Roches Rouges (p882)

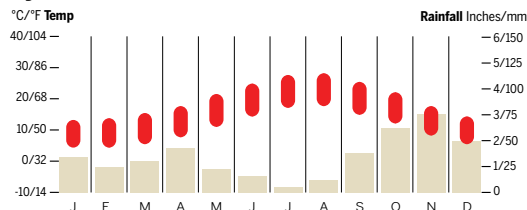
Why Go?

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. Holidays in Corsica will therefore be incredibly varied: from hiking and canyoning to working your tan, enjoying a leisurely cruise, delving into the island's rich history and sampling local specialities.

Though Corsica has officially been part of France for more than 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. Locals love talking about their Corsican identity so plenty of engaging evenings await, especially if the holy trilogy of food, wine and melodious Corsican music are involved.

When to Go

Ajaccio



Easter Marked by solemn processions and colourful passion plays.

May & Jun The maquis is in blossom and it's warm enough to swim but not too hot to hike.

Jul-Sep Enjoy the summer party vibe at beach restaurants and nightclubs.

Corsica Highlights

- 1 Réserve Naturelle de Scandola** (p885)
Cruising the sapphire waters off Corsica's western coast.
- 2 Cap Corse** (p874)
Exploring this wild and remote area by way of winding coastal roads.
- 3 Les Calanques de Piana** (p882)
Seeing red, blazing red, between fantastic rock formations.
- 4 Vallée du Tavignano** (p900)
Hiking through this gorgeous, traffic-free valley near Corte.
- 5 Plage de Palombaggia** (p895)
Slipping into serene turquoise waters at Corsica's prettiest beach.
- 6 Filitosa** (p891)
Admiring the work of prehistoric people – see where they lived and what they built.
- 7 Ajaccio** (p886)
Boning up on Bonaparte around Napoléon's home town.
- 8 Îles Lavezzi** (p894)
Discovering island paradise.
- 9 Bonifacio** (p891)
Marvelling at Corsica's most dramatically sited city, perched on the edge of a cliff.
- 10 Aiguilles de Bavella** (p897)
Walking and canyoning among the rocky spires of this breathtaking massif.

