



# Southern Corsica

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Birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte and home to some awe-inspiring natural landscapes, Southern Corsica (or Corse-du-Sud) entices with outdoor pursuits, remnants of prehistoric settlements, and a stunningly diverse scenery. From the dramatic white cliffs of Bonifacio, to whimsical rock formations of Piana, to the uninhabited Lavezzi Islands and white-sand beaches, Southern Corsica has plenty to capture imaginations with.

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## THE REGION



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Southern Corsica's visitor hot spots are Propriano and Porto-Vecchio (known for its animated nightlife), along with the capital of Ajaccio, the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte (the Bonaparte family home - Maison Bonaparte - has now been converted into a public museum). There are plenty of sandy beaches along the western coast of Corsica, all the way down to its southern tip. Key highlights of the south, apart from beaches, are the stunning Citadel of Bonifacio perched atop steep white cliffs, and the pristine, uninhabited Lavezzi Islands just off the coast.

Sartène, although removed from the visitor-frequented coast, is a quintessential Corsican town with a rather grim past (it had notoriously struggled with gang crime) that has preserved a good amount of its medieval charm. It is primarily known for its annual Good Friday procession, an event that aims to recreate Jesus' journey to the Calvary. The 35-kilo cross and 17-kilo chain used in the procession are on display year-round at the Sartène church of St. Mary.

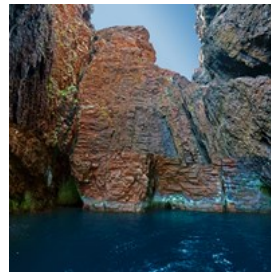
## DO & SEE



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From steep cliffs of Bonifacio, to the majestic landscapes of the island's interior, to white-sand beaches and uninhabited islands just off the coast, to yellow and orange tones of Ajaccio (the capital), Southern Corsica is a region of spectacular natural beauty and a great many outdoor pursuits.

### Scandola Nature Reserve



No paths or roads lead to the Scandola Nature Reserve, an area of wild natural beauty accessible solely by sea. This UNESCO World Heritage

Site is all cliffs and sensational rock formations, pristine waters, and dramatic sea- and landscapes. One company offering boat tours is Porto-based Via Mare, at the Hôtel Le Golfe (+33 6 07 28 72 72; [www.viamare-promenades.com](http://www.viamare-promenades.com)).

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### Calanques de Piana Cliffs



One of the island's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the wondrous cliffs of Piana are best seen in the evening, when the natural reds of the earth

light up in in the rays of the setting sun. Another way to see the cliffs is from the water, on a boat cruise in the Gulf of Porto.

Photo: gevision/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piana

### Palombaggia Beach



Just south of Porto-Vecchio lies Corsica's celebrated Plage de Palombaggia, an idyllic beach with crispy white sand and azure

waters. There are several locations that provide sunbed and umbrella rentals, along with a couple of beach restaurants along the stretch.

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Address: Palombaggia, Porto-Vecchio

### Filitosa



The megalithic archaeological site of Filitosa is known for its curious menhirs, with detail of facial features and body outlines carved

into them. Earliest artefacts dug up here date back to 3300 BC (the menhirs are estimated to have been erected around 1500 BC). There are a small museum and a thousand-year-old olive tree on site.

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Address: Filitosa, Sollacaro

Phone: +33 4 95 74 00 91

Internet: [www.filitosa.fr](http://www.filitosa.fr)

### Ajaccio

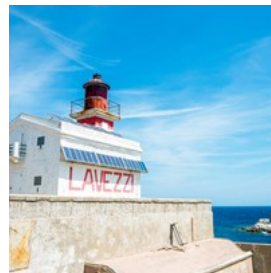


The capital of Corsica and birthplace of Napoléon Bonaparte, Ajaccio is an attractive seaside settlement with an animated yet slow-paced

street life. Some of its primary attractions include the Maison Bonaparte (the Bonaparte family's ancestral home) and the fine arts museums Musée Fesch, containing works of great masters such as Titian and Botticelli.

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### Lavezzi Islands



The uninhabited Lavezzi islands off the coast of Corsica are one of its must-visit natural gems, located a short boat ride from Bonifacio or

Porto-Vecchio. Nature is pristine and water crystal-clear, which makes for some fantastic snorkelling. Bring your own sun umbrella and plenty of water (facilities are minimal).

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### Bonifacio

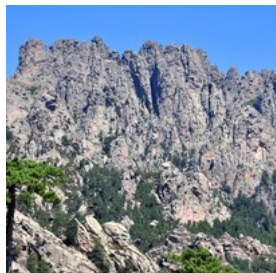


The island's oldest citadel sits dramatically atop a high-rise rock platform in Bonifacio, the Corsican town a mere 12 kilometres away from

Italian Sardinia. It is a definitive must-visit that reads more like a place somewhere in southern Italy than a French one, and radiates a leisurely, uncomplicated air.

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### Aiguilles de Bavella



To see some of the island's most striking natural landscapes, follow the Col de Bavella, a mountain pass that affords spectacular views of the Aiguilles de Bavella (the Bavella "needles", called that for its spiry peaks). A part of the G20 trail runs from the Notre Dame des Neiges statue all the way up to the massif.

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### Catenacciu Procession



Sartène, a scenic town historically notorious for its banditry and rivalling gangs, has long-left the grim of its past behind, while preserving the

historic tradition of re-enacting Jesus' way to the Calvary on Good Friday every year. The 35-kilo cross and 17-kilo chain used in the reenactment are displayed at the Sartène church of St.Mary.

Photo: Tiresa/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Sartène

### Canyoning



Corsica's varied landscape features a multitude of natural canyons, many of which perfectly family-friendly, and fit to be explored

even by those new to the pastime. Organised tours take groups to canyons like the Richiusa at Bocognano, as well as lesser-known canyons across the island.

One company offering guided excursions is

### Canyon Corse:

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Address: 6 Bd Fred Scamaroni, Ajaccio

Phone: +33 6 15 05 28 42

Internet: [www.corsica-canyoning.com](http://www.corsica-canyoning.com)

Email: [infos@canyon-corse.com](mailto:infos@canyon-corse.com)

### DINING



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Corsican charcuterie is considered to be some of the worlds finest, an achievement it largely owes to Corsican pigs being cross-bred with wild boar, and fed natural chestnuts - a historic island staple, carrying on into the cuisine of today in the form of "pulentu" (chestnut porridge) and "fritelli a gaju frescu" (fritters), as well as an ingredient of many other dishes. Other local specialities include fish, seafood, and game (the "civet de sanglier" - casserole of wild boar - is, perhaps, the island's most prominent dish).

### Le Bilboq Chez Jean-Jean (Ajaccio)



Le Bilboq holds somewhat of a legendary status: the restaurant specialises on one thing only - lobster - which comes in extremely generous servings, as part of its signature "spaghettis à la langouste" dish. Payment is in cash only, and reservations strongly recommended.



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Address: 1 Rue des Glacis, Ajaccio  
Phone: +33 4 95 51 35 40

### L'Altru Versu (Ajaccio)



Run by the talented Mezzacqui brothers, L'Altru Versu is a longstanding fine dining establishment on the Ajaccio waterfront. Using the highest quality local ingredients and fresh seafood, the team of two maintains a highly professional approach both in the kitchen and front of house.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 17 Boulevard Stephanopoli de Commene, Ajaccio  
Opening hours: Thurs-Mon 12pm-2pm & 8-10pm, Tue-Wed 8am-10pm  
Phone: +33 4 95 50 05 22

### Le 20123 (Ajaccio)



A dinner at Le 20123 can feel as one inside an ethnography museum exhibition hall - the space is stylised to recreate a square of the village the restaurant's owner comes from, complete with a water pump and life-size dolls in traditional costumes. The menu consists of fixed 4 courses, with a focus on traditional flavours.

Photo: Tatiana Vorona/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2 Rue Roi de Rome, Ajaccio  
Opening hours: Daily 7am-11.30pm  
Phone: +33 4 95 21 50 05

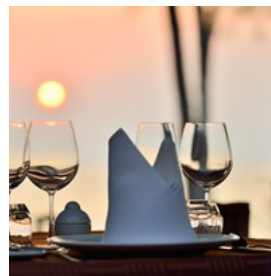
### A Nepita (Ajaccio)



In a town often overrun by visitors, A Nepita is one establishment that keeps delivering authentic, high-quality Corsican meals. Fixed menus vary by day and come with a choice of two dishes for each course. Reservations in advance are highly recommended.

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Address: 4 Rue San Lazaro, Ajaccio  
Phone: +33 4 95 26 75 68

### Le Santana (Sagone)



La Santana on Corsica's west coast embodies the perfect combination of quality cuisine and unbeatable views. Set directly on the beach, it offers front-row seats to the spectacle of an island sunset, along with an abundance of excellent fish and seafood dishes to select from.

Photo: Kitti Tantibankul/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Plage du Santana, Sagone  
Phone: +33 4 95 74 02 03  
Internet: [www.lesantana.fr](http://www.lesantana.fr)

### Le Piano Chez Toinou (Porticcio)



Hailed as the best of its kind in the area, Le Piano Chez Toinou is distinguished for its impeccable service, menu variety (diners are welcome to browse through and select from nearly the entire menu rather than just two or three options per course), and exceptional quality of the dishes served.

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Address: Les Candilelli, Porticcio

Phone: +33 4 95 20 87 93

Internet: [www.restaurant-piano.com](http://www.restaurant-piano.com)

### Terra Cotta (Propriano)



If it's fine dining you are looking for, look no further than Terra Cotta, an excellent restaurant that serves spectacular set menus consisting of multiple courses. The full experience might come at a steep price, but is certainly worth the investment - fresh seafood is caught and delivered daily by the owning family.

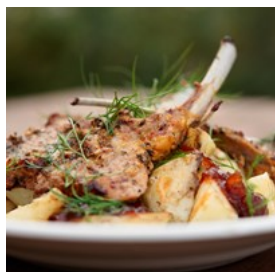
Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: 31 avenue Napoleon III, Propriano

Opening hours: Open for lunch and dinner

Phone: +33 4 95 74 23 80

### Auberge San Ghjuvani (Propriano)



Set in the rolling hills over Propriano, this family-run restaurant affords spectacular views over the Corsican landscape. Choose from an extensive menu of home-style Corsican specialities. Produce is locally-sourced, and the running family readily welcomes patrons in person.

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Address: Route de baracci, Propriano

Phone: +33 4 95 76 03 31

Internet: [www.san-ghjuvani.com](http://www.san-ghjuvani.com)

### La Bodega (Bonifacio)



Despite its very central location, Bonifacio's La Bodega is far from a tourist trap. Dishes served here are honest Corsican classics, with a sampling patter of meats, Bonifacio-style aubergine, lasagna, salad and bread ("assiette dégustation") enjoying a particular popularity.

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Address: 1 Avenue de la Carotola, Bonifacio

Opening hours: Thurs-Tue 12-10pm

Phone: +33 6 73 75 94 70

### L'An Faim (Bonifacio)



Set at the foot of Bonifacio's dramatic Citadel is L'An Faim, an upscale restaurant whose pride lies in its locally-sourced, quality ingredients. Meats such as veal, fish of the day, lobster, and prime fresh vegetables all constitute the bulk of L'An Faim's seasonally changing menu.

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Address: 7 Montée Rastello, Bonifacio

Phone: +33 4 95 73 09 10

Internet: [www.lanfaim.fr](http://www.lanfaim.fr)

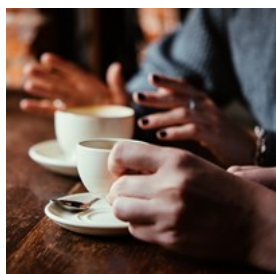
## CAFES



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Cafe tables spill out onto palm-lined boulevards and squares of the capital, Ajaccio, and aren't tough to locate in most of the island's settlements either. Cafe culture is very much alive in Corsica, whose residents eagerly fill up bars and cafes for coffee or late afternoon aperitif.

### L'Eternisula (Zonza)



An unexpected find in the heart of Corsican highlands, the hip L'Eternisula serves up snacks and desserts worthy of an upcoming neighbourhood in any mainland metropolis. Pizzas, sandwiches, salads, delightful desserts and ice cream are all options to count upon.

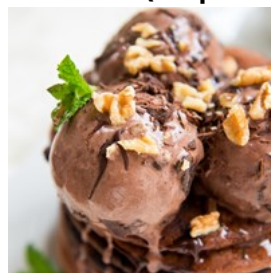
Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Zonza

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-10pm, Mon 11am-5pm

Phone: +33 4 95 27 44 71

### La Marine (Propriano)



The artisan ice cream parlour boasts a selection of flavours that comprises several dozen varieties, and serves up those of your choice as part of decadent desserts and sundaes. Apart from ice creams, there are several other dessert variations to choose from, such as crepes.

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Address: 7 avenue Napoleon III, Propriano

### La Minute Moule (Bonifacio)



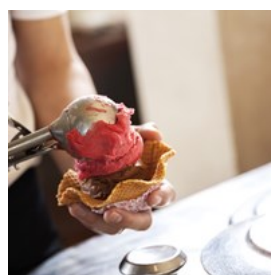
The attractive, simple concept of La Minute Moule entails a choice of your preferred serving size of mussels (S, M, or XL) and a selection of a sauce (the white wine and cheese "Bonifacienne" comes highly recommended). The (very moderate) price includes a non-alcoholic drink and a serving of french fries.

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Address: Rue des Moulins, Bonifacio

Phone: +33 4 95 50 55 67

### Glaces Geronimi (Sagone)



The distinguished Corsican artisan ice cream maker, Glaces Geronimi, is based in a village not too far from the island's capital. Apart from the usual flavours one would well expect to find, the menu features peculiar varieties like anchovy, fresh herbs, mustard, and others.

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Address: Sagone



Phone: +33 4 95 28 04 13

Internet: [www.glacespierregeronimi.com](http://www.glacespierregeronimi.com)

### Cafe de la Plage (Piana)



This breezy cafe, restaurant and beach bar is a great spot any time of day, one that serves everything from breakfasts and

cheese/charcuterie platters to full, multi-course dinners. Facilities include beach beds and shaded gazebos, along with a seafront dining area.

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Address: Plage d'arone, Piana

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11.30pm

Phone: +33 4 95 20 17 27

Internet: [www.lecafedelaplage.com](http://www.lecafedelaplage.com)

### Cafe de La Marine (Porto-Vecchio)



This Porto-Vecchio location serves snacks and meals, with sushi and pizza being a special menu highlight. The menu offerings extend to

include dishes of local and international cuisine, as well as delightful desserts. Seating available on the outdoor terrace.

Photo: progressman/Shutterstock.com

Address: Quai Pascal Paoli, Porto-Vecchio

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7am-2am

Phone: +33 4 95 70 35 24

Internet: [www.cafelamarine.fr](http://www.cafelamarine.fr)

### Le Grand Cafe Napoleon (Ajaccio)



Despite being located on one of the capital's main thoroughfares, Le Grand Cafe Napoleon is a genuine cafe serving up excellent home-cooked

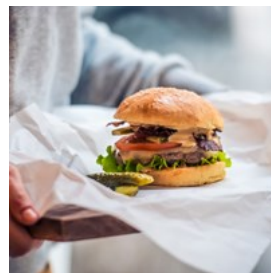
meals in its imperious interior. For cake and dessert or an evening cocktail, take seat outside and indulge in some people-watching.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Cours Napoléon, Ajaccio

Phone: +33 4 95 21 42 54

### Casa Pasta (Ajaccio)



The Casa Pasta family restaurant reveals its primary culinary focus already through its name - apart from dishes of the Italian cuisine, it also

serves universally favoured burgers, and a number of other dish options. Prices are reasonable, and set menus come with a choice of three dishes per course.

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Address: Espace Santa Lina, Ajaccio

Phone: +33 4 95 50 16 82



## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Porto-Vecchio is the nightlife magnet of Corsican south. It is here that La Via Notte, reportedly Europe's largest club of its kind, is based. Celebrity appearances aren't uncommon, and world-renowned DJs are invited to host parties - especially during high season. For those rather interested in low-key evening drinks there are bars, serving Corsica's own wines (there are 4 wine regions in the south alone) and beer (Pietra, the island's own brand, brews beloved beers from chestnut).

### La Taverne du Roi (Porto-Vecchio)



Upholding the island's cultural tradition by playing host to frequent performances of traditional Corsican polyphonic music, La

Taverne du Roi is the place to go and familiarise oneself with music that originates from the area, and enjoy a pleasant evening in Porto-Vecchio.

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Address: 43 Rue U Borgo, Porto-Vecchio  
Phone: +33 4 95 70 41 31

### Via Notte (Porto-Vecchio)



The hottest club in Corsica and one of the best party haunts of the region, Via Notte is an impressive open-air night club that attracts a crowd of stylish merrymakers, especially so in the summer, when big-name DJs grace the place with their presence.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Route de Porra, Porto-Vecchio  
Phone: +33 4 95 72 02 12  
Internet: [www.vianotte.com](http://www.vianotte.com)

### Le Glacier de la Place (Porto-Vecchio)



Many are drawn to the place for its promise of ice cream in a central locations during daytime; its evening appeal is secured by the incredible variety of beers on offer (over 100 international varieties), and a pleasant outdoor terrace to savour them on.

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Address: 4 Place de la République, Porto-Vecchio  
Phone: +33 4 95 70 21 42

### Le Point de Vue (Porto-Vecchio)



With a direct view of the Gulf of Porto-Vecchio, Hotel Alcyon's 6th-floor bar is, perhaps, one of the island's most scenic evening drink locations. A professional sommelier is in charge of the wine selection, and Corsican charcuterie plates are a readily available side.

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Address: Rue du Maréchal Leclerc Haute Ville, Porto-Vecchio  
Phone: +33 4 95 70 50 50  
Internet:  
www.hotel-alcyon.com/rooftop-bar-a-vin-porto-vecchio  
More Info: Hotel Alcyon

### Le Cellier de la Caravelle (Bonifacio)



With a unique ambience forged by its setting inside a 13th-century chapel, Le Cellier is an exquisite wine and whiskey bar of the elite variety. The adjacent La Caravelle restaurant serves excellent seafood on its elegant outdoor terrace.

Photo: Werner Heiber/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Quai Jérôme Comparetti, Bonifacio  
Opening hours: Daily from 6pm, October-April  
Phone: +33 4 95 73 03 18

### B'52 (Bonifacio)



The hot spot on Bonifacio's nightlife scene, B'52 is the only establishment of its kind in the area, a locale that hosts live DJs and keeps the party going well past midnight. A place to see and be seen, B'52 tends to get rather packed as the night progresses.

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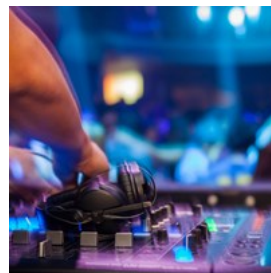
### Vino Del Diablo (Ajaccio)



The elegant waterside locale welcomes visitors to an evening of wine and tapas. As the night progresses, delectable tapas get increasingly replaced by all manner of drinks. Live music plays some nights, while others see DJs spin tunes and festive moods materialise.

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Address: Boulevard Charles Bonaparte, Ajaccio  
Phone: +33 4 95 22 70 10

### Blue Moon (Porticcio)



The breezy Blue Moon is a popular Porticcio night club that has seen the likes of David Guetta and Major Lazer play on its stage. Various parties are hosted all through the summer. Attire is casual, and parties often go on until the early morning hours.

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Phone: +33 6 76 59 11 64  
More Info: Centre Comercial Les Marines Porticcio



## SHOPPING



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Farmers' markets are held in most larger settlements, but Corsican deli shops do well in lieu of those. The array of quintessentially local edibles is impressive: charcuterie (meats and sausages that rank among the world's finest), cheeses, jams and marmalade made from organic fruit and berries, olives and olive oil, and sweet treats. The island's north is famous for its wineries, whose products are readily available in the shops of the south. Traditional handicrafts, such as pottery, basket-weaving and knife-making, are kept alive by local artisans.

### U Stazzu (Ajaccio)



To pick up some of that celebrated Corsican charcuterie, try and make your way to this shop run by the island's best charcutier (once also named best in all of France). There are multiple varieties of meats to choose from, as well as other deli items sourced from small independent producers from across Corsica.

Photo: GoncharukMaks/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1 Rue Bonaparte, Ajaccio  
Phone: +33 6 60 39 72 02  
Internet: [www.ustazzu.com](http://www.ustazzu.com)

### Farmers' Market (Ajaccio)



The Ajaccio Farmers' Market takes place daily during the summer, bringing together the best of local producers selling deli foods Corsica is famous for: charcuterie, cheeses, olives and olive oil, tapenade, home-made jams as well as fresh fruit and vegetables.

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More Info: Across from the Tourist Office

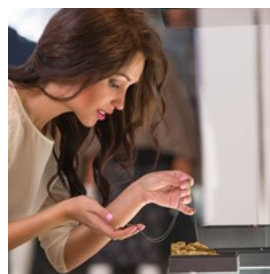
### Casa Napoleon (Ajaccio)



Not to be confused with Napoleon's ancestral home, casa Napoleon is a deli boutique that stocks a wide array of Corsican specialities, from jars of organic jams to olive oils, charcuterie (meats and sausages), tapenade, confectionery and local organic wines.

Photo: Eric Valenne geostory/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 3 Rue Cardinal Fesch, Ajaccio  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-12.30pm & 2.30-7pm  
Phone: +33 4 95 21 47 88

### Les Pierres de Corse (Ajaccio)



This artisan jewellery shop is the place to go for bracelets, earrings, pendants (and more) featuring Corsica's well-known "L'œil de Sainte Lucie" (a specific part of a mollusc's shell), as well as other precious stones polished and processed, turned into wearable pieces of local art.

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Address: 23 Rue Cardinal Fesch, Ajaccio  
Phone: +33 4 95 10 45 57  
Internet: [www.lespierresdecorse.com](http://www.lespierresdecorse.com)

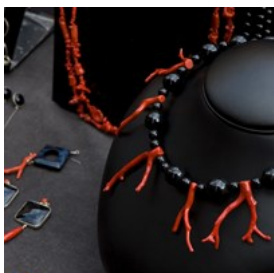
### La Marge (Ajaccio)



For a jaunt into literary Corsica, check out the La Marge bookshop located in downtown Ajaccio. The shop stocks local and international literature, music, periodicals and various paraphernalia, and occasionally hosts literary readings and events.

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Address: 4 Rue Emmanuel Arène, Ajaccio  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-7.30pm  
Phone: +33 4 95 51 23 67

### La Taillerie du Corail (Porto-Vecchio)



A product of the Masson family long-term dedication, La Taillerie du Corail is a workshop, show room and store showcasing the finest coral-cutting products. The old town store does not operate outside of high season, and visitors are welcome to the headquarters at 42 rue Marechal Juin instead.

Photo: [Rido/Shutterstock.com](http://Rido/Shutterstock.com)  
Address: 10 Rue de la Porte Génoise, Porto-Vecchio  
Phone: +33 4 95 70 21 21  
Internet: [www.lataillierieducorail.com](http://www.lataillierieducorail.com)

### U Cintu (Porticcio)



The number one address for local goodies in Porticcio, U Cintu is a genuine deli run by a welcoming staff. It stocks Corsican favourites, from artisan charcuterie, cheeses, olives, and dried fruits to wines and Italian specialities.

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Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm  
Phone: +33 4 95 51 20 06  
Internet: [www.viacorse.mobi/ucintu.html](http://www.viacorse.mobi/ucintu.html)  
More Info: Centre Commercial des Marines de Porticcio

### La Cave Sartenaise (Sartène)



The obligatory address for local specialities in Sartène, La Cave Sartenaise stocks all manner of local produce, from the island's celebrated charcuterie to various kinds of cheeses from Corsican farms, olive oil and tapenade, marmalade, jams and canistrelli biscuits.

Photo: [jean schweitzer/Shutterstock.com](http://jean schweitzer/Shutterstock.com)  
Address: 2 Rue des Frères Bartoli, Sartène  
Phone: +33 4 95 77 12 01  
Internet: [www.lacavesartenaise.com](http://www.lacavesartenaise.com)



## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Airport



The island's main air hub is Napoleon Bonaparte Airport, located a mere 5 km away from Ajaccio city. The airport is served by multiple airlines, with connections to multiple destinations on mainland France and seasonal routes to cities all across Europe.

Bus 8 connects the airport to the city centre, and runs every hour between 6.30am and 11.20pm. The fare is paid to the driver directly. Another bus, number 12, departs from the P+R Campo dell'Oro bus stop (a 15 minute walk from the airport) and is the absolute cheapest option. Car rentals and official taxis are also readily available at the airport.

The Figari-Sud Corse Airport serves the far south of the island. Most flight connections are seasonal. Taxis and car rentals are available at arrival, but pre-arranged shuttle is the most reasonable means of transport.

There is a bus service from the airport to Porto-Vecchio, timetables change depending on the season ([www.corsicabus.org/busPVecchio](http://www.corsicabus.org/busPVecchio)).

Photo: Juan Garces

### Ferry



Ferries run from French Nice, Marseille and Toulon to Ajaccio, Propriano and Porto-Vecchio (along with several destinations in the island's north). There is also ferry service from nearby Sardinia to Bonifacio.

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Internet: [www.corsica-ferries.co.uk](http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk)

### Passport/Visa



France can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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### Best Time to Visit



Peak tourist season falls on the months of July and August, when the weather is hottest. Late spring (May - June) and early fall (September -

October) are much more pleasant in terms of weather, and better fit for hiking and active outdoor pursuits.

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### Public Transport



It is notoriously difficult to keep track of Corsican public bus schedules, as these may change without notice or not always be reliable. There

is, however, a frequently updated website containing all available information on island transport: [www.corsicabus.org](http://www.corsicabus.org)

There are also three railroad routes on Corsica, one of which connects the capital of Ajaccio to inland Corte.

Renting a car is the best way of getting around and is recommended for convenience if you plan to explore the island.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Internet: [www.corsicabus.org](http://www.corsicabus.org)

### Taxi



There are multiple companies that operate all across the island. For long-distance transfers, book a spot in a shuttle. Central Taxis Ajaccio +33

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+33 4 95 23 92 90

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### Post



Post offices can be found in most Corsican settlements. In larger cities, these work Monday through Friday, with a short day on Saturday.

Stamps may also be purchased at press and tobacco shops.

Main Post Office:  
13 Cours Napoleon, Ajaccio  
+33 4 95 51 84 75  
Mon-Fri 8am-6.30pm, Sat 8am-12pm

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Internet: [www.laposte.fr](http://www.laposte.fr)

### Pharmacy



There are multiple pharmacies in larger settlements. Pharmacie Principale 65 Cours Napoléon, Ajaccio +33 4 95 23 36

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[www.materiel-medical-parapharmacie-ajaccio.fr](http://www.materiel-medical-parapharmacie-ajaccio.fr)  
Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 8am-12.30pm & 2.30-8pm

Photo: Gemma Garner

### Telephone



+33 + 9-digit number without 0

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## Electricity

230 Volts, 50 Hertz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Population

149,234

### Currency

1 euro = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Although business hours may vary, there is often a lunch break at most shops and small businesses, making the customary working hours from 8.30 or 9am to 1 or 1.30pm & 2 or 2.30 to 6 or 7pm. Most businesses close on Sundays.

### Emergency numbers

Medical: 15

Police: 17

Fire: 18

Mobile emergency number: 112

### Tourist information

Ajaccio Tourist Office

+33 4 95 51 53 03

Mon-Sat 8am-7pm, Sun 9am-1pm

[www.ajaccio-tourisme.com](http://www.ajaccio-tourisme.com)