

CORSICA

SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2019



Corsica, with its Italian and French history and rebellious, independent spirit, feels far removed from the mainland – and it is all the better for it. With 650 miles of unspoilt palm-fringed coastline, a spine of wild, rugged mountains soaring to 10,000 ft., and an almost unlimited choice of challenging, winding roads – not to mention a robust and delicious local cuisine – it's an utterly seductive destination for cyclists.



THE ROUTE

DAY ONE: PORTO VECCHIO

25 MI / 1950FT

Upon your arrival into Porto Vecchio, the SV shuttle will transfer you to our beach front hotel in Porto Vecchio, The Hotel Mariosa. This afternoon, our Corsican adventure begins with a prologue in the form of a quick, undulating spin from Porto Vecchio. A perfect opportunity to get to know your guides and your riding mates for the week before enjoying your first night on the island, in the city that hosted the Tour de France's Grand Départ in 2013. After our short ride, we will gather this evening for a group orientation to go over the daily itinerary and plan for the week followed by an evening meal. O/N **Hotel Mariosa**

DAY TWO: SARTENE

79 MI / 7,220FT

The spectacular route out of town takes us straight to the Col de Bacinu before descending on sweeping turns through dense, forested hills with unexpected vistas around every corner. The tunnels here were a favorite hideout of the Corsican Resistance against the Nazis. Sartène, our halfway point, is a pretty town dating mainly from the 16th century; to return, we take the spectacular red-rocked coast road, with beautiful views out over the Mediterranean.

O/N **Hotel Mariosa**



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DAY THREE: PORTO VECCHIO - PORTICCIO

84 MI / 11,180FT

We traverse to the opposite side of the island via the rugged Parc Natural Régional de la Corse. We'll begin by making our way to higher ground, and spend much of the day at altitudes approaching 1,000m. We'll cycle through the cool pine forests that cloak the slopes of the many 2,000m-plus peaks that tower above us. From there, descend into Punta di Porticcio. At our hotel, just steps from the beaches of a magnificent bay, we'll enjoy a magical sunset. **O/N Radison Blu**

DAY FOUR: PORTICCIO - CORTE

95 MI / 11,350FT

Today's route takes us to the heart of the island, to Corte, a town at the center of the island's fortunes since Pascal Paoli made it the capital of his short-lived Corsican Republic in 1755. After cycling round the Golfe de Sagone we'll turn inland and climb more than 30km to the Col de Vergio – at 1,478m the highest paved road on the island. **O/N Hotel Dominique Colonna**

DAY FIVE: CORTE

92 MI / 4,300FT

For our fifth day, riders may choose to go for a short morning spin, and spend the afternoon exploring the village of Corte or taking in one of the remarkable local hikes. For the others, we will take the high road across the spine of the island, visiting charming perched hillside villages, deserted back roads, river gorges and the spectacular Col de Sorba. Tonight, we dine in town, at a small mother and son owned cafe that celebrates the local cheese, Corsican meats & local vegetables grilled over an open wood fire. **O/N Hotel Dominique Colonna**

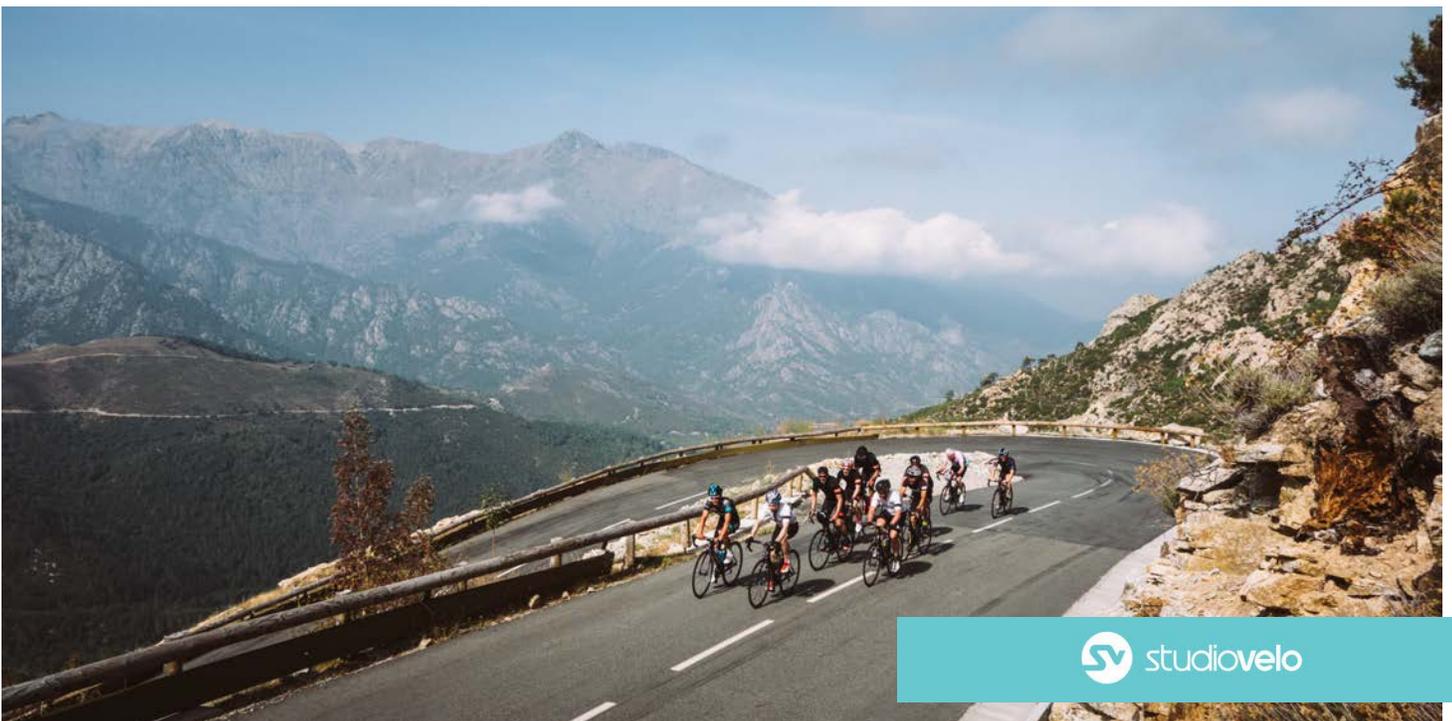


DAY SIX: CORTE - CALVI

77 MI / 8,895FT

Our journey culminates with one more substantial ride from the center of the island to the sea. The Bocca di Battaglia is the day's highest point, and to finish there's a fast descent and some stunning panoramas of the city of Calvi. It's the perfect way to cap to a magnificent week on the wild and beautiful island of Corsica. **O/N Hotel Revellata**

DAY SEVEN: DEPARTURE





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Riders of SV Travel will explore the island in true SV fashion, enjoying a carefully planned route set to showcase in the span of a week the best the island has to offer, in addition to the expert care and support SV Travel is known for. Ride the Corsican roads that, thanks to the ideal conditions, have become a standard training ground for professionals, with sublime cliffs and wild forests known to inspire riders to perform at their highest level. We should expect the same on the climbs of our ride, and all will be rewarded as we savor the finest cuisine and lodging the region has to offer.



INCLUSIVES

TRANSPORTATION All ground transport included and on the road vehicle SAG support.

Arrival airport: Figari-Sud Corse (FSC)

Departure airport: Calvi-Sainte-Catherine (CLY)

ACCOMODATIONS All-inclusive 3-4 star, charming single and double occupancy rooms included. **ROAD FOOD & MEALS** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner's included + ride nutrition and hydration, rice cakes and post ride beers provided.

All-inclusive and prices include hotel accommodation on double-occupancy basis, guided rides, on-road vehicle support, limited laundry & recovery, most meals (excluding alcohol), as well as ride nutrition.

NOT INCLUDED Airfare is not included and gratuities for our trip leaders and personal expenses. Bicycles are not included on this trip.

CONTACT

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RIDE LEADERS & SUPPORT

Our SV ride leaders will be on the front each day assisting you throughout each stage of this remarkable journey.

The trip logistics will be delivered by 25-year veteran trip designer and local Mill Valley resident Brad Sauber. Brad brings his passion and many years of experience in facilitating remarkable cycling tours for many brands such as Rapha Travel and inGAMBA.

PRICING

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY [SHARED BASIS]
\$4,600. incl. shared room and meals

SINGLE OCCUPANCY
\$5,700. incl. private room and meals.

PAYMENT

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