



OPTIONAL SHORE EXCURSIONS

AJACCIO (CORSICA), FRANCE GRANDEUR™ JULY 15, 2024

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SHORE EXCURSIONS

THE PERFUMED ISLE AND PRUNELLI RIVER GORGES

HIGHLIGHTS

- View land untouched by time, traversing small villages, verdant forest and dramatic natural beauty.
- Breathe in aromatic evergreen, enhanced with fragrant lavender, myrtle and wild mint in the Pineta Forest.
- Descend into the dramatic Prunelli Gorges and marvel at the jagged granite walls.
- Delight in the azure hues of Tolla Lake, a man-made basin that provides hydro-electric power to Ajaccio.
- Appreciate the diverse landscape and small villages unchanged through the centuries.

DESCRIPTION

Relax on this panoramic driving tour of Corsica's spectacular interior, a land little-changed over centuries. Pass through Cuaro village and beautifully rugged, mountainous terrain, resplendent with lush forests. You'll see the dense shrubbery known as "maquis" blanketing the countryside and inhale the extraordinarily fragrant evergreen, interspersed with aromatic lavender, myrtle and wild mint. Journey past modest vineyards and cultivated fields before you enter peaceful Pineta Forest, dominated by tall, striking laricio pines, expansive chestnuts and dramatic beech trees. Enter heart-stopping Prunelli Gorges with its jagged granite walls and descend through serpentine twists and curves. Arrive ultimately at serene, man-made Tolla Lake, source of Ajaccio's hydro-electric power, and snap a postcard-worthy photo. Sharp pinnacles emerge from the forest just past Tolla, a ridge-top village nestled into the mountainside, then the amazing vista opens to an expanse of fertile valley below. Delight in numerous picturesque hamlets, including Ocana, known for austere granite homes, and imagine everyday life in this timeless land.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

DISCLAIMER:

This tour is primarily panoramic, with walking at the guest's discretion during stops. It is available to guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. The tour may not be suitable for guests with mobility concerns, who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. It is not considered suitable for those who suffer from motion sickness or vertigo.

APPROX. DURATION:
3.5
HOURS

TOUR CODE:
AJA-002
FREE

TOUR TYPE
N/A

ACTIVITY LEVEL


OPTIONS
N/A

HIGHLIGHTS OF AJACCIO

HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in Ajaccio, also known as “Imperial City” and birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1769.
- View myriad statues and powerful monuments to the native son, the famed emperor of France.
- Glimpse Napoleon’s humble beginnings at his childhood home, now a museum, and see the unassuming cathedral where he was christened.
- Shop the pedestrian-friendly Rue Fesch, filled with delightful and unique boutiques.

DESCRIPTION

Admire charming Ajaccio on this driving and walking tour that focuses on the life of pugnacious Napoleon Bonaparte. Pass historic churches, the former English quarter and notable monuments to the French emperor, born in Ajaccio or “Imperial Town” in 1769. Witness Napoleon in a celebrated pose at striking Austerlitz Square, donning his famous two-cornered hat and riding coat. Local lore holds he played here as a child, presciently pretending to be France’s emperor. Commence your walking tour in Ajaccio’s oldest district and discover another tribute to the emperor at the eye-catching neo-classical town hall. Amble leisurely down one of the region’s first streets, aptly named Rue Bonaparte, to Napoleon’s birthplace. Envision his boyhood in this unadorned home, now a museum beautifully furnished with period pieces. See the modest cathedral, site of his christening, and yet another impressive commemoration in the expansive Place de Gaulle. At the end of your enlightening tour, you may choose to remain in town to browse the engaging, shop-lined Rue Fesch, where Napoleon’s image is a central theme.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

DISCLAIMER:

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy-to-moderate walking/standing and some uneven ground. There are no inside visits included in this excursion. It is available to guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

APPROX. DURATION:

3.0
HOURS

TOUR CODE:

AJA-005
FREE

TOUR TYPE

N/A

ACTIVITY LEVEL



OPTIONS

N/A

IMPERIAL TOWN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll highlights of Ajaccio, birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1769, also known as “Imperial City.”
- Discover myriad statues and powerful monuments to the native son, a famed emperor of France.
- Imagine Napoleon’s humble beginnings at his childhood home, replete with period furnishings.
- See the palace museum, showcasing exhibits devoted to the imperial family and classical art.
- Shop the pedestrian-friendly Rue Fesch, filled with delightful and unique boutiques.

DESCRIPTION

Explore “Imperial Town” on this enriching walking tour of Ajaccio, home of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, born here in 1769. Enter Old Town’s expansive square with its sweeping bay view and arrive at the eye-catching neo-classical town hall dominated by a statue honoring the controversial and admired emperor. Amble down one of the city’s first streets, aptly named Rue Bonaparte, to find Napoleon’s birthplace. Envision his boyhood in this unadorned home, now a museum beautifully furnished with time-worn period pieces. Recognize another memorial to the Bonapartes in the Place de Gaulle, an absorbing monument of the emperor on horseback surrounded by his brothers that rises gracefully from the square. If you so desire, choose to remain in town to browse the shop-lined, pedestrian-friendly Rue Fesch following your tour, where Napoleon’s image is a central theme or if time permits, Treasures of the imperial family await your inspection at a once grand palace built by order of Napoleon’s uncle. Browse the remarkable collection, including the second-largest assemblage of Italian paintings in France. Works from four centuries are on display, including masterpieces by Botticelli and Titian.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

DISCLAIMER:

This tour includes approximately two hours of easy-to-moderate walking/standing. There will be some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate. It is available to guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Dependent upon the day of week and time, there may be only one museum visit. Restrooms are available in the museums only.

APPROX. DURATION:

2.0
HOURS

TOUR CODE:

AJA-006
FREE

TOUR TYPE

N/A

ACTIVITY LEVEL



OPTIONS

N/A

SCENIC VIZZAVONA & CORSICAN SNACKS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an extraordinarily beautiful drive into Corsica’s scenic and rugged interior.
- Breathe in aromatic evergreen, enhanced with fragrant lavender, myrtle and wild mint, and view the plentiful native shrubbery, known as “maquis.”
- Delight in the picturesque plateau that showcases the village of Bocognano
- Traverse Vizzayona Forest, a scarcely populated area sought by hiking and nature enthusiasts.
- Learn of the bandit-brother folk heroes who successfully used the forest as a hideout in the 1800s.
- Enjoy a delicious and hearty snack, reflective of a typical Corsican workman’s mid-day meal.

DESCRIPTION


Explore the pristine mountainous terrain that blankets much of Corsica’s interior, absorbing the striking natural beauty with a scenic drive before enjoying a hearty sample of Corsican food. You’ll see the dense shrubbery known as “maquis” blanketing the countryside, and inhale the extraordinarily fragrant evergreen, interspersed with aromatic lavender, myrtle and wild mint. View Bocognano village, perched on a picturesque plateau, and surrounded by leafy chestnut and beech trees. Enter the pine-filled and scarcely populated Vizzavona Forest, sought by nature enthusiasts and backpackers for its wondrous vistas and inspirational hikes. You’ll learn that the forest was the long-standing refuge for bandit brothers who became folk heroes in the late 1880s. One surrendered at age 75 and the other remained at large for ten more years. Savor a hearty spread of smoked ham, sausages and goat cheeses, reflective of a local workman’s mid-day meal, accompanied by a glass of robust red wine. Immerse yourself in this splendid land’s everyday life with ample free time after your delicious repast.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

DISCLAIMER:

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APPROX. DURATION:	TOUR CODE:	TOUR TYPE	ACTIVITY LEVEL	OPTIONS
3.25 HOURS	AJA-007 FREE	N/A		N/A

THE CALANCHE OF PIANA & SPELUNCA GORGES

HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire 17th-century Cargese’s aged churches and breathtaking sea views.
- View colorful and uniquely shaped rock formations at the Calanche of Piana, a UNESCO World Heritage site of environmental significance.
- Glimpse the laid-back French villages of Evisa and Vico.
- Appreciate the magnificence of the dramatic and breathtaking Spelunca Gorges.
- Shop or explore the seaside village of Porto after a delicious lunch.

DESCRIPTION

Surround yourself with stunning Corsican natural highlights in the lush Calanche of Piana nature reserve and the dramatic Spelunca Gorges on this delightfully scenic coach tour. You’ll discover that tantalizing views of enchanting hamlets such as Evisa and Vico, the former capital, provide only a hint of this island’s charm. Explore 17th-century Cargese, founded by Greeks fleeing a Turkish invasion. With ample free time at your leisure, you might shop, admire the churches in the town’s center or take in the expansive sea views. Behold the impressive sights at the Calanche of Piana, a nature preserve so environmentally significant, it is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Examine brightly colored rock outcroppings, oddly shaped granite pinnacles and pillars emerging from the sea. Look for the rocks’ uncanny resemblances to animals or people, including the well-known Bride and Groom, at a brief photo stop. Dense and striking pine forests encompass the breathtaking Spelunca Gorges, where you’ll marvel at the jagged peaks and rugged terrain that drop nearly two-thirds of a mile to a roiling convergence of sparkling rivers and crystalline streams. Lunch at captivating Porto village then enjoy time to shop at your leisure or take an unhurried stroll past the colorful marina, the bobbing pleasure craft emphasizing the unique and varied nature of Corsica’s many glories.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

DISCLAIMER:

This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate-to-strenuous walking/standing. There will be some steps, uneven surfaces and a steep hill to negotiate in Cargese. Travel time to Cargese is approximately 75 minutes by coach. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair, guests with mobility concerns or those who suffer from motion sickness. Aside from restrooms at the restaurant where you will have lunch, restrooms in Ajaccio are not public, and those found in cafes and other venues are only available to patrons of the establishment. Coaches are not equipped with a restroom. The order of sites viewed or visited may vary.

APPROX. DURATION:

9.0
HOURS

TOUR CODE:

AJA-008

TOUR TYPE

N/A

ACTIVITY LEVEL



OPTIONS



THE CALANCHE OF PIANA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire 17th-century Cargese’s aged churches and breathtaking sea views.
- View colorful and uniquely shaped rock formations at the Calanche of Piana, a UNESCO World Heritage site of environmental significance.
- Glimpse the laid-back French villages of Evisa and Vico.

DESCRIPTION

Surround yourself with stunning Corsican natural highlights in the lush Calanche of Piana nature on this wonderfully scenic coach tour. You’ll discover that tantalizing views of enchanting hamlets such as Evisa and Vico, the former capital, provide only a hint of this island’s charm. Explore 17th-century Cargese, founded by Greeks fleeing a Turkish invasion. With ample free time at your leisure, you might shop, admire the churches in the town’s center or take in the expansive sea views. Behold the impressive sights at the Calanche of Piana, a nature preserve so environmentally significant it is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Examine brightly colored rock outcroppings, oddly shaped granite pinnacles and pillars emerging from the sea. Look for the rocks’ uncanny resemblances to animals or people, including the well-known Bride and Groom, at a brief photo stop.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.


DISCLAIMER:

This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate to strenuous walking/standing. There will be some steps, uneven surfaces and a steep hill to negotiate in Cargese. Travel time to Cargese is approximately 75 minutes by coach. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair, guests with mobility concerns or for those who suffer from motion sickness. Aside from restrooms at the restaurant where you will have lunch, restrooms in Ajaccio are not public, and those found in cafes and other venues are only available to patrons of the establishment purchasing food or beverages. Coaches are not equipped with a restroom. The order of sites viewed or visited may vary.

APPROX. DURATION:
5.5
HOURS

TOUR CODE:
AJA-010
\$69.00

TOUR TYPE
N/A

ACTIVITY LEVEL


OPTIONS
N/A

AN EXPERIENCE OUT OF TIME

HIGHLIGHTS

- See evidence of the lasting influence of Napoleon and the Bonaparte family in Ajaccio.
- Visit Napoleon's birthplace and the modest church where he was christened.
- Enjoy a light Corsican lunch served by a wait staff dressed in Napoleonic period costumes.
- Opt to remain in Ajaccio following the excursion and then walk back to the ship on your own.

DESCRIPTION

See how the influence of Napoleon Bonaparte still lingers in Ajaccio, which is known as Imperial Town in honor of the French emperor being born there. In several squares, statues depict Napoleon robed like a Roman consul and on horseback. It is almost impossible to escape his lasting impact, as you will see at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary cathedral, where he was christened, and at Rue Bonaparte, one of the first streets in Ajaccio. The entire Bonaparte family left its mark here. The Bonaparte's home since 1682 was eventually given to the French government in the 1960s and turned into a museum, where you can behold Napoleon's death mask. You will learn even more about the emperor while watching a film about his life and dining on a light Corsican lunch. To enhance the historical aspect, the wait staff will be outfitted in Napoleonic period costumes.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

DISCLAIMER:

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking/standing. Guests will need to manage some uneven pavements. There will need be 15 - 20 steps throughout the excursion. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

APPROX. DURATION:

3.0
HOURS

TOUR CODE:

AJA-011
FREE

TOUR TYPE

N/A

ACTIVITY LEVEL



OPTIONS

N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHATS IS INCLUDE?

Transportation:

Licensed and insured late model, coaches, vehicles, watercraft, and other modes of transportation are utilized.

Meals and Refreshments:

Included when indicated in the tour description.

Guides:

Licensed, English-speaking, local guides accompany all tours, where available.

Entrance Fees:

Tours include all required admission fees, where applicable.

What Should I Wear?

When taking a shore excursion, comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen are suggested. You may consider bringing an umbrella, raincoat, sweater, or jacket. And don't forget your camera!

Cancellations and refunds

- In order to ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance. Therefore no refunds will be given within 36 hours of the tour.
- Tours operate rain or shine.
- Tours require minimum participation levels to operate so please sign up as early as possible. Tours may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met.

Prices, Itineraries and General Information

- Shore excursions prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations.
- The information contained in this document was current at the time of printing, however changes may occur before your scheduled departure. Please consult the Destination Services Desk onboard for information and current pricing.
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