# ORTH CORSIGA



## NORTH CORSICA CRUISE TO SCANDOLA, CALVI AND AGRIATES DESERT

Alone, as a couple, with family or friends, one cabin or the whole boat.

The island of beauty is best discovered by sea. A privileged cruise, away from the crowds, where steep cliffs, deep coves and wild beaches bathed by an emerald sea follow one another.

A marvellous discovery of Corsica's west coast, from Ajaccio to the foot of Cap Corse, via the Sanguinaires islands, the calanques of Piana, the Scandola reserve, the fortified town of Calvi and Palo, a Unesco-listed site. The beaches lining the Agriates desert are in no way inferior to those of tropical islands: fine white sand, blue water and not a single building on the horizon. They can only be reached by boat or footpath. Cruising along the island's beautiful west coast aboard a catamaran is not just for seasoned sailors, but for all those who want to discover Corsica without the constraints of congested summer roads and without having to pack their bags every time they change location.

It's a fascinating cruise with a succession of steep cliffs, deep coves, tiny islets bathed by an emerald sea.









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### YOUR CRUISE DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 Ajaccio

Boarding your catamaran in Ajaccio from 6pm. Installation in your cabins. Welcome cocktail. Dinner and overnight at anchor.





#### DAY 2 Ajaccio – Sanguinaires islands - Cargèse

Departure for the lles Sanguinaires. Historically, they are called Sanguinaires, not for their red color at sunset, but because makeshift settlements housed coral fishermen nicknamed « sanguinari » (black-blooded people), returning from Africa and undergoing quarantine. Characterized by their austere, hostile appearance, they are a listed maritime site, a haven of peace for seabird species and a reserve for a rich flora of rare, endemic species.The walk is pleasant, the relief rugged, an impression reinforced by the color of the rock. At the tip of the island, don't miss the incomparable view over the Gulf of Ajaccio. At the end of the day, continuation to Cargèse (2h sailing), a picturesque fishing and yachting port. This village is a pleasant seaside resort with a Mediterranean atmosphere.

Cargèse was founded by the Greeks, which is why it is the only village in Corsica to have the distinction of having 2 churches facing each other, one Catholic and the other Orthodox. Dinner and overnight at anchor.

#### DAY 3 Cargèse - Piana - Girolata

Departure for the Calanques de Piana, one of Corsica's most extraordinary sites. They offer a breathtaking panorama of the Gulf of Porto.

In the evening, you'll call at Girolata, with its eucalyptus trees, Genoese fortress, turquoise bay, staircase houses and mountainous surroundings. Girolata is particularly protected by the absence of roads. The village can only be reached by the sea or along a footpath that joins the GR20. Dinner and overnight at the quay or anchorage.







#### DAY 4

#### Girolata - Scandola - Galeria - Calvi

Discover the Scandola Reserve. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is one of France's Protected Marine Areas. This sanctuary for flora and fauna is virtually inaccessible, and can only be approached by sea. It is home to many endemic and protected seabirds and plants.

You can then enjoy a pleasant swim at the edge of the reserve, before lunching in the idyllic setting north of Elbo marine or in Galeria, a small fishing port. In the evening, you'll make a stopover in Calvi (2h30 sailing time), located at the north-western tip of the island, in a beautiful setting.

Dinner and overnight at anchor or dockside.



#### DAY 5 Calvi - L'île Rousse - Acciolu or Saleccia (Agriates)

Today, the Captain will take you to Ile Rousse (1h30 sailing). You'll discover the north-west of the island, the perfect place for idleness.

Its seaside resorts and numerous beaches border the surrounding mountain scrub and small villages perched on promontories. You'll end the day either in the Bay of Acciolu (1hr 30min sailing) to see the Agriates Desert, a vast expanse of ridges, valleys and rocky peaks, facing the sea and Cap Corse, or the beach at Saleccia, a true marvel with its crystal-clear water and long strip of white sand. Dinner and overnight at anchor











#### DAY 6 Les Agriates - Revellata - Palo (Capo Rosso)

Sail to Revellata (3h sailing), an outcrop of land south of Calvi, offering a taste of the wilderness so characteristic of the Balagne region. Here you'll find numerous coves and paths. Enjoy the delicious water, or take a pleasant stroll along the paths. Then stop off at Palo, south of Capo Rosso (3h30 sailing time), a Unesco World Heritage site topped by the Turghiu Genoese Tower. Dinner and overnight at anchor.

#### DAY 7 Palo - Figuera - Ajaccio

You'll set off to discover Figuera, (2h30 navigation) south of the Gulf of Sagone, where you can enjoy its long white sandy beaches. At the end of the day, sail to Ajaccio. Dinner and overnight stay on board, either at anchor or alongside the quayside for a night-time stroll through the streets. Why not take the opportunity to discover the charm of the old town ?

#### DAY 8 Ajaccio

Catamaran disembarkation at 9am.









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