

DIGNO GO 
GOURMET BIKE TOURS

Corsica

LUXURY



Day 1

Today's Ride: 15 Miles (1,200' Elev. Gain)

Meet your leaders in Calvi and shuttle 30 minutes away from the town to a delightful restaurant where you enjoy a light lunch and toast to a wonderful upcoming journey over a glass of Patrimonio.

To start the week, your leaders fit your bike before setting out for a wonderful first ride along the crystal blue Corsican coast toward the town of Calvi. Calvi is the rumoured birthplace of Christopher Columbus, said to be the son of a Corsican fisherman during the time of the Genovese rule of the area. Once in Calvi, check into your hotel for the night, the Hotel La Villa, where you experience accommodations truly fit for a king. Enjoy access to five different pools, including a 25-meter swimming area, as well as an authentic clay tennis court.

In the evening, you enjoy a sumptuous meal at the hotel's restaurant courtesy of Chef Sebastien Sevellec, son of a fisherman from Brittany – the perfect introduction to Corsican cuisine at its finest and most flavorful.

Day 2

Today's Ride: 37 Miles (3,500' Elev. Gain)

Short Option: 16 Miles (2,200')

Long Option: 47 Miles (4,500')

Your second day in lovely Corsica begins with a light but delicious breakfast on the terrace while enjoying a spectacular view of the Bay of Calvi. After breakfast, you bike through La Balagne as part of a route colloquially known as “Strada degli Artigiani”, which translates to “the craftsmen's route” and is named for the hardworking craftspeople that populate the area. Today, the area has been reinvigorated since its days of disrepair during the past century and is now home to many local artists including potters, painters, weavers, and bakers.

You coast into Sant Antonino, which is widely considered to be one of the most beautiful little hilltop towns in France, as well as one of the oldest Corsican

villages thanks to its roots in the 9th century. The location for the village was originally chosen because of its natural defences, a prime concern for the first inhabitants of the area. Today, it's beloved for its incredible views of the Balagne Plain, as well as the Bay of Calvi.

Later in the afternoon, you bike your way down to the hotel before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3

Today's Ride: 32 Miles (3,300' Elev. Gain)

Short Option: 21 Miles (1,500')

Our third day in Corsica begins with a transfer to nearby Girolata just before we bike our way down to the village of Porto for a short visit and light lunch on your own.

This afternoon we continue riding along a winding road flanked by gorgeous red local granite that plunges straight down into the sea. This stretch of road between Porto and our destination of Piana is quite possibly one of the most beautiful places we'll see throughout the trip thanks to the magnificent, translucent water punctuated by offshore islets. The surrounding land is a terrific example of Corsican scrubland with its eagles, gulls, and other seabirds, all attracted by the abundance of indigenous sea life populating the fertile waters.

Later, you get into our minivan and travel to the nearby mountains and the fantastic auberge A Pignata. A Pignata is the private domain of the area's Rocca-Serra family and is built of gorgeous local granite. Rooms are located on terraces above a gorgeous restaurant and the hotel facilities feature a heated pool and staggeringly beautiful views.

Dinner is at the aforementioned restaurant and consist of authentic Corsican comfort fare including fresh-made local cheese and charcuterie made from pigs raised on the surrounding property.

Day 4

Today's Ride: 34 Miles (4,300' Elev. Gain)

Short Option: 14 Miles (2,300')

Long Option: 60 Miles (5,400')

On the morning of your fourth day in Corsica, you bid adieu to your hotel and make your way to the Col de Bavella, an amazing location overlooked by the majestic and noteworthy features. These include the sharp points of Aiguilles de Bavella (also known as the Bavella Needles). On the way keep your eyes peeled and you just might spot some of the wild mountain sheep indigenous to the region, as well as a possible scattering of local cows out to pasture. Marvel at the regal beauty of the surrounding pine forest, sweeping plateaus, and green valleys as well.

In the afternoon, begin an energizing downhill through beautiful forest before reaching the coast and the town of Bonifacio where your hotel for the next 2 nights is located.

Later on in the afternoon, you are treated to a wonderful history lesson thanks to our good friend Pierre who will tell you a variety of stories and facts about not only Bonifacio – including both the old town and upper city areas – but also the local citadels and fortifications. You'll have a whole new appreciation for the way the town itself is precariously located on the lip of the natural cliff top, undercut by the briny blue ocean below.

In the evening either head to a restaurant recommended by your leaders or discover your own spot by strolling the old town's cobblestones street and the lively harbor.

Day 5

Today's Ride: 16 Miles (1,000' Elev. Gain)

Long Option: 39 Miles (2,800')

On the morning of your fifth day in Corsica, you trade your bikes for a jet ski and swimming near the Lavezzi islands. The Lavezzi islands include a cemetery dedicated to two hundred brave men who lost their lives when a boat known as the Semillante was caught in a storm just off the nearby coast.

You also admire Bonifacio from the sea as it is located a mere 11 km away from the Italian isle of Sardinia on a cliff hanging bravely majestically over the sea. In

between, you pass a beautiful natural reserve that showcases the local flora and fauna at its best.

Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants in town before you jump on your bike and cycle to Piantarella, giving you the chance to enjoy a scenic ride.

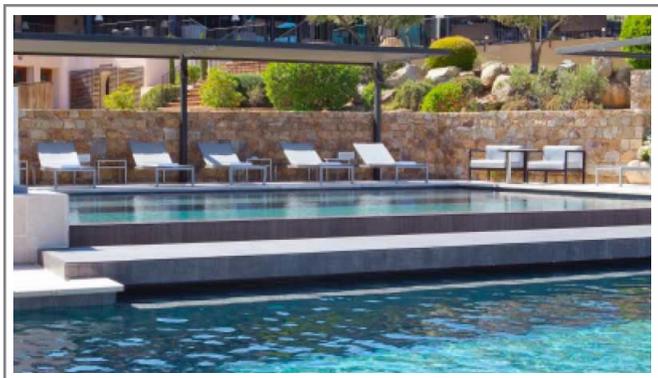
Tonight you celebrate this week in Corsica with a delicious dinner in town, the perfect end to an amazing vacation you'll never forget.

Day 6

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel Version Maquis one last time before meeting up with your trip leaders. From here, a short drive to the Figari airport marks the end of the tour and of this unforgettable trip through Corsica.

Trip Accommodations

4 & 5 Star Hotels



La Villa *** (2 Nights)**

Phone : + 33 (0)4 95 65 10 10

www.hotel-lavilla.com



A Pignata * (1 Night)**

Phone: +33 (0)4 95 78 41 90

www.apignata.com



Version Maquis *** (2 Nights)**

Phone: +33 (0)4 20 40 70 40

www.hotelversionmaquis.com

Included/Not Included

Price Includes

- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- Multiple daily routes
- A fully equipped bicycle: the Fuji Absolute 1.1 Disc
- Handlebar bag, helmet and water bottle
- Garmin GPS with easy to follow directions
- 1 leader for every 3 guests
- Snack & drinks during the day
- Gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Guided tours, tastings and entrance fees
- A leader offering minivan support
- Luggage transfers
- Porterage
- Minivan transfers during the trip
- Local guides and experts
- An email a few days prior to your trip

Price Excludes

- Transportation to & from pick-up/drop-off locations
- Pre or post trip lodging
- Minibar, massages, non scheduled activities, etc
- Alcoholic beverages
- Road bike or e-bike
- Gratuities for your Leaders

Meeting & Departing Information

Meeting Location

Meet your DIGnGO Trip Leaders, in front of the Calvi airport **ticketing office** at 11.15 AM. From here, shuttle 45 minutes to the start of our first bike ride. Be sure to wear your cycling outfit so you are ready to ride.

Arriving Late to the Meeting Location

If you have a delay on the first day of the trip, please email or call your trip leaders as their contact information will be emailed to you 48 hours prior to the trip start.

If you arrive late to the meeting location and do not see your trip leaders, you may take a taxi to the first night's hotel.

End of the Trip

The trip ends at the Figari airport. DIGnGO Trip Leaders provide transportation, arriving at about 12.00 PM. Please make sure to book a flight no earlier than 02.30 PM.

How to get to the Meeting Location

Flights run from Paris to Calvi many times a day. We recommend that you fly from home into Paris and then take a flight into Calvi airport at least the day before. You may read more about the Calvi airport at: www.calvi.aeroport.fr.

How to Get to Downtown Paris From the Airport

The cost of a taxi to get to downtown Paris is around \$85. For taxi service we recommend that you either book a taxi before your arrival online with this company www.taxisg7.com or that you take a taxi at your arrival.

Travel Essentials

How to Pack

Due to the limited space in our minivan, we ask you to limit the number of bags you bring to 1 suitcase and 1 carry-on luggage. In order to deliver your bags to your room, we ask that each bag has a clear luggage identification tag.

What to Wear for Dinner

Please remember that whether you dine at a Michelin-starred restaurant or at a local bistro you should feel comfortable. Men should wear dress pants with a shirt or a polo. Jackets are not required. Women should wear a dress, skirt, dress pants with a nice top. Sneakers, shorts and jeans are not recommended for dinners.

What to Wear while on the Bike

In order to feel comfortable, we recommend that you buy a pair of padded cycling shorts. There are many brands out there but a good quality one is best if you don't want to feel sore after a day of biking. We also recommend wearing a cycling jersey. In case of bad weather, a windbreaker and a rain jacket will keep you warm and dry.

Meals

Dinners are a combination of amazing local restaurants and gourmet meals. The first lunch is included. 4 lunches and 1 dinner are not included, for you to try local cuisine on your own. Alcoholic beverages are at your own expense.

Spa Treatments

Please note that spa treatments are not included in the trip price. If you wish to make an appointment, we recommend that you call your hotel and make a reservation ahead of time. However, make sure to book an appointment after 5.00 PM.

Tips & Gratuities

Please note that your trip leaders also rely on tips. Gratuities may be given at your discretion at the end of the trip according to the trip leaders professionalism. Industry standard is 5-10% of the trip price per team of leaders.

Destination Facts

Climate

It has a Mediterranean climate with an average annual sunshine of 2726 hours.

To convert from Fahrenheit to Celsius in your head you can subtract 30 from the Fahrenheit figure and halve the result.

Average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High F	58	58	61	65	72	78
Low F	39	39	42	46	53	59
Prec. (In)	1,6	1,2	1,6	2,2	1,6	0,9
Average	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High F	83	84	79	73	65	59
Low F	63	64	59	54	47	41
Prec. (In)	0,3	0,9	3,3	3,4	4	2,8

How to Dial Internationally

All phone numbers provided by DIGnGO are listed using the following format:

+ Country Code (0)# ## ## ## ##

Wherever you are calling from, make sure to dial + or 00 - *country code of country to which you are calling (ex. 33 for France) - local number.* If you see a (0), you must drop this digit when dialling the number.

Electric Current

Please note that in Europe electricity runs on a 220-volt. Most higher-end electronics have built-in voltage adapters so the voltage difference doesn't matter, however, you will still need a plug adapter. Before traveling to Europe, check the voltage of the electronics you will bring along with you. Your electronics will display the voltage in which your device operates. It will be printed near the plug or on the power brick.

Documents, Cancellation & More

Travel Documentations/Visa

All guests must have passports valid for six months following the departure date. Even though a visa is usually not required if you are staying less than 90 days in the country, you are advised to check with the consulates of the countries you will visit to determine which documents you must obtain.

Travel Insurance

Contact our office to receive a copy of the All-Inclusive plan full description of coverage.

Cancellations & Refunds

In case of cancellation, the cancellation fees are as follows:

- 91+ days before departure: Non refundable amounts
- 90 to 61 days before departure: 30% of the trip price
- 60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of the trip price
- 30 to 0 days before departure: 100% of the trip price

In case of cancellation, please note that exceptions to this policy cannot be made for any reason.

On the rare occasions when DIGnGO must cancel a trip, all payments received to date will be refunded, which constitutes full settlement. DIGnGO is not responsible for any personal expenses incurred in preparation for any cancelled trips.

Transfers

You may transfer from one trip to another up to 91 days before the departure of the trip, after that our cancellation policy applies.

Itinerary Changes

In some rare unforeseen circumstances some activities, restaurants, hotels, etc... might change. In case of hotel, we will make sure you get to stay in a hotel of the same standards.

Valuables

Valuables are 100% your responsibility. During the trip, do not leave any valuables in DIGnGO vans as we do not assume responsibility for any damage, loss or if they are stolen.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can you pick me up at a different location?

No, everyone is coming from a different location so your trip leaders will meet all of you at the starting location.

At the end of the trip, can you drop me off at a different location?

No, your leaders can't go to different locations, that is the reason why there is a drop off location for everyone.

I have to take a train at 7.30 AM & drop off time is 12.00 PM, can the trip leaders take me early?

Unfortunately we cannot accommodate multiple shuttles. If you need to go earlier, contact the front desk of your hotel as they will be glad to book a taxi for you.

Do you recommend bike shoes for riding?

It takes time to get used to riding with bike shoes and unless you are used to riding with bike shoes, sneakers are fine. However, if you decided to bring your bike shoes, you also need to bring your own pedals.

Should I bring a helmet?

Helmets are included but if you would rather bring your own, you're welcome to do so.

Can I adjust my bicycle stem?

Our touring bikes come with an adjustable stem allowing you to raise the handlebar so you have a more upright riding position.

What do you mean by multiple daily routes?

Each day we offer a range of mileage options and you decide how much activity you want to do.

Do you include alcoholic beverages?

DIGNGO includes alcohol during some activities. However, during lunch and dinner, it is not included and it is your responsibility to pay the bill.

How does it work for extras at the hotel?

Extras are your responsibility and the bill needs to be settled before you leave the hotel.

Should I bring my luggage down or leave it in the room when we change hotel?

Please bring it down to the lobby or have the staff of the hotel bring it down for you. Your trip leaders will then take care of the bags.

Should I carry my helmet, seatpost bag and water bottle in the room at night?

Please do, those are yours for the entire week and in order not to mix them with everyone else, we ask to bring all the materiel with you in the room. The only thing that you need to give your trip leaders is the Garmin GPS as they need to charge it for the next day.

Is there a minivan along the route during the day?

Yes, do not hesitate to ask for a ride if you need one.

Can I ride at my own speed?

Each bike has a Garmin GPS with pre-loaded routes allowing you to find your way.

Do we start cycling early?

Most days, you start cycling between 8.30 & 9.00 AM

How to ride pain-free?

A pair of padded cycling shorts is definitely a great investment.



Cycling Safety

The Rules

- Wearing a helmet on a DIGnGO trip is required.
- While you're riding your bike, ensure that you are using good judgment and being aware of your surroundings. The unexpected can happen in an instant and maintaining alertness will ensure that you, and those around you, are safe.
- Do not wear headphones while riding as they will likely drown out important sounds and distract your attention.
- Avoid riding side by side but instead try to "ride single file". Leave enough space between yourself and the rider in front of you for a car to fit.
- If you are traveling downhill, increase the distance between yourself and others to ensure your ability to stop, should someone ahead of you brake suddenly.
- Be courteous to other riders and motorists, especially near intersections, driveways, parked cars, and other places as they may not be aware of you.
- In some countries, you will find intersections with no traffic signals. In that case, please note that other vehicles have the right away.
- Stop at all red lights and stop signs.
- Make sure to yield to pedestrians.
- As you are about to turn, communicate your intention to others around you by using recognised hand signals.
- Avoid road obstacles such as potholes, rocks, etc. While going over rough terrain, such as gravel, sand, or rocks, make sure to downshift.
- While riding downhill make sure that you are using both brakes in order to control your speed and avoid "glazing over".

Pre & Post Trip Lodging Options

Room Rate Guide

(Per Night)

0 to 100€.....	€
101€ to 200€.....	€€
201€ to 300€.....	€€€
301€ to 400€.....	€€€€
401€ to 900€.....	€€€€€

Calvi

Hotel La Villa

www.hotel-lavilla.com | Rates: €€€€€

Calvi Hotel

www.calvi-hotel.com | Rates: €€

Hotel Chez Charles

www.hotelcorse-chezcharles.com | Rates: €€

Paris

Hotel Le Meurice

www.dorchestercollection.com | Rates: €€€€€

Le Bristol Paris

www.lebristolparis.com | Rates: €€€€€

Hotel Particulier Montmartre

www.hotel-particulier-montmartre.com | Rates: €€€€€

Hotel Sofitel Paris Faubourg

www.sofitel.com | Rates: €€€€€

Hotel Keppler

www.keppler.fr | Rates: €€€

Hotel Le Six

www.hotel-le-six.com | Rates: €€€

Hotel Bel Ami

www.hotelbelami-paris.fr | Rates: €€€

Hotel Daniel Paris

www.hoteldanielparis.com | Rates: €€€

Hotel Villa Madame

www.hotelvillamadameparis.com | Rates: €€

DIGnGO's Packing List

Travel Documents

- This document
- Passport
- Visa
- Air transportation confirmation details
- Rail transportation confirmation details
- Pre/post trip lodging confirmation details
- Cash (€)
- Credit Cards

Electronics

- Plug adapter
- Cell Phone & charger
- Camera & charger

Cycling Clothing

- Padded cycling shorts
- Cycling jersey
- Cycling Jacket
- Bike shoes & pedals
- Sneakers
- Cycling gloves
- Rain jacket
- Cycling pants
- Arm warmers

- Leg warmers
- Shoe covers & booties
- Cycling headband or cap

Personal Items

- Medication
- Eyeglasses, contacts, contact lens solution
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit
- Travel journal/notepad and/or reading material
- Bike Helmet