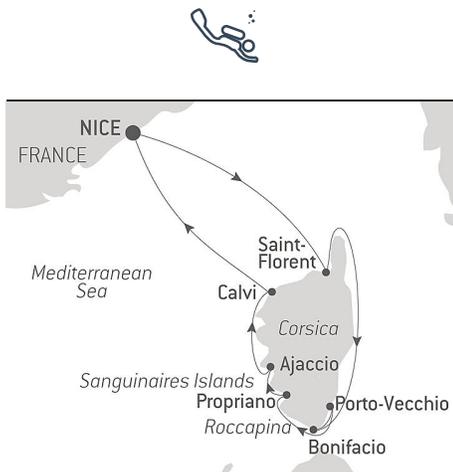


Wild and authentic Corsica

From **06/06/2022**
to **13/06/2022**

Ship: **LE BOUGAINVILLE**

From **Nice**
to **Nice**



France is beautiful from the sea...

PONANT invites you to take to the sea, without a care in the world, to enjoy a break from reality in a privileged setting and cast a fresh eye over the infinite riches of the French coastline. As your journey unfolds and depending on the elements, you will enjoy magnificent moments as unique as they are unexpected.

Leaving from **Nice**, set sail aboard *Le Bougainville* for an authentic 7-night cruise and get to the very heart of Corsica, a fascinating island of a thousand fragrances and influences.

Below the **Cap Corse** mountains and the **Agriates** desert, the beauty of the landscapes gives Saint-Florent a picture-postcard appearance.

You will also visit **Bonifacio**, the jewel of the far south of Corsica. A veritable fortress sculpted by the wind and the spray, the “sentinel city” will reveal its historical centre and its long cobbled streets.

You will then sail towards **Porto-Vecchio**. Overlooked by its 16th-century Genovese citadel, this charming port in southern Corsica will enchant you with its rich history and the idyllic beaches that surround it.

The sumptuous archipelago formed by the **pointe de la Parata** and the **îles Sanguinaires** announces the entrance to the **Gulf of Ajaccio**. The long line of crests seems to extend the coast like a backbone. Listed as a Grand Site de France and a Natura 2000 area, this coastal landscape at the foot of the mountains is home to exceptional biodiversity adapted to the harsh climate. Here, Nature is the star attraction.

The turquoise waters of the island will satisfy all desires for swimming and nautical activities. Far from the hordes, these unspoiled areas encourage the observation of nature and the practice of sporting activities.

During this trip, you may be lucky enough to see certain species of cetaceans, such as **bottlenose dolphins**, **rorquals** and **pilot whales**, common off the Mediterranean coastline.

This itinerary is given as an indication only. Based on tide times and weather conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader may need to change the order of certain ports of call to ensure guests have the best possible experience.

Encounters with wildlife are possible but cannot be guaranteed.



The information in this document is valid as of 06/07/2022

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YOUR STOPOVERS :

NICE

Embarkation 06/06/2022 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 06/06/2022 at 18:00

Capital of the Cote d'Azur, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.

SAINT-FLORENT, CORSICA

Arrival 07/06/2022

Departure 07/06/2022

In the hollow of one of the most beautiful gulfs of the Mediterranean to which it owes its name, **Saint-Florent** is an ancient Genoese city whose citadel dominates the bay with its circular architecture. A link between the mountains of **Upper Corsica** and the **Agriates desert**, the fishing village has become a renowned seaside resort. In front of this jewel nestled in the hollow of a wild and isolated region, sublime beaches of fine sand border a sea of infinite turquoise shades. At the western tip of the gulf, the **Tower of Mortella**, built in the 16th century under the Republic of Genoa to prevent from invaders, stands watch. Like most of the towers that dot the Corsican coast, it is an emblematic and familiar symbol of the island.

BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Arrival 08/06/2022

Departure 08/06/2022

The spectacular town of **Bonifacio** located on the very tip of southern Corsica, clings to a narrow promontory of white rock overhanging the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. You can admire its limestone cliffs hewn out by the wind, before setting off on a cultural tour of its cultural treasures. From the little paved streets in the ancient **Haute Ville**, to the promenade on the open-air medieval **chemin de ronde**, this stunning town will take you on a journey back in time. Frequentated or secluded, there are numerous beaches to choose from, all in keeping with the high standards of the "Île de Beauté".

PORTO-VECCHIO, CORSICA

Arrival 09/06/2022

Departure 09/06/2022

Sitting in the curve of a very popular gulf in the south-west of Corsica, Porto Vecchio is a small city where the air is

salty and infused with woody notes. The upper town stands within the walls of a 16th century **Genoese citadel**, a symbol of the resistance to the barbarian invasions and to malaria.

From marshland to salt pans, the city, which has been rebuilt many times, became the “city of salt”. Under the Mediterranean sun, the idyllic beaches nearby reveal their finery: **Palombaggia**, a glistening bay lined with immaculate white sand, or lagoon-coloured **Santa Giulia**, surrounded by pine trees. The magnificent **Ospedale mountain** offers breathtaking views of the bay and a refreshing pause.

ROCCAPINA, CORSICA

Arrival 10/06/2022

Departure 10/06/2022

Located in the south-west of Corsica the wild rocky **Roccapina** headlands covered in pine forest are a conservation area. The headlands embrace two bays of turquoise blue water and powder-soft sandy beaches. You may not see many people but traces of the region’s Genovese past are visible, including a 17th century tower. However, the main attraction is provided by Nature in the form of dramatic rocky peaks sculpted by the wind into the shape of animals and humans. On the top of a rocky outcrop one of the most famous formations strongly resembles a lion lying down, its head up surveying the coast.

PROPRIANO, CORSICA

Arrival 10/06/2022

Departure 10/06/2022

In **southern Corsica**, the small port of **Propriano** amazes with its rich history and surprises with its incredible beauty. Here, the coastline edging the scrubland, with its distinctly Mediterranean scents, alternates between long sandy beaches and breathtaking coves. At the heart of this wild environment, the coastal town exudes its unique atmosphere. Established in the late 2nd century B.C., the town developed thanks to Etruscan, Greek, and later Carthaginian traders. From the port, the panorama of the Gulf of Valinco is mesmerizing, as the sea spray mingles with the beautiful southern light.

SANGUINAIRES ISLANDS

Arrival 11/06/2022

Departure 11/06/2022

Made up of the **pointe de la Parata** and the **Sanguinaires Islands** the **Sanguinaires archipelago** was named Grand Site de France in 2017. At this exceptional site made up of four rocky volcanic islands, **Mezu Mare** is the largest. A semaphore built on the site of a former Genoese tower and the ruins of a 14th century lazaretto, a quarantine station at the time of the plague, is testimony to a rich heritage. The island is also home to many colonies of marine birds including the **Yellow-legged gull** or the **European shag**. In his *Letters from my windmill*, Alphonse Daudet, a regular here, described this site with feeling: “I had found a pleasant place there where I could muse in solitude.”

AJACCIO, CORSICA

Arrival 11/06/2022

Departure 11/06/2022

Birth town of **Napoleon Bonaparte**, **Ajaccio** occupies a privileged location on the Île de Beauté. Rich in history and culture, the old "imperial city" is imbued with the memory of this son of the soil. His presence is tangible, from the **citadel** to the **imperial chapel**, without forgetting the statues of the emperor in several of the city's squares. As you stroll through the shaded streets in the old town centre, you'll come across the **central market on place Foch**, where you can taste one or two local specialities, for instance, brocciu, lonzu or the famous canistrelli.

CALVI, CORSICA

Arrival 12/06/2022

Departure 12/06/2022

Nestled on a rocky spur in the north-west of Corsica, the port of **Calvi** offers its whiteness between two sapphire-coloured bays. Capital of the **Balagne** region, the Genoese city benefits from an exceptional natural setting between the abrupt relief of the central chain, fertile hills and long sandy beaches. From the promontory of the **Notre-Dame-de-la-Serra chapel**, built in the 19th century on the ruins of a 15th century sanctuary, you will not miss the sublime panorama of the seaside, the mountains and the Calvi citadel. A little further west, you will have the opportunity to discover with the **peninsula of Revelatta**, a wilder and more preserved part of Corsica.

NICE

Arrival 13/06/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 13/06/2022 at 07:00

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