

# SAIL - CORSICA



Sail around Corsica and see why it's referred to as the "Island of Beauty." Embark upon her exquisite ports, stroll around the lively towns and engage in authentic Corsican food and conversation. Rise with the sun and take a dip in the crystal blue sea or hike along the rugged coast. The activity is limitless - so is the R&R; and the choice is delightfully yours.

*With thousands of kilometers of coastline lit up by the transparency of the sea, secluded beaches and coves protected by the mountains dotted with massive pine trees reaching up to the heavens, it's easy to understand how Corsica became known as "the island of beauty." Over a span of 10 days, you will experience the perfect mix of sailing, swimming, walking and exploring the wonderful ports and major cities of Corsica that hold an interesting mix of historical significance. Tie that together with an abundant Mediterranean menu and voilà; this is island living!*

### **Traveling with Island Spirit Adventures means...**

Truly experiencing an island culture and having lots of fun doing it.

Having pre-arranged activities, but with a feeling of being on vacation, not a schedule.

Getting off the beaten path; meeting natives and visiting places of cultural significance.

Experiencing authentic and taste bud imprinting food and wine—ALOT.

Having friendly, intelligent and attentive guides through-out your trip.

Spontaneity for fun, safety always. Grape picking? Sheep sheering? *Our* local connection is *your* advantage.

Leaving with new friends, new knowledge of a place and priceless memories to keep forever!

# The Adventure

**Saturday:** Welcome aboard your floating home! Meet your Captain and ISA guide as they explain basic sailing procedures and functionalities of the boat. Take a walk around the lively town of La Maddalena then ease into the pace of vacation over cocktails and dinner while watching the sun fall beneath the Mediterranean Sea.

**Port:** Mangia Volpe—La Maddalena

**Meals:** D

**Sunday:** Today is dedicated to the exquisite National Park of the Archipelago of La Maddalena; seven main islands decorated with beaches, bays, white and pink sands engulfed by one of the most seductive seas in the world. Leave it to our Captain to find the gems in the treasure as we anchor for lunch. Before dark, we arrive to the mouth of Bonifacio, one of the most spectacular entrances to any port. With massive 70 m. (230 ft.) high white limestone cliffs and a 9th century citadel atop, welcome to the Island of Beauty; welcome to Corsica!

**Sailing Distance:** 15 miles

**Port:** Port de Bonifacio.

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Monday:** Kick your feet up and relax or take hold of the helm. The choice is your as we spend the day sailing halfway up the cliffy western coast of Corsica. Lunch and a dip in the sea is the best response to the sultry Mediterranean sunshine before arriving to the capital of Corsica and home of Napoleon Bonaparte, Ajaccio. Enjoy a fulfilling dinner in one of those “around the corner on a little side street” restaurants, then take in the summer activity in Place de Gaulle feeling that laid back casual approach to life that Ajaccio seems to adopt so well.

**Sailing Distance:** 52 miles

**Port:** Port d’Ajaccio

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Tuesday:** Full of art, history, markets and bustling squares of coffee shops and restaurants; this is the lively atmosphere of Ajaccio. Today we tour the city visiting the birthplace of Napoleon currently the National Bonaparte Museum. For Italian Renaissance art fans, there is the Fesch Museum; an extensive art collection of Napoleons uncle, Cardinal Joseph Fesch. In the afternoon enjoy a stroll outside the city leading to the beautiful Iles Sanguinaires, an archipelago of small islands that turn red when the sun sets, hence its name, Bloody Islands. A 1608 Genovese tower overlooking the islands is the perfect spot for viewing.

**Port:** Port d’Ajaccio

**Meals:** B, D

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## The Adventure

**Wednesday:** Sails are up as we continue up the scenic western coast. Girolata, a quaint bay and tiny fishing haven is our destination. Connected to the rest of the island by a mere mule track, this dreamy-like cove is surrounded by bluffs upon which one sits a 17th century Genovese watchtower in the form of a small castle. Relax and swim or take part in a hike that enjoys views of the coast from above before circling back around into the Mediterranean forest; a path taken three times a week by the local postman.

**Sailing distance:** 35 miles

**Port:** Port de Girolata

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Thursday:** Today we sail our way back down the coast noticing the never ending beauty of the beaches and mountains that line this magnificent island. This evenings destination is Propriano. It is a natural harbor that was once exploited by the Greeks, Carthaginians and Romans and later destroyed by numerous Saracen pirate raids. Redeveloped in the 1900's it is now a thriving town full of bars, cafes and restaurants which extend directly from the port.

**Sailing distance:** 55 miles

**Port:** Port de Propriano

**Meals:** B, L

**Friday:** Enjoy le petit déjeuner of coffee and flakey croissants before we continue south towards the fiords of Bonifacio. Upon arrival we will tour this amazing *haute-ville* built upon awe-inspiring cliffs overlooking the sea. Taking a stroll down one of the handsomest streets rue du Palais de Garde, you will see the old homes which originally did not have doors; the inhabitants would climb up a ladder pulling it in behind them in case of a surprise attack. Departing from the chapel of St. Roch, which was built on the spot where the last plague victim died in 1528, we will take a path that leads out to the oldest lighthouse in Corsica.

**Sailing distance:** 32 miles

**Port:** Port de Bonifacio

**Meals:** B, L, D

## The Adventure

**Saturday:** Another day spent sailing and relaxing as we ease our way up the eastern coast before arriving to the lovely Porto Vecchio, originally Portus Syracusanus born in 383 by the Greeks of Syracuse. Rated as one of the most distinguished harbors in Europe, we are in perfect time for an aperitif and toast to life! A short climb is in store as we make our way to the gates of the citadel for dinner and more toasts!

**Sailing distance:** 30 miles

**Port:** Port de Porto-Vecchio

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Sunday:** Items of importance for the day: RELAXATION and MORE RELAXATION. Whatever that means to you is what we will do. Spend the morning at the spa, extend breakfast into lunch at the local café or stroll around the town. Easing into the afternoon, our Captain is ready to set sail in search of the perfect bay of mooring for the evening.

**Sailing distance:** 5 miles

**Port:** Mooring in the Gulf of Santa-Manza

**Meals:** B, D

**Monday:** If you haven't experienced the sunrise over the Mediterranean sea yet, then today is your chance. The coffee is on and the sun is rising. After a morning dip and breakfast, we will make our way in and out of the islands of the archipelago of La Maddalena leaving the taken route in the hands of our experienced Captain. By evening, we return to the place of departure hardly believing that the time has passed.

**Sailing distance:** 15 miles

**Port:** Porto Mangia Volpe - La Maddalena

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Tuesday:** Sip on a frothy Italian cappuccino and warm cream filled croissant before au revoir's at 10:00.

**Meals:** B

**Note: Your safety is our first concern. Itineraries can change due to weather and wind variations.**



## The Details

### Dates:

June—October 2010

### Duration:

11 days/ 10 nights

### Start/Finish:

AM pick-up Olbia International Airport

Noon drop-off Olbia International Airport

### 2010 Group Prices:

27,800 Euros for group of 6

26,700 Euros for group of 5

25,200 Euros for group of 4

23,700 Euros for group of 3

22,500 Euros for group of 2

## What's Included

- Luxury Oceanis Beneteau 50
- Tender with motor
- Open-Sea licensed Captain
- Services of ISA guide/s
- All port fees
- Fuel for sailboat and tender
- Final boat cleaning
- Museum entrance fees
- 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 9 dinners. Wine included.
- Snorkeling gear
- ISA beach towels
- Airport transfers
- *Travel Guard* insurance

Please call our office to arrange adventures with 2 or more sailboats.

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