

# **CORSICA LUXURY TOURS, FRANCE**

Sea and land adventures by "The Pearl of the Mediterranean"

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# **JOURNEY OVERVIEW**

Experience the diverse landscapes and unique cultural heritage of Corsica. Start in Porto Vecchio, located in the southeastern part of the island. Enjoy a private boating excursion along the coastline to Bonifacio, stopping to dip your toes in the water at some of Europe's most beautiful beaches, such as Plage de Palombaggia and the Bay of Rondinara. Dock in Bonifacio, where you will visit the town's historical citadel and bustling marina. The following day, depart Porto Vecchio, stopping in the Alta Rocca Mountains for lunch, with the opportunity for hikes or meetings with local artisans, before arriving at your personal cottage at Domaine de Murtoli. Spend the remainder of your time in the Sartene region exploring the estate's expansive grounds and beach, or learning more about traditional agricultural or fishing techniques. Your private tour of Corsica continues with a helicopter transfer to Calvi, located on the northern coast of the country. Head to nearby La Balagne to explore the ancient Roman and Medieval villages before taking a private boating excursion to Scandola Nature Reserve, a striking area characterized by red cliffs that contrast with the Mediterranean's turquoise waters.

#### A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Meet artisans at work in remote villages
- Enjoy the privacy of a 5,000 acre seafront estate
- Semi-rigid boat at your disposal for sea excursions
- Private helicopter services

#### The Discovery

- Porto VecchioAlta Rocca Mountain Range
- Calvi
- Scandola Nature Reserve
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#### The Adventure

- Hiking
- Private boating
- Horseback riding
- Fishing
- Snorkeling
- Swimming

Duration

#### When to go?

8 Days

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# **PHOTOGRAPHY**





# **PRIVATE TOUR CORSICA**

Please note this private Corsica tour is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made. You will find below a summary outline.

Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

# Porto Vecchio (2 nights)

Your luxury Corsica trip starts with your international flight arrival at Figari, where you will be greeted by your personal host and taken by private transfer to your luxury hotel, Casa del Mar. This beautiful property is located on the bay of Porto Vecchio, and features exceptional views of the Mediterranean. Enjoy an exquisite dinner at its 2-starred Michelin restaurant – the best in Corsica.

The next day, enjoy a private boating experience along the southern coast with your personal guide. You will visit several beaches and bays where you can swim and snorkel. Later, have lunch at the spectacular Bonifacio marina, followed by a tour of its citadel and famous caves. The extraordinary coastline of Bonifacio is known for the dramatic sight of the citadel and town perched on the cliffs. In the evening, relax with soothing spa treatments and dine on delicious French cuisine.

### Domaine de Murtoli (3 nights)

Your luxury Corsica tour continues with a private transfer to A Pignata, a beautiful property facing the Alta Rocca mountain range. On the way, visit the town of Levie where you will meet cutlery artisans and learn about the forgery of different art pieces. Enjoy an authentic "menu du jour" made with fresh ingredients overlooking the Alta Rocca Mountain Range. In the afternoon, choose from different private outdoor activities: walk through the prehistoric Cucuruzzu ruins or a horseback riding excursion surrounded by spectacular views and dramatic shifts in landscapes.

Later, continue onto Domaine de Murtoli, your property in the Sartene region, passing by the charming villages of Sainte Lucie de Tallano and Sartene. Domaine de Murtoli is a group of 13 chic cottages on a private beach-fringed estate in the south-west corner of the Mediterranean island. The private villas are refurbished shepherd homes with vast verdant spaces between each home, providing ultimate privacy. The almost 5,000-acre estate has soaring mountains behind it and a river – the Ortolo – running through it. It boasts pastoral lands, agricultural fields, and an extensive vegetable garden. You will have your own 4×4 vehicle during your stay to explore the vast grounds of Domaine de Murtoli.

At this property, there's a wide variety of outdoor activities to choose from, including: horseback riding, walking tours, fishing excursion with your expert guide on board your private traditional fishing boat, and a visit to the property's farming grounds to learn about its rich agricultural traditions. You will also have time at leisure to enjoy the property's 6 mile-long (10km) private beach. Dine on delicious meals made with homegrown ingredients at the property's two gourmet restaurants.



# Calvi (2 nights)

No luxury Corsica tour is complete without a private helicopter transfer to Calvi. You will land at the helipad nearby Hotel La Villa where you will enjoy lunch on the property with spectacular views. This Relais & Châteaux property dominates the bay of Calvi as it proudly perches on the hillside above. Later, visit La Balagne, a coastal area located between Calvi and L'Ile Rousse, with a backdrop of the hills overlooking the sea. It is also known for its picturesque mountain villages that date back to Roman and medieval times. The road of artisans at La Balagne is an invitation to the discovery of traditions and Corsica's artistic expertise. In the evening, enjoy a delicious seafood dinner at Calvi's harbor.

The following day, embark on a private boating excursion to Scandola Nature Reserve, a spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site. The coastline is also noted for its red cliffs, some 900 meters high, sand beaches, and headlands. Your luxury Corsica trip ends with a private transfer to the airport for your international flight departure.



# **ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL**

# Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.







Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.









Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.

At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.

Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalucia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.

Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars

– Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

#### **CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD**

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.



# **OUR DESTINATIONS**





# **BLUE PARALLEL IN THE MEDIA**

| Bloomberg |        | Traveler               | DEPARTURES  | elite <i>tnaveler</i> | Forbes |
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| FOOD&WINE | LUXURY | NATIONAL<br>GEOGRAPHIC | Robb Report | TRAVEL+<br>LEISURE    | VOGUE  |

# **START PLANNING**

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 5PM ET, or send us an email to info@blueparallel.com.

# How it all works

#### **Contact us**

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

### **Initial Consultation**

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

## Summary Itinerary Outline

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

## **Detailed Itinerary Proposal**

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

#### **Booking Procedures**

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

## **Pre-Trip Support**

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

## **During the Trip**

While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.

## **Post-Trip Debrief**

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.

