

# Corsica Flotilla!

27 May - 03 June 2023

## Overview

Join us as Nautilus heads to Corsica for another amazing flotilla! Breathtaking views and stunning scenery overtake the senses as you hug the coast, feeling like you are sailing through a mountain range! We'll have opportunities to fish for tuna as they are monsters here! In Calvi we've got shopping, hiking, amazing beaches, the Citadel, incredible diving opportunities, and restaurants/nightclubs. Should be an incredible trip with a perfect balance of remote beaches, little villages, and some larger historic towns.

Please note that sailing in Corsica is quite advanced. Be comfortable handling your yacht by yourself. We ask that our alumni have at least one charter under their belts before taking a yacht on their own in Corsica.

## Emergencies and Safety

If there is an emergency and you need to be contacted while on the boat, this is the contact information to provide. Please only have families use this in a REAL emergency, as contacting us will be very labor intensive once we are on the move. Cell phone coverage is lost for about 4 hours every day in between islands. However, there is good cell coverage on the islands and there is ample opportunity to use wifi at many restaurants along the way in order to let the world know how we are doing.

## Emergency Contact Info:

NAUTILUS SAILING

800-680-7902

info@nautilussailing.com

\*Note that on the weekends we are not in the office, but are still periodically checking emails and phone messages for emergencies

## Following Our Adventure

If family and friends wish to follow our trip, they can track our trip via Garmin InReach. This is a fantastic adventurer's device that transmits a satellite signal of our exact location. InReach then plots a "track" of our progress on a chart. People can toggle between a chart of where we are and satellite imagery of the area. Friends and family often get jealous when they toggle to the Satellite view and see the places where you are anchored!

Here is the link to paste into browsers and the password is "sailing":

[Nautilus Sailing InReach](#)

### **Travel to Corsica**

The major airport is Ajaccio Napoleon Bonaparte International (AJA). It's a short 10 minutes to downtown Ajaccio. Taxis are easy to flag outside the airport.

### **Money**

As Corsica is part of France, the Euro is the standard currency. ATMs are plentiful in the airport and around Ajaccio town.

### **Saturday Arrival and Schedule**

For those of you that arrive early into Corsica, plan on enjoying your Saturday, whether that means relaxing at one of its many beaches, hotel pools or exploring the island. There is much to do including museums, shopping, tours, hikes, and sightseeing.

All of the boats for the flotilla are not being returned until Saturday morning from the previous week's charters, so the local crew will be busy cleaning them. Please don't plan on boarding the boat until 5 pm. Your flotilla lead from Nautilus will be on site beginning around 3 pm, so stop by to say hi!

We highly recommend that everyone arrive in Ajaccio on Friday night. If your flight lands on Saturday and there is a delay, we don't want you to miss the boat!

### **Marina Info**

[Dream Yacht Ajaccio](#)

[Port Tino Rossi](#)

WP9V+87 Ajaccio, France

### **Weather**

Before you pack, we recommend you check the weather for the week ahead. Summer is in full-swing in June in the Med! There's lots of sunshine throughout the month and maximum daily average temperatures of around 70 degrees with lows in the 50s at night. As this is cooler, plan on bringing a fleece or light jacket to keep warm after the sun sets.

Great weather resources to learn about local climate:

[Weather.com](#)

[Wunderground.com](#)

[Meteoblue.com](#)

### **Diving**

There may be a chance to go scuba diving! If you are a certified diver and would like to get in a couple of dives, let us know ASAP and we can start the diving conversation.



## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

We cannot stress this enough. PLEASE buy travel insurance! We all do our absolute best to control all the variables we can, but ultimately, things beyond our control can happen. Travel insurance is a small investment and will give you HUGE peace of mind. With COVID and all that is happening, make sure you read the fine print of your policy. Some policies now offer “Cancel for Any Reason”, which allows up to an 80% refund of all your money. If for some reason you have to cancel your trip (for example: due to illness or emergency), this would protect your investment.

By no means a comprehensive list, these are a few companies we recommend checking for travel insurance:

1. <https://www.worldnomads.com/usa/>
2. <https://www.squaremouth.com>
3. <https://www.travelinsure.com>
4. <https://www.travelguard.com>

## **Island Information**

### **Ajaccio**

It's the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte! As such, you can visit the Maison Bonaparte, the ancestral home of the Bonaparte family which is now a national museum. Once done at the museum, take a stroll around the old city, taking in the sights and stopping for a cafe and snack along the way. Here for a few days before the flotilla begins? Check out Olmeto, an ancient Corsican city in the mountains just a short day trip from Ajaccio. And certainly one of the best places to relax is on Cupabia Beach with it's soft sand and bright blue waters!

### **Scandola**

There is no way to enter Scandola by car, and to enter by foot involves crossing very high mountains, so really the only way to enjoy the insane beauty of this coastline is by boat! Thank goodness you'll be on one all week! This is where the tall mountains meet the ocean - sailing past is very much like sailing inside a mountain range! Enjoy the remote beauty, then sail outside the park's borders to catch a big tuna!

### **Calvi**

Calvi is defined by the Citadel towering above the port right at the entrance! This is an amazing place to explore by foot; a hike to the top rewards the adventurer with stunning panoramas of the port and sea. Make sure to have a drink at the Chez Tao bar once there! Up for more activities? SCUBA trips run daily - make sure to plan with your instructor in advance. Make sure to stop by the town center for open air shopping, and once you've re-provisioned, relax with a sun-downer on the beach!

## Galeria

A cute, little town on the edge of Scandola National Park - perfect for a sleepy, relaxing stop! Take the dinghy for a loop and explore the cliffs. Hop in for a snorkel and a refreshing swim! This is a great place to visit your flotilla companions on board for a sunset snack and drink. Or, head to the beach at the end of the day before strolling up the street to a small restaurant for dinner.

## Recommended Packing List

Please pack all items in soft sided, collapsible luggage (like duffel bags or backpacks). Wheeled luggage is very convenient for most traveling, however is a real nuisance on a boat as there is no place to store such a bulky item.

Everyone will have shelves and a closet in their cabin, so as soon as you arrive you can unpack all your belongings.

- Board shorts/bathing suits
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Lightweight long sleeve shirt for sun protection
- Lightweight pair long pants
- Jacket (for occasional rain showers and to use as a wind breaker)
- Fleece or sweatshirt and extra layers (as evenings on deck can be cool)
- Hat (large brimmed protects ears)
- Sandals/ flip flops
- Boat shoes (we usually go barefoot but it is nice to have shoes for cooler evenings and for passages)
- Boxers/underwear
- Toiletries
- Suntan lotion
- Aloe/after sun
- Bug spray
- Cameras (digital or video)
- Identification: As this is an international trip, please carry your passport.
- Airplane tickets and printed itinerary
- Headlamp with red LED bulb.. Something like this:  
[https://www.amazon.com/Ultra-Bright-CREE-LED-Headlamp/dp/B019MK6DX6/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1510731707&sr=8-3&keywords=headlamp+with+red+light](https://www.amazon.com/Ultra-Bright-CREE-LED-Headlamp/dp/B019MK6DX6/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1510731707&sr=8-3&keywords=headlamp+with+red+light)
- Ear plugs, if you are a light sleeper (there are lots of sounds on a boat!)
- Sailing gloves
- Water bottle
- Snacks: granola bars, trail mix, nuts, chocolate, candy, etc...
- Scopolamine patches if prone to seasickness.

- 2 towels per person are provided

