

Ajaccio, Corsica, France

Napoleon was born here, and the city hasn't let anyone forget it — but beyond the emperor's shadow lies a genuinely charming Corsican capital with good beaches, great charcuterie, and an Italian art collection that surprises most visitors.

Docked (Quai L'Herminier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Euro (€)

French / Corsican

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Gare Maritime, Quai L'Herminier — city center is a 5-minute walk

Best For: Napoleonic history, Corsican cuisine, beaches, Italian Renaissance art

Walk to Center: ~5 min to Place Foch; Maison Bonaparte another 5 min into the old town

Don't Miss: Palais Fesch — France's largest collection of Italian paintings outside the Louvre

Getting around: Taxi ✓ ~€5–12 · Rideshare ✓ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Maison Bonaparte & Old Town Walk** — Napoleon's birthplace at 1 Rue Saint-Charles is now a national museum.
- Palais Fesch — Napoleon's Art Museum** — Cardinal Fesch, Napoleon's uncle, assembled Italy's finest Renaissance paintings outside Paris.
- Sanguinaires Islands Boat Trip** — Half-day cruise to the red-granite Sanguinaires Islands at the mouth of the Gulf of Ajaccio, crowned by a 19th-century lighthouse.
- Calanques de Piana Scenic Drive** — A UNESCO-listed stretch of rose-pink granite cliffs along the west coast, about 70 km north.
- Porticcio Beach by Ferry** — A 20-minute ferry from the port drops you at the long golden-sand beach of Porticcio across the gulf — sun loungers, watersports, and restaurants...

BEST WALKS

- Old Town Napoleon Loop** 1.5 km · ~45 min · Easy · Fully flat — A gentle loop through Ajaccio's historic core taking in the main Napoleonic sites.
- Pointe de la Parata Coastal Walk** 4 km round-trip · ~2 hrs · Moderate · Bus to trailhead — Take bus line 5 to the end of the line at Pointe de la Parata, then walk the rocky headland trail for sweeping views of the Sanguinaires Islands and the open...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		65°	49°	9d
Jun		80°	64°	6d
Aug		85°	69°	4d
Sep		79°	64°	8d
Oct		72°	58°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:44AM–8:05PM · Jun 5:49AM–9:01PM · Aug 6:33AM–8:24PM · Sep 7:05AM–7:34PM · Oct 7:37AM–6:43PM

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Hit the market early. The daily market on Place César Campinchi sells excellent Corsican charcuterie, brocciu cheese, and chestnut honey — arrive before 11 AM for the best selection.
- Buses are cheap and easy. Lines 5 and 8 stop right outside the terminal. Line 5 reaches Plage Trottet (beach) for €1.50 — far cheaper than a taxi.
- Beach tip: Plage Saint-François is the closest (10-min walk), but tiny and crowded. Plage Trottet (bus line 5) or Porticcio (ferry) are much better for a proper beach day.
- Don't skip Palais Fesch. Most cruisers go straight to Maison Bonaparte — the Fesch Museum has a dramatically better art collection and far shorter queues.
- Taxis for airport runs: Ajaccio–Napoléon Bonaparte Airport is 8 km east of town. If your ship is an overnight or you're extending your trip, taxis (~€25) and Line 8 bus both serve it.
- Summer heat: July and August are very hot. Start your walking early, carry water, and use the shaded lanes of the old town.

Ajaccio, Corsica, France — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Maison Bonaparte | Napoleon Bonaparte's birthplace and family home museum. | 2 Sentier des crêtes - Chjassu d'E Creste | Scenic hiking trail offering panoramic views of Ajaccio. |
| 3 Monument commémoratif de Napoléon 1er - Munimentu Cummimurativu di Nabulione | Grand monument honoring Napoleon I in a public square. | 4 Fesch Museum | Art museum with Italian paintings, founded by Cardinal Fesch. |
| 5 Casino Municipal - Casinò Municipali | Waterfront casino offering gaming, entertainment, and dining. | 6 Ajaccio Vision | Tourist train offering a guided city tour of Ajaccio. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |