

Bastia, Corsica, France

Corsica's lived-in capital rewards walkers with a Genoese citadel above a pastel old port, an enormous café-terrace square, and the dramatic peninsula of Cap Corse beckoning just north.

Docked (most ships); tender for very large vessels

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Euro (€)

French / Corsican

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Commercial pier (Port de Commerce) adjacent to city centre; ~500 m to Place Saint-Nicolas

Best For: History, café culture, scenic coastal drives, Corsican food & wine

Walk to centre: 5–10 min flat walk to Place Saint-Nicolas; 20 min to Old Port & Citadel

Don't Miss: Terra Nova Citadel and the Aldilonda clifftop walkway above the sea

Getting around: Taxi €7–€10 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Terra Nova Citadel & Musée de Bastia** — Climb into the Genoese citadel quarter whose fortified lanes and governors' palace have dominated Bastia's skyline for centuries.
- Cap Corse Coastal Drive** — The wild finger of Cap Corse stretches 40 km north of Bastia, lined with Genoese towers, fishing villages like Erbalunga and Nonza, and vertiginous...
- Patrimonio Wine Tasting** — Patrimonio, about 18 km northwest of Bastia toward Saint-Florent, is Corsica's oldest AOC wine region, producing benchmark Nielluccio reds and...
- Aldilonda Clifftop Walkway** — A suspended pedestrian path carved into the cliffs below the Citadel, the Aldilonda hugs the sea with views across to the Tuscan islands.
- Place Saint-Nicolas Market & Café Culture** — One of France's largest squares, Place Saint-Nicolas is lined with plane trees, café terraces, and a bandstand.

BEST WALKS

- Old Town Loop: Place Saint-Nicolas to Citadel & Back** 3–4 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Moderate (hilly return) — Start at Place Saint-Nicolas and walk south along the quays to the Vieux Port.
- Waterfront Promenade to Erbalunga** ~10 km round-trip · 2.5 hrs · Easy-Moderate — From the pier follow the coast road north through the marina district and along the bay to the charming fishing village of Erbalunga with its ruined Genoese tower.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		63°	52°	8d
Jun		78°	67°	6d
Aug		84°	72°	5d
Sep		78°	67°	8d
Oct		71°	61°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:40AM–8:04PM · Jun 5:43AM–9:01PM · Aug 6:29AM–8:23PM · Sep 7:02AM–7:31PM · Oct 7:35AM–6:39PM

Euro (€)

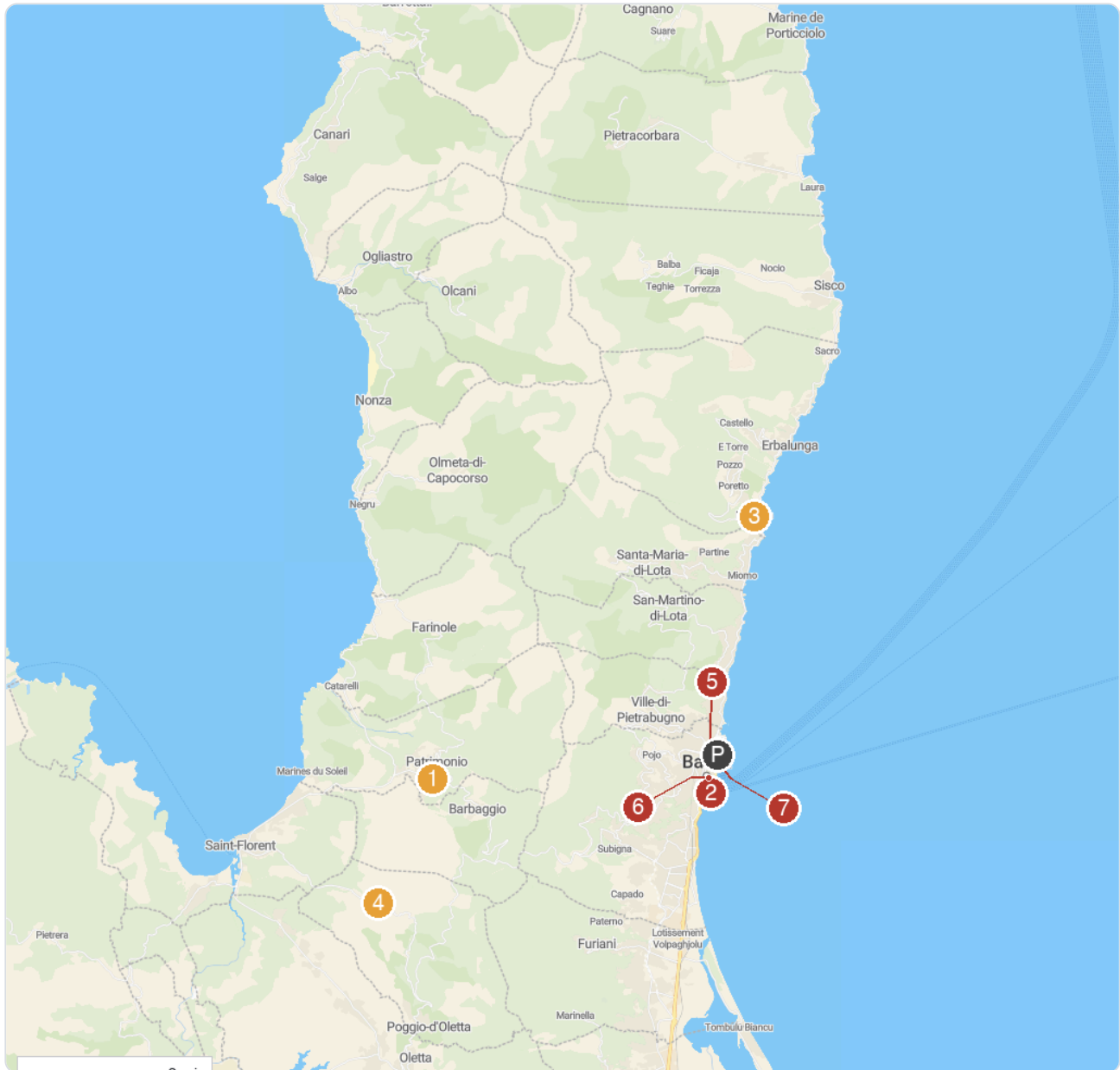
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear good shoes. The Terra Nova Citadel and old town involve steep cobblestone lanes and stairs — flip-flops are a bad idea.
- Free shuttle from the pier. Many ships and the port authority run a complimentary shuttle to Place Saint-Nicolas — check the gangway notice board before walking.
- Try Corsican food. Bastia has excellent restaurants and delis. Look for charcuterie (lonzu, coppa), brocciu cheese, and chestnut-flour pastries — all genuinely Corsican.
- Patrimonio is close. If you like wine, a taxi to the Patrimonio vineyards and back takes about 2 hours and is very affordable — no ship excursion needed.
- Don't skip the Aldilonda. The clifftop walkway beneath the citadel is one of Bastia's best views and most cruise visitors miss it entirely.
- Cash is handy. Cards are accepted widely, but smaller cafés and market stalls prefer cash. ATMs are near Place Saint-Nicolas.

Bastia, 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 Clos de Bernardi | A family-run vineyard offering wine tastings and tours. | 2 Palais des Gouverneurs | Historic Governors' Palace, now a museum with city views. |
| 3 Sanctuaire - Église Notre-Dame de Lavasina par Brando | Historic pilgrimage church, home to a miraculous Virgin Mary painting. | 4 VIGNOBLE YVES LECCIA | Visit this renowned vineyard for exceptional Corsican wine tasting. |
| 5 Place Saint Nicolas | Bastia's large main square, perfect for a stroll. | 6 Église Saint Jean-Baptiste | Grand Baroque church, Bastia's largest, overlooking the Old Port. |
| 7 Le Petit Train de Bastia | Enjoy a scenic city tour on Bastia's little tourist train. | P Cruise port / terminal | |