

Île-Rousse, Corsica, France

Founded by Corsican patriot Pasquale Paoli, Île-Rousse earns its name from the blazing red porphyry granite of the Pietra islet — a striking contrast to the turquoise sea and white-sand beaches that line the heart of this easygoing resort town.

 Pier (small ships) / Tender (large ships)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Euro (€)  French / Corsican

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small/mid ships dock at Jetée d'Orléans; larger ships anchor and tender

Walk to Centre: 5–10 min flat walk from pier to Place Paoli

Best For: Beach days, local markets, scenic coastal train to Calvi

Don't Miss: Walk the causeway to the Pietra lighthouse for panoramic views

 Getting around:  Taxi  €10–€20 ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Scenic Coastal Train to Calvi** — Board "U Trinichellu" and ride the vintage two-car train hugging the coastline to Calvi, passing beaches and maquis.
- **Agriates Desert & Saleccia Beach** — The wild Agriates Desert hides some of Corsica's most pristine beaches — Saleccia and Lotu.
- **Balagne Villages Tour** — The hilltop villages of Balagne — Sant'Antonino, Pigna, and Speloncato — cling to the hills above the coast with panoramic views, craft workshops...
- **Bodri Beach Day** — A 10-minute taxi or one coastal train stop west, Bodri is an undeveloped crescent of fine white sand and turquoise water surrounded by fragrant...
- **Wine Tasting in the Balagne** — The Balagne is one of Corsica's premier wine regions.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Pietra Lighthouse** 3 km round trip · Easy (uphill on Pietra) · ~1 hr — Walk from the port along Plage Napoléon, through Place Paoli, and out along the causeway to the Pietra islet.
- **Town Centre Stroll** 1 km · Flat · 30–45 min — From the port, walk to Plage Napoléon for a swim or a sunbed, then head into Place Paoli to browse the covered market (mornings only), grab a coffee, and wander the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:43AM–8:06PM · Jun 5:46AM–9:03PM · Aug 6:31AM–8:25PM · Sep 7:04AM–7:33PM · Oct 7:37AM–6:41PM	
Apr	65°	53°	7d	Euro (€)	
Jun	81°	69°	5d		
Aug	85°	74°	4d		
Sep	79°	68°	7d		
Oct	72°	61°	7d		

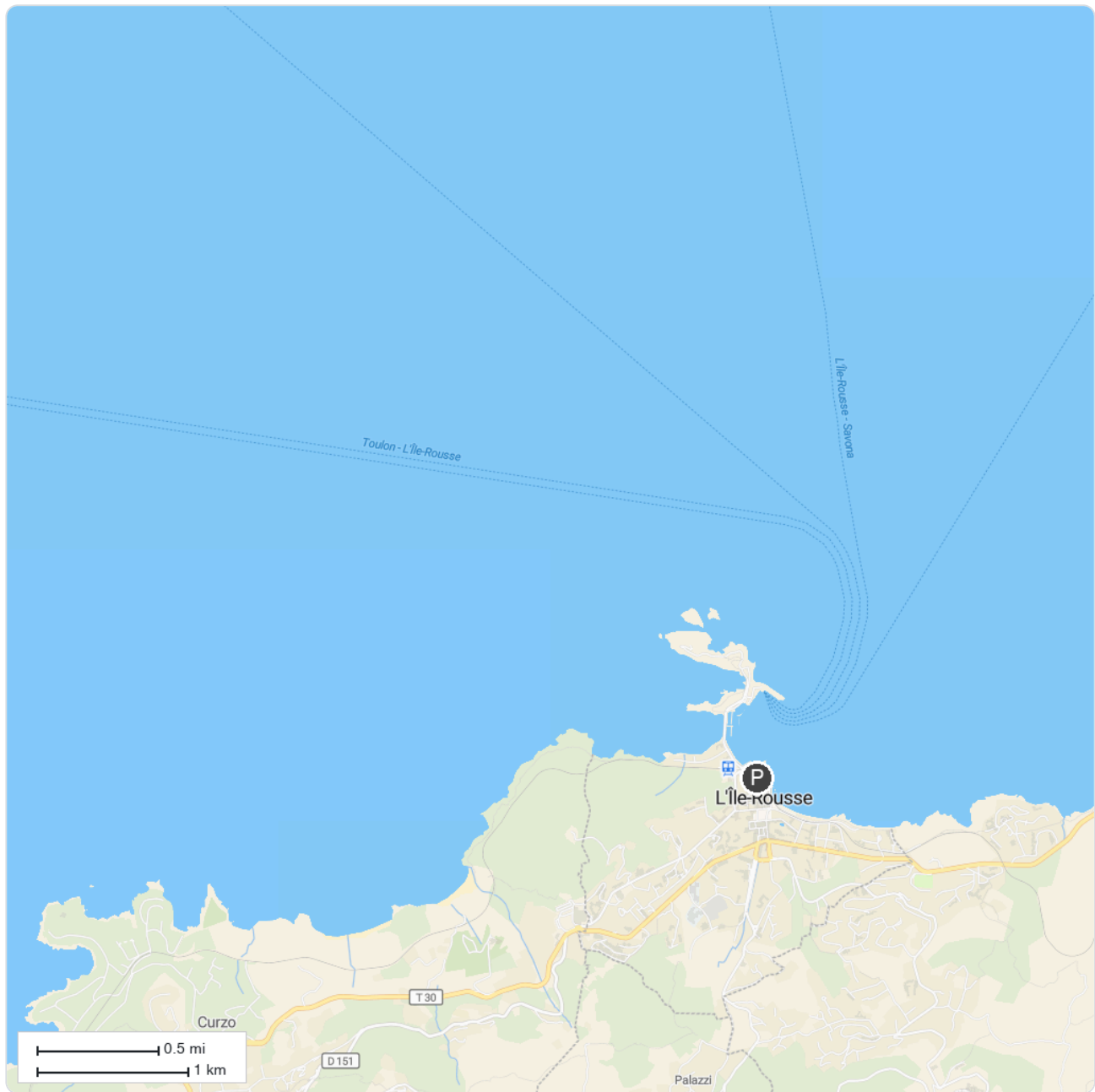
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Hit the market early. The covered market on Place Paoli wraps up by 1 PM. Get there in the morning for Corsican cheese, charcuterie, honey, and canistrelli biscuits.
- Take the little train to Calvi. "U Trinichellu" is one of the most scenic rail journeys in France — it runs literally feet from the beach. ~€12 RT, 45 min each way. Check schedules at the station.
- Plage Napoléon is walkable. The main town beach is 5 min from the pier, with clean turquoise water and sunbed rentals. No excursion needed for a great beach day.
- Bring some cash. Credit cards are widely accepted, but the covered market and small stalls are cash-preferred. There are ATMs in town near Place Paoli.
- Try Pietra beer. This local amber ale is brewed with Corsican chestnut flour — unique to the island and a great souvenir to sip on the terrace at Place Paoli.
- Afternoon siesta is real. Many shops close 1–4 PM. Plan market and boutique shopping for the morning; beach and restaurants fill the afternoon perfectly.

Île-Rousse, 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.



P Cruise port / terminal