

Bonifacio, Corsica, France

Perched on soaring white cliffs above a fjord-like harbor, Bonifacio's ancient citadel and crystalline southern waters make it one of the Mediterranean's most arresting stops. The town is compact and walkable — but those cliffs demand good shoes.

Mostly tender (small ships may dock in marina)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: French / Corsican

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Large ships anchor and tender to Quai Sotta Portigliola in the marina; smaller yachts/expedition ships can berth in the marina directly

Best For: Clifftop history, boat tours, sea caves, Lavezzi Islands snorkeling

Walk to citadel: 15–25 min steep climb from tender dock to the Old Town gate; tourist train available

Don't Miss: King of Aragon's Staircase (187 cliff-cut steps) and a boat tour of the sea caves

Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cliffs & Sea Caves Boat Tour** — The essential Bonifacio experience: circle the limestone cliffs by boat, drift through the Sdragonato sea cave (whose...
 - **Lavezzi Islands Snorkeling** — A 30–40 minute boat ride brings you to the Lavezzi Islands nature reserve — granite islets, turquoise lagoons, and some...
- **Bonifacio Citadel Walking Tour** — Guided stroll through the medieval Haute Ville: Porte de Gênes, Sainte-Marie-Majeure church, Bastion de l'Etendard...
 - **King of Aragon's Staircase** — 187 steps carved directly into the cliff face descend from the Old Town to a rocky ledge above the sea.
 - **Day Trip to Sardinia** — Ferries cross the Strait of Bonifacio to Santa Teresa Gallura in Sardinia in about 50 minutes.

BEST WALKS

- **Marina to Citadel & Bastions Path** 1.5 km | 30–40 min | Moderate (steep climb) — From the tender dock at the marina, follow the road up to Porte de Gênes, the Old Town's main gate.
- **Capo Pertusato Coastal Path** 3 km each way | 1.5–2 hrs | Easy–moderate — From Col Saint-Roch at the top of the old town, a well-marked coastal path follows the limestone cliffs to Capo Pertusato — the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		62°	53°	7d
Jun		78°	67°	4d
Aug		84°	73°	2d
Sep		78°	68°	5d
Oct		71°	62°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:43AM–8:03PM · Jun 5:49AM–8:58PM · Aug 6:32AM–8:22PM · Sep 7:04AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:35AM–6:42PM

Currency: Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear proper shoes. The citadel streets are steep, cobblestoned, and often slippery. Sandals or flip-flops will make you miserable. Book boat tours early. Cliff and Lavezzi Islands tours fill up fast in summer. Head to the marina kiosks as soon as you tender, or

Bonifacio, 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.



- 1

Fanale di Pertusatu

Pertusato Lighthouse offers stunning views of the sea.
- 2

Plage de Figari

Figari Beach is a beautiful, secluded sandy cove.
- 3

Golf de Spérone

Spérone Golf Course is a scenic clifftop 18-hole golf course.
- 4

Ghjesgia San Dumenicu

Saint Dominic's Church is Bonifacio's historic Gothic church.
- 5

Falaises de Bonifacio

Bonifacio Cliffs are dramatic white limestone cliffs overlooking the sea.
- 6

Cimiteriu Marinu di Bunifaziu

Bonifacio Marine Cemetery is a picturesque cemetery by the sea.
- P

Cruise port / terminal