

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

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

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

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...
- **Bodri Beach Day** — A 10-minute taxi or one coastal train stop west, Bodri is an undeveloped crescent of fine white sand and turquoise...
- **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)...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		53°	39°	12d
Jun		70°	55°	10d
Aug		76°	60°	7d
Sep		68°	54°	10d
Oct		60°	47°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:43AM–8:04PM · Jun 5:47AM–9:01PM · Aug 6:31AM–8:23PM · Sep 7:03AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:36AM–6:41PM

Euro (€)

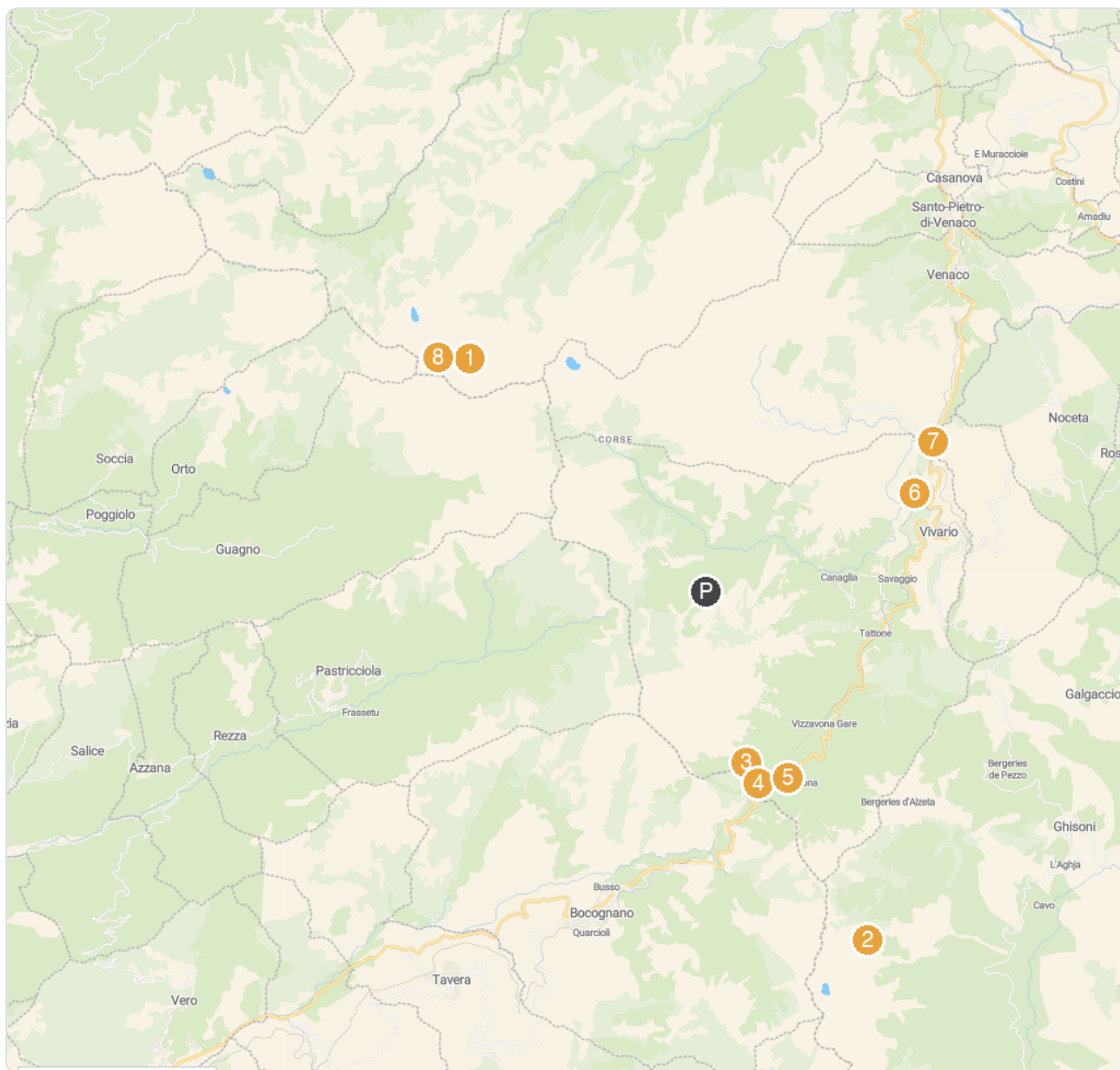
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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

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.



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| <p>1 Lac de Melu</p> <p>3 Cascade des Anglais</p> <p>5 Tree Adventure Park Vizzavona</p> <p>7 Rivière du Vecchio - Fiumicellu d'U Vechju</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>A stunning high-altitude glacial lake in Corsica's mountains.</p> <p>A series of beautiful waterfalls and natural pools.</p> <p>An aerial ropes course and zip-line park.</p> <p>A beautiful Corsican river, popular for swimming.</p> | <p>2 Ski resort of Ghisoni</p> <p>4 Fort de Vaux - U Forte di Vaux</p> <p>6 Fortin de Pasciola - Bastione di Pasciola</p> <p>8 Lac de Capitellu</p> | <p>A small, scenic ski resort in central Corsica.</p> <p>A historic Genoese coastal watchtower and fortification.</p> <p>A historic Genoese coastal watchtower.</p> <p>A high-altitude glacial lake, Corsica's deepest.</p> |
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