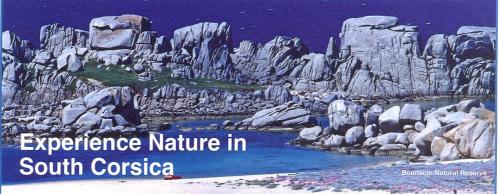


ADVERTISING FEATURE





The Island of Corsica is a model of environmental awareness, focused on protection of its unspoiled, authentic and unique natural beauty. This dedication makes it the ideal location for visitors looking to experience life in shades of green and blue.

Indeed Mother Nature has been extremely generous, deploying all her talent to create amazing diversity amongst its various locations. In fact, the Island constitutes an exceptional natural sanctuary that plays host to over 2000 plant species, 5 nature reserves and a regional nature park covering over two thirds of its territory. Visitors will be hard pressed to find such an amazing range of mountain and marine landscapes in such a small area anywhere else in the world.

Extreme South

Located between Corsica and Sardinia, the "Bouches de Bonifacio Natural Reserve" covers 80,000 hectares and forms the French part of the "Parc Marin International", which comprises protected maritime and island zones such as the "Natural Reserve of the Cerbicale Islands".

The incredible bio-diversity of the reserve is characterised by the cosmopolitan nature of its flora, which includes west Mediterranean and African plants. The reserve's scientists

pay particular attention not only to the endemic Corsican and Sardinian species, but also the colonies of nesting seabirds such as Cormorants, Audouin's Gulls, Stormy Petrels or Cory's Shearwater. Underwater, divers can admire specimens of Groupers, Brown Meagres, Dentis or Sea fans.

Centre & East Coast

The Island's hinterland also has many surprises to be explored ranging from the stunning Forest of Ospedale and Peaks of Bavella to mountain lakes, wild rivers and waterfalls. However, its iewel is the "Regional Nature Reserve of Corsica", a 350,000 hectare classified territory with large natural and cultural heritage that extends from the north-west to the Alta Rocca in the south-east. Visitors can also use the "Mare a Mare Sud" hiking trail linking Porto-Vecchio to Propriano to explore the Alta Rocca. The mediumaltitude mountain trail is suitable even for casual hikers and passes through a number of villages that are typical of the region.

West Side

The UNESCO-classified World Heritage Site of "Calanques of Piana" showcases fantastically surreal formations of all shapes and forms caused by erosion of the local red granite rock. The natural sculptures, which adorn the landscape to the sea, are best seen turning blood red under the fires of sunset. Visitors can continue their explorations with boat trips to the "Scandola Nature Reserve", Europe's only land and sea reserve, with pick-ups from Porto, Cargese or Sagone.

Beaches..

Corsica's 1,000km coastline and crystal clear waters make it a paradise for swimming, snorkelling and diving from the month of April through to October. The Island's hundreds of powder-sand beaches offer infinite possibilities for fun and relaxation and make it an ideal seaside destination for nature lovers.

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