



TEN REASONS TO VISIT CORSICA THIS AUTUMN/WINTER

With only days to go before Corsica joins 27 other destinations for the annual ANTOR MEETS THE MEDIA event taking place at Trinity House, London on 26th September, here are 10 reasons to visit **l'Île de Beauté** this autumn/winter and indeed all year round:

1. **The weather is always fine** – On average Corsica enjoys 300 days of sunshine a year with temperatures ranging from a mild 14° during the winter to a very pleasant 25° during the summer.
2. **It is the nearest of the faraway islands** – Located off the coasts of France and Italy, Corsica is a 2-hour flying time from the UK with non-stop flights from March to October with Easyjet, BA and Flybe serving 4 local airports.
3. **Its great diversity** – Corsica counts no less than 9 very different tourist hubs in one single territory including its capital town, Ajaccio, the Pays de Balagne, Southern Corsica and the Bastia region.
4. **Open-air activities** – From mountain biking to sailing, hiking to scuba diving... the climate and topography of the island allows visitors to enjoy all kinds of recreational activities.
5. **Unique natural heritage** – Named « Kalliste » (the most beautiful of all) by the Ancient Greeks, Corsica boasts surprising natural beauty including a UNESCO world heritage site, the Gulf of Porto.
6. **A rich history, language and identity** – Marked by a tumultuous history, thanks to the many invasions that took place through the years, Corsica has been blessed with a unique and contrasting identity.

7. **Exceptional cuisine** – Refined palates will appreciate the quality produce of an authentic terroir, where the aromas of the chestnuts and citrus fruits combine with the freshness of the local meats, fish, seafood and sheep's cheese.
8. **There's always something on** – From the Imperial Regatta, the historic Tour de Corse with its beautiful carriages from another era to golf tournaments, marathons and off-shore races, Corsica offers a wide range of sporting activities added to regular country fairs and markets as well as many religious and pagan festivals.
9. **Rock, swing, jazz... music is everywhere** - Corsica celebrates music in all its forms. From exotic sounds at the Porto Latino Festival, jazz gigs in Ajaccio to rock and pop beats during "Calvi on the Rock", the local music scene also features techno, electro pop and R&B on Europe's largest open-air dance-floor in Porto Vecchio.
10. **Corsica loves shopping** - Whilst you can find the major French and European brands here, Corsica's town and villages also offer charming and tasteful boutiques that stock creations inspired by young local designers and artisans.

For more details on these events and activities see www.visit-corsica.com/en

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