



DREAM YACHT
WORLDWIDE

Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



THE MEDITERRANEAN | AJACCIO

BASE ADDRESS

Port De Plaisance Charles Ornano

Boulevard Charles Bonaparte

Corse

Ajaccio 20090

GPS POSITION: 41°55'43" N / 08°44'28" E

OPENING HOURS: 8:00am – 6:00pm

BASE MAP



BASE CONTACTS

If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

BASE MANAGER:

Phone: +33 7 86 26 47 35

BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers | <input type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> ATM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | |

BASE INFORMATION

LICENSE

Sailing licence required: ☐ Yes ☒ No (good sailing experience required)

PAYMENT

The base can accept: ☒ Visa ☒ MasterCard ☐ Amex ☐ Cash

EMBARKATION TIME

Boarding time is at 5pm.

YACHT BRIEFING

The chart and technical briefing take approximately one hour. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-90 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience.



The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

STOP OVERS

For all DYW charters starting and/or ending in Ajaccio, the first and last night at the marina is free of charge. You need to spend your last night in the marina.

DISEMBARKATION TIME

To facilitate a smooth check-out process, all yachts must return to the marina no later **than 5:00 PM on the day prior the official check-out**. Please be aware that Fridays are particularly busy, especially at the marina's fuel station, and that each yacht is subject to both a **technical inspection** and an **underwater check by a diver**.

If you have an early departure flight on Saturday and intend to **disembark before 9:00 AM**, we kindly suggest returning to the marina earlier on Friday to ensure a smooth and stress-free departure.

Before returning the yacht, please ensure the following:

1. **Remove all personal belongings** from the boat.
2. Place all **safety equipment neatly on the saloon table** for inspection.
3. **All culinary items**, including dishes, glassware, cutlery, and cooking utensils, **must be washed** and returned to their assigned positions.
4. **Dispose of any trash** in the designated bins ashore (ensure all garbage is **properly separated** as failure to do so may lead to penalties).
5. **Notify the base manager** or technician upon completion.

It is mandatory to leave the boat by 9:00 AM on check-out day.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

BAGGAGE

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

CAR PARKING

Paid parking facilities are conveniently located in the close vicinity of the Port Charles Ornano marina as well as along the Boulevard Charles Bonaparte.



BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Base emergency telephone number: +33 7 86 26 47 35
- Marina emergency telephone number: +33 49 522 31 98 or +33 6 30 23 11 24 outside working hours
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: +33 49 520 1363 (day), +33 49 461 1616 (night)
- VHF base channel: 9
- VHF marina channel: 9
- VHF emergency channel: 16

HOW TO GET THERE?

ACCESS BY PLANE

Aéroport Ajaccio Napoleon Bonaparte (AJA): The airport is 7,6km from the base, which is a 15-minute journey by car/shuttle. There are regular flights from Paris, London, Nice, Toulouse, Rennes, Montpellier, Marseille, Lille, Caen, Brest and Geneva with a range of airlines. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact your aftersales team. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to the airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

ACCESS BY BUS

The centre of Ajaccio can be easily reached by getting on **bus No. 8 (Aéroport – Gare CFC)**, which is operated by TCA Bus Service of Ajaccio which connects the airport with the main train station.

The first bus departs from the airport at 05:20 and the last one at 23:20, approximately every half hour → check the timetable [here](#) .

Information subject to change without notice.

PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: ☐ Yes ☒ No

LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Carrefour City

10 Rue du Dr del Pellegrino
Ajaccio 2000

Day	Time
Monday - Saturday	7:30am – 8pm
Sunday	9:00am – 1pm

Proxy Ajaccio CastelVecchio

109 Cr Napoléon
Ajaccio 2000

Day	Time
Monday - Saturday	Open 24/7
Sunday	Open 24/7

ORDER ONLINE

Spar Diamant

1 Cours Grandval
Ajaccio 2000

<https://www.spar-supermarche.com/>

Day	Time
Monday - Saturday	8:30am – 8pm
Sunday	8:30am – 1pm

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are conveniently located at Port Charles Ornano and Port Tino Rossi.

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- **Hotel Fesch**
- 7 Rue Cardinal Fesch, 20000 Ajaccio
- **Hotel San Carlu Citadelle**
- 8 Boulevard Danièle Casanova, 20000 Ajaccio
- **Le Dauphin Hotel**
- 11 boulevard Sampiero, 20000 Ajaccio

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- **Gilda**
- **La Terrasse du Port**
- **Le Rendez Vous**

AREA GUIDE

LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

No other sailing vacation destination in the Mediterranean combines striking volcanic terrain, unbelievable wildlife and an enduring connection to Napoleon Bonaparte, quite like the French island of Corsica.

Sailing Corsica may get you closer to Napoleon's birthplace, now the Maison Bonaparte Museum, but this cultural bounty competes with the wonder of the UNESCO Scandola Nature Reserve.

In this protected reserve, endangered species are thriving. Red coral is recovering from overexploitation and growing in Corsica's protected, shallow waters. You can also see whale and dolphin sanctuaries, or hike in the mountains, as part of your Corsica yacht charter.

To sail Corsica, you will need a sailing license that is recognized by the local port authorities, or you can hire a skipper. Read our guide to sailing qualifications for more information.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN AJACCIO:

1. **Stargaze in the peaceful anchorage off Anse de Cacalu:** Settle into the relaxing rhythm of your Corsica yacht charter with a walk on shore followed by a peaceful night stargazing.
2. **Explore the strange rock formations of Anse de Roccapina:** Locals love this well-protected anchorage for its white sand beach and the famous peaks known as the "Lion de Roccapina".
3. **Visit the medieval city of Bonifacio:** Explore the southern tip of the island with its citadel that overlooks the Lavezzi islands and its UNESCO listed cliffs. Or sail the Strait of Bonifacio, located at the intersection between Sardinia and Corsica. Its protected environment means this is one of the most beautiful places in the Mediterranean, so make sure you visit whilst you're sailing Corsica.

4. Surround yourself with unique natural beauty: Anchor in tiny Cala di Conca where you'll be able to relax on a remote, uninhabited island and its soft white sand beach.
5. See red with the Calanques de Piana: Corsica has a dramatic rock coastline that shimmers pink to red depending on the sunlight. These dramatic rock formations show off the best of the island and many of the shapes have earned nicknames over time.
6. Relax in Calvi on the northwest coast: The supposed birthplace of explorer Christopher Columbus offers city walls to stroll and a citadel with an amazing view. It also has a jazz festival in the summer if you want to soak up the local culture.
7. Head to the Agriate Desert: If white sand beaches are your ideal vacation choice, do not miss the Saleccia, part of the Agriate Desert. With the colour of the water, more like you'd see in the Caribbean, it's one of our favorite things to do in Corsica.
8. Sail the Lavezzi Archipelago: Discover Cavello, Lavezzu and the islets of Piana, Ratina, plus many more, in this group of eight islands that form part of a protected reserve.

CURRENCY: Euro (€)

VOLTAGE: 220V

DIALING CODE: +33

INTERNET

The Wi-Fi in Corsica is good and most cities and towns in Corsica have Wi-Fi hotspots at bars, restaurants and hotels. The marina has Wi-Fi connection.

ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

REGULATIONS

There are many restrictions in the nature reserves, such as no fishing or diving. Please respect them and visit the official websites.

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BEWARE OF POSIDONIA SEAGRASS MEADOWS!

You are going to be sailing in areas where there are Posidonia seagrass meadows. We urge you to be extremely vigilant. These meadows form crucial underwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean, but they are fragile and threatened by a number of human activities, in particular anchoring of recreational craft.

An underwater plant of the Mediterranean

Posidonia (*Posidonia oceanica*) is a unique marine plant that's endemic to the Mediterranean Sea. It is not a seaweed but a true flowering plant, with roots, stems, leaves and flowers. You'll recognise it by its long, green, ribbon-shaped leaves. Posidonia grows in meadows, forming vast underwater prairies. It reproduces mainly by rhizomes and sometimes by seeds.

Posidonia meadows are found in the shallow coastal waters of the Mediterranean, from a depth of 1 to around 40 metres, in clear, well-lit waters. These meadows are particularly abundant in sheltered bays where conditions of temperature, salinity and light are ideal for their growth.

Practically the whole of the Mediterranean coastline is involved here: the shores of France, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, and more.

An essential ecological role

Posidonia seagrass meadows provide a habitat and a source of food for a multitude of marine species, including fish, molluscs and crustaceans. They are also ideal spawning grounds and nurseries for young fish.

Like real underwater forests, seagrass beds act as carbon sinks, helping to combat climate change: they can store up to 300 tonnes of carbon per hectare. That's 3 to 5 times more than tropical forests, and this, over hundreds of thousands of hectares. And not to mention their contribution to the production of oxygen, the protection of coasts by attenuating the impact of waves, the preservation of beaches where it accumulates in banks, etc. The loss of these meadows would have serious ecological and economic consequences for the Mediterranean.

A protected species under threat

Despite their importance, Posidonia meadows are extremely fragile and are threatened by a number of human activities. Boat anchoring, pollution, coastal urbanisation, trawling and climate change are all factors that contribute to their degradation. Seagrass beds are particularly sensitive to anchoring by boats: anchors can uproot these plants and create almost irreparable 'scars' in Posidonia meadows, as Posidonia rhizomes grow very slowly (a rate of just 1 cm per year).

The presence of these meadows dates back between 60 and 100 million years, when terrestrial flowering plants, which resembled the rushes plant family of today, returned to the marine environment where their distant ancestors came from. Don't be the one to destroy this extraordinary heritage in a matter of minutes.

Please note: Posidonia has been a protected species throughout the Mediterranean since 1995 and is classed as a habitat of European interest. Ensure you are aware of the regulations in force!

As a boater, you have a key role to play in protecting Posidonia meadows.

Here are a few measures you can take to minimise your impact:

1. Before setting off, consult the maps that indicate the presence of Posidonia meadows. There are several free apps that can help you, such as Nav&Co or Donia. Download them.
2. Don't anchor in Posidonia meadows: opt for sandy bottoms or consider picking up a mooring buoy whenever possible.
3. Respect protected areas: some regions have marine protected areas where anchoring and other activities are regulated to protect the seagrass meadows.
4. In all cases, adapt your anchoring technique: to avoid scraping the seabed, you must take care to bring your anchor back up in line with the boat, even if you are on sand.
5. Avoid generating any pollution at sea.
6. Share with others: not all boaters are aware of the importance of Posidonia seagrass meadows. And set an example!

By adopting these practices, you'll be helping to preserve Posidonia seagrass meadows and the health of Mediterranean marine ecosystems. Protecting these underwater treasures is an essential and shared responsibility for future generations.



SAILING CONDITIONS

SAILING AREA

Begin your Corsica sailing charter from our bases in the Corsican capital of Ajaccio to explore the region's 200 or so sand and pebble beaches, as well as tour the impressive rocky coastlines with mountainous backdrops.

Corsica is also known as the 'scented island' because of the fragrant maquis flowers that swathe its lands. With over 300 miles of spectacular jagged coastline and a gentle Mediterranean climate, a Corsica yacht charter is the best way to enjoy this unique island's sunny summer days, evergreen forests and wide variety of protected bird species.

WEATHER

The best time to visit Corsica is in the summer when you can make the most of the warm, dry Mediterranean climate. You can sail from May to September, although the summer months are the most popular.

The temperature in Corsica in summer averages 82°F and the sea temperatures are around 75°F in summer.

TEMPERATURE

Climate in Corsica:

- Summer high: The July high is around 82°F
- Winter low: The January low is 39°F

WIND SYSTEMS

The sailing conditions for Corsica vary depending on where you are sailing. On Corsica's west coast, the prevailing wind is mainly a westerly sea breeze blowing force 3 to 6. This is deflected SW along the north coast and NW along the south coast.

In the Straits of Bonifacio, westerlies are channeled in and can be stronger than winds outside.

LOCAL FORECAST

You can find Corsica specific weather forecasts from [Windy.com](https://www.windy.com)