Isula Rossa

Region: Northern Corsica **Sleeps:** 2

Overview

It's not only the location of Isula Rossa that will impress you. In the heart of the incredibly charming seaside town of L'Île-Rousse in northern Corsica, this contemporary air-conditioned apartment has been beautifully styled to create a smart abode with a terrace looking out towards the mountains and glistening sea.

You'll find Isula Rossa in an old building down a lovely pedestrianised lane, just a few seconds from little restaurants and pretty shops. Wander up the narrow stairs and through the door on the second floor and a striking glass spiral staircase will take you up to your home. A king-size bedroom sits alongside a sumptuous bathroom with a huge walk-in shower and an elegant freestanding bath. On the next floor an open living-dining space and perfectly equipped kitchen await you. Step out on to your very own terrace for a glass of Corsican rosé and gaze over the colourful rooftops towards the Mediterranean.

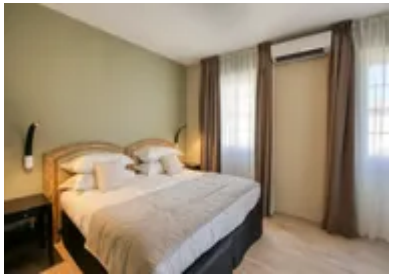
Pick up freshly baked croissants at a local *boulangerie* each morning or wander to the owner's hotel for their award-winning buffet breakfast, perhaps on their terrace overlooking the sea. Pick up some delicious local delights from the daily covered market in L'Île-Rousse, watch locals play *boules* on the village square with a coffee under the plane trees and enjoy some freshly caught seafood in one of the beachside restaurants for lunch. In the evening L'Île-Rousse is a delight to explore as you come across charming restaurants serving all sorts of island specialities from wild boar and chestnuts to *brocciu* with Corsican mint.

Catch the delightful little train, *U Trinichellu*, which winds around the coast as far as Calvi, stopping off at glorious beaches with white sand and crystal-clear seas, some with a wealth of watersports, others simply backed by pine









trees and *maquis*.

Hire a car and head inland to the enchanting Balagne villages where the vistas of *mare e monti* are incredible. Places not to miss include Pigna, Speloncato and Sant'Antonino, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. The landscapes of the Balagne are especially wonderful for keen walkers with many beautiful trails to follow.

As the sun sets on L'Île-Rousse at the end of the day, turning the town's rocky islets an especially deep shade of red, you'll realise what a magical place this is in one of Corsica's most lovable and authentic towns.

Facilities

Sailing • Romantic • Walk to Village • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Horse Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Wine Tasting • Scuba Diving • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Paragliding • Boat Trips • Special Offer • Wow Factor • Has Discount • Has Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Pets on Request • Walk to Beach • Beach Nearby • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Modern • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Dishwasher • Microwave • Heating • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Babysitting Available • Meal delivery service • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Apartment Interior (three levels, 80m2)

2nd Floor

- Entrance to apartment

3rd Floor (via a glass, spiral, open-tread staircase)

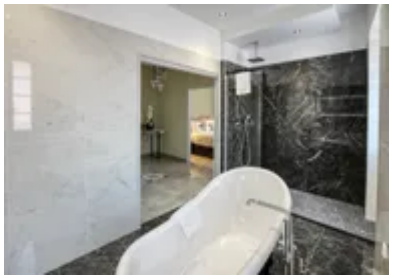
- Bedroom with large double bed (200cm)
- Large bathroom with free-standing bath, walk-in shower and double sink
- Separate WC with Japanese style bidet seat

4th Floor (via glass, spiral, open-tread staircase)

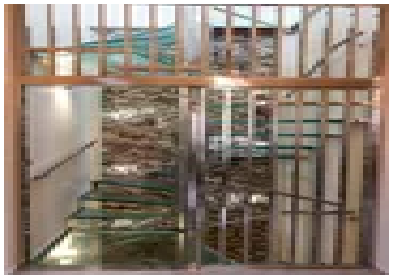
- Open-plan living-dining room and well-equipped kitchen. Doors out to a sea view terrace

Facilities

- Access to shared pool at owner's hotel (500m away)









Location & Local Information

Isula Rossa is in the very heart of L'Île-Rousse in a characterful building down a lovely pedestrianised lane. It's about a 5 to 10-minute walk to the owner's hotel where you can pay extra to enjoy their award-winning buffet breakfast if you wish or swim in the hotel's swimming pool. There's also space to park your car at the hotel or you may prefer to try and find a public space nearer to the apartment.

There's a little supermarket within a minute's walk as well as a choice of charming restaurants, pretty shops and cafes. There's a small covered market every morning in L'Île-Rousse selling lots of lovely local produce such as honey, cheeses, seafood and charcuterie and there's also a large supermarket on the edge of town, just a five-minute walk away.

Within 200m you are in the main square, watching old men play *boules*, perhaps drinking a coffee or chestnut beer in the shade of the plane trees. The town beach is also great, backed by a handful of good restaurants with wonderful sea views. Walk a little further around the town to another small beach with summer watersports such as yachting, stand-up paddle boards, jet-ski and pedalos plus a diving school a little further.

There's a lovely walk all the way up L'Île-Rousse's lighthouse with mesmerising views all around you. Keen hikers could also walk from L'Île-Rousse up towards the Balagne countryside inland, following a path up the hill to Santa Reperata and Monticello where you can enjoy stunning views down towards the coast. Hire a car and explore some of the other magical villages of this region such as Speloncato, Feliceto, Pigna and Sant'Antonino, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. The perched villages of this region are full of history, charm and spectacular scenery of sea, forests and rugged mountains.

You can also catch the *U Trinichellu*, Corsica's characterful little train, which runs between Calvi and L'Île-Rousse (with one or two daily trains continuing onwards to Bastia or









Corte and Ajaccio). It stops at various points along the coast including Bodri where you can walk down to the beautiful sandy bay or the beaches of Sant Ambroggio and Algajola, both with a great choice of watersports. The small train can get very busy in the summer months but it's a charming way to travel.

There are a number of beaches along this coastline, accessible by car then foot, where you will find little beachside shacks serving the freshest sea-food, white sandy shores and crystal clear seas that shelve gently and are wonderful for swimming. Wander through the *maquis*, seek shade under the pine trees or find a rocky shore; you are sure to discover your own piece of paradise along the Balagne coast. Heading east, the rather remote Plage de l'Ostriconi is also spectacular at the start of the incredible Desert des Agriates.

Calvi is also a lovely place to visit for the day, either by train or it's half an hour by car. Enjoy lunch on one of the terraces in the old-town, explore the narrow lanes in the historic citadel with amazing views out to sea or laze on the town's beach, also home to a variety of watersports. You can also pick up a boat trip which will take you on a tour of the Scandola Nature Reserve on the west coast, now a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to awe-inspiring scenery as well as rare and protected wildlife.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Calvi Airport (23km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bastia Airport (72km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Port de L'Île-Rousse (1km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**L'Île-Rousse (2-min walk)**
Nearest Shop	**L'Île-Rousse (2-min walk)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(400m)**

Nearest Town/City	**Calvi/Bastia (24km/72km)**
Nearest Beach	**Plage de L'Île-Rousse (300m)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Reginu (12km)**

What we love

- The views from the terrace are just wonderful – gaze over the rooftops of L'Île-Rousse out to the sea and mountains
- Guests will also love the contemporary style of the apartment interiors, especially the sumptuous bathroom!
- You're in the heart of charming L'Île-Rousse with shops, restaurants and the beach within a short walk
- The rather characterful little train, *U Trinichellu*, will take you to some lovely beaches as well the historic town of Calvi
- Hire a car to explore the enchanting villages and incredible landscapes of the Balagne
- Guests are welcome to use the facilities at the owner's hotel about 500m away, including the pool (excluding in July and August and on request only), small sandy beach, buffet breakfast, bar, meals and parking facilities (space permitting).

What you should know...

- The apartment's entrance is on the second floor of a characterful old building, via stairs. Once inside, a stunning glass spiral staircase takes you to two other levels in the apartment; see the Features tab for full details of the layout.
- Whilst a cot and highchair can be requested, bear in mind that you may not be able to bring a buggy into the apartment with the spiral staircase.
- It's worth hiring a car for at least some of your stay; you can park at the hotel's car park, around 5-10 minutes away or you can try and find a public parking space in the town elsewhere.
- The owner also owns a studio apartment on the second floor for a further two guests; please enquire for prices and availability if required.
- Short stays midweek possible at a discounted rate, please enquire.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and other special events are not permitted.

- **Changeover day:** Sunday. All other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 2 nights from January to end-June. 7 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally to the hotel reception on arrival or departure (typically costs approximately between €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).