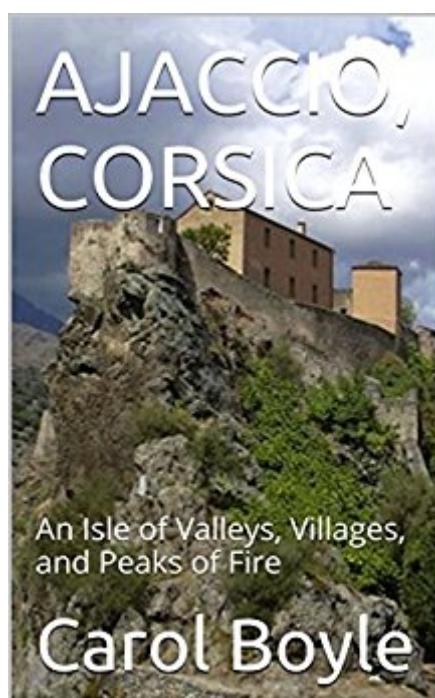


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Ajaccio is located in the Mediterranean south east of Nice, France. Although Napoleon Bonaparte was born in Ajaccio with museums filled with his paintings, statues, and memorabilia (even the couch on which he was born), it should be primarily noted that Ajaccio is well known for its beautiful and unusual topography; a rugged coastline and flawless beaches. It is a fragrant island, rich in flora, sheltered harbors, ancient villages, panoramic mountains and waterfalls cascading from their peaks, majestic granite mountains with churches, museums and lighthouses perched high on mountain peaks. It has an immense national park, forest, myrtle-scented scrubland, lakes, marshland, tropical palm trees, and vineyards and yes, even a desert! So when you get Napoleon'd out with all of his history in town take a road trip, boat or ferry trip out of Ajaccio to other sites; to Iles Sanguinaires (The 'Blood-Red Island; the archipelago that consists of four islets of dark red granite at the entrance of the Gulf of Ajaccio. The lighthouse, built in 1870, 80 meters on the highest point of the Great Bloodthirst islet capturing the sunset's light creating purple bloody rocks, and the view is spectacular! Visit Pointe de la Parata, part of Sanguinaires, a natural haven for hikers, bikers, and climbers. It is rugged, beautiful, and stimulating. The beaches of the Gulf of Ajaccio are numerous and varied. My favorite, however, is the little town of Corte right in the heart of mountainous Corsica. The former citadel perched high on a rock is a little way from the town itself and the views surrounding this area create the photographers dream portrait. Learn about Castagniccia, and the largest chestnut forest in the world. And be introduced to traditional Corsican food made from recipes handed down from generation to generation on Corsica's œFoodie Page.â •

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