

# Maison Rivage

Region: Northern Corsica Sleeps: 6

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## Overview

Step out of your beautiful villa and you're on the beach, gazing at the distant mountains and sea in this stunning part of north-west Corsica. Marvel at the wonderful views, swim in crystal-clear water or discover some of the walking trails; Maison Rivage is ideal for those looking for beauty in incredible natural surroundings.

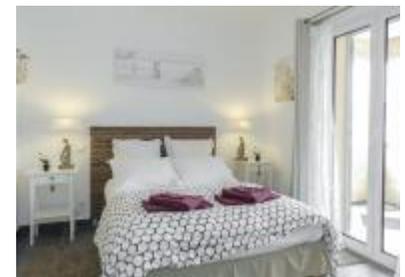
Maison Rivage is a charming holiday home with a bright and airy living and dining space, an elegant and well-equipped open-plan kitchen and three pretty ensuite bedrooms. There's a homely feeling across this welcoming villa with modern style and features together with warm touches adding a sense of character. Air-conditioning is featured for hot summer days or just open the pretty blue shutters and doors to bring the outside in as you step out to the delightful terrace where you can dine al-fresco admiring the sea views. The glorious balcony upstairs, accessed from two of the bedrooms, offers more incredible views of the Mediterranean and majestic coastline.

You are just 10m from the beach in Galéria where you can cool off in the inviting sea or snorkel from the rocks. There is a handful of restaurants, as well as a bakery and small supermarket; this is a relaxed village where residents appreciate the natural surroundings and beautiful views.

In the summer, take a boat to the extraordinary Scandola Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage site where you can look out for protected osprey, sea-birds and dolphins as well as some of the most incredible scenery in Corsica. There are also some wonderful walks for all ages where you can follow nearby rivers and discover exciting rock pools where you can swim. Keen hikers can follow part of the 'Mare e Monti' trail, one of the most picturesque hikes on the island with stunning sea and mountain vistas.

For a scenic day out, drive up the spectacular mountain road to Calvi where you'll find pretty shops and restaurants, a historic citadel and long sandy beaches with a great range of watersports. Follow the coastal road and head a little inland from Calvi to discover some of the idyllic Balagne villages such as Monticello, Lumio and Sant'Antonino, one of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

The *Île de Beauté* is known for its amazing views of sea and mountains and this rings true in the seaside village of Galéria in this beautiful and remote



setting in north-west Corsica.

## Facilities

Modern • Great Value • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • Fenced Grounds • Beachfront • Waterfront • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (175m2, two levels)

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan living-dining room with doors opening out to terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, microwave, oven, hob and electric coffee machine
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm), dressing room and shower room with WC

### Upper Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (140cm), dressing room and shower room with WC. Doors to a balcony
- Bedroom with twin beds (90cm each) and shower room with WC. Doors to a balcony

### Outside Grounds

- First floor balcony (20m2)
- Terrace (65m2) with al-fresco dining area and outdoor furnishings
- BBQ
- Outdoor shower
- Fenced grounds
- On-site parking

### Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Electric heating
- Air-conditioning
- TV and DVD player
- Hi-Fi system
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Cot



## Location & Local Information

Step down a couple of steps into the garden, through the little gate and you're on the beach with the most amazing vistas of the Golfe de Galéria. The seaside village of Galéria is in the remote, rugged and beautiful north-west Corsica near the stunning Scandola Nature Reserve, around half an hour south of Calvi Airport via a beautiful mountain road.

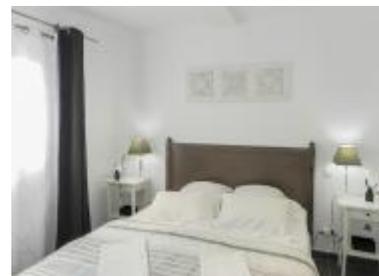
Galéria is a relaxed seaside village with a handful of summer restaurants, including a beachside cafe serving freshly caught fish as well as a small supermarket and bakery. There are magnificent views of the surrounding mountains and sea from the pretty shingle beach. As this is quite a remote setting, the beach isn't always as crowded as others on the island. Enjoy swimming in the crystal-clear waters or snorkelling from the rocks.

Walk all the way up to the Genovese tower where you can enjoy incredible views where the river Fango flows into the Mediterranean, relax on the peaceful beach here, hire a canoe and be surrounded by wonderful nature all around you. There are some lovely walking routes along the river heading inland where you can discover natural pools where you can swim in beautiful clear water.

In the summer there are boat trips from the marina in Galéria for either diving excursions or to the nearby Scandola Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Scandola Nature Reserve is an incredibly unspoilt area of beautiful rock formations with restricted access only by boat (or foot via high mountains). You may be fortunate enough to see protected osprey, sea-birds and dolphins. This is one of the most spectacular coastlines in Corsica.

Keen hikers adore this part of north-west Corsica; Galéria passes through the famous "Mare e Monti" walk with a magnificent trail between Galéria and Girolata, a village only accessed by boat or foot. You can see amazing views towards the Scandola Nature Reserve from this part of the walk. Paths also head towards Calenzana (30km), the starting point of the GR20 and a stunning village to visit with its incredible mountain backdrop. The nearby Bonifato forests and Figarella river also offer great walks where you can discover rock pools to swim in.

For a lovely day out, head north via the amazing mountain road up to Calvi with its lovely citadel, narrow lanes filled with charming restaurants and shops, a pretty marina and sandy beaches with watersports. The setting of Calvi is particularly spectacular with the rugged mountains in the background. From Calvi, follow the road towards L'Île-Rousse and visit idyllic villages in the Balagne countryside such as Monticello, Santa-Reparata-di-Balagne and Sant'Antonino (13km), the latter being one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'



with spectacular views towards the coast. Picturesque Lumio (11km) is also beautiful with its baroque church, olive trees and lively Wednesday morning market. Keen walkers can hike up to the abandoned village of Occi for more panoramic views.

Confident drivers can also follow the winding roads south to the incredible village of Porto with its amazing mountain backdrop and pretty river valley leading to the marina where you can pick up boat trips to see the breathtaking coastline. Further south is also the wonderful village of Piana, dating back to the 18th century and now classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. The amazing rock formations dropping into the sea, Calanches de Piana, can be admired via wonderful walking trails or boat trips from Porto.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Calvi (26km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Bastia (120km)</b>
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Ajaccio (131km/3hrs)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Galéria (Walking distance )</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Galéria (Within 100m)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Small supermarket (Walking distance )</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>(10m)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Calvi/L'île-Rousse (33km/50km)</b>

## What we love

- Enjoy beautiful sea and mountain views from your terrace and balcony
- You have direct access to the beach in Galéria, only 10m away!
- This is a walker's paradise with the famous 'Mare e Monti' trail passing through Galéria as well as gentler walks near rivers and rock pools
- Take a boat trip to the incredible Scandola Nature Reserve and look out for protected osprey and dolphins; this is a UNESCO World Heritage site

## What you should know...

- There is a grocery store, bakery and a handful of summer restaurants in Galéria but it may also be worth stocking up in a larger supermarket near Calvi when you first arrive, before heading south through the mountains
- If you are wanting to drive further south towards Porto and Piana, bear in mind the mountain roads are winding so take your time (and enjoy the amazing views!)
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €800 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: Between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Other arrival times are on request only. Please enquire.
- Departure time: Before 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, excluding pool towels. Please note that beds will not be made on arrival.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are on request only.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).