

# CORSICA CROSSROADS OF PREHISTORY MONDAY 13 TO MONDAY 20 APRIL 2015 NICHOLAS FRIEND

Corsica is one of the least explored jewels amongst the many islands of the Mediterranean. In celebration of "les beaux jours", the welcome return of the magical Mediterranean light, INSCAPE's Founding Director Nicholas Friend returns to this magical region to investigate the little known, but exceptional, megalithic sites dotting the island. With Bronze Age statuary often still in situ, and belt-tightened regional museums bursting with artefacts never loaned or borrowed, this verdant landscape is more than deserving of the closest attention. Nicholas uncovers physical evidence of a Corsica not many have seen since the time of the island's earliest inhabitants, all while savouring both breathtakingly fresh views of sea and volcanic rock formations, as well as enjoying truly delicious meals.

**COST** £2895 members, £2945 non-members, £280 single room supplement, £250 deposit, includes flights London-Ajaccio and Bastia-London (with short stopovers), seven nights accommodation, all breakfasts, five dinners with wine, all tuition and the services of a tour manager, all entrance fees, all private minibus travel during the tour, all gratuities, VAT.

## **MONDAY 13 APRIL**

- 07:30 Arrive London City Airport
- 09:10 Flight Departs
- 14:30 Arrive Ajaccio Airport, minibus to hotel San Carlu Citadelle
- 16:00 Short walk to Palais Fesch
- 18:00 Return to hotel
- 19:30 Group dinner at Le Grand Cafe Napoleon

## **TUESDAY 14 APRIL**

- 09:30 Visit Salon Napoleonien at Hotel de Ville
- 10:30 Coffee at the Galeani Bakery
- 11:00 Visit Musee Bandera de l'Histoire de la Corse
- 12:30 Optional lunch at the harbour
- 14:00 Check in for Boat
- 14:30 Boat excursion to Iles Sanguinaires
- 17:30 Return to Ajaccio Harbour and Hotel
- 19:30 Optional dinner in Ajaccio

## **WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL**

- 08:45 Bags to lobby
- 09:00 Minibus to Sartene
- 10:00 Coffee in Place Porta in Sartene
- 10:30 Visit Museum of Prehistoric Corsica
- 12:00 Lunch at Auberge Santa Barbara, near Sartene
- 13:30 Minibus to Palaggiu
- 14:00 Visit Palaggiu menhirs
- 15:00 Minibus to Stantari
- 15:15 Visit Megalithic sites of Stantari, Renaghju, Fontanaccia
- 17:00 Minibus to Bonifacio
- 18:00 Arrive Bonifacio Hotel Solemare
- 19:30 Group dinner at La Caravelle

## **THURSDAY 16 APRIL**

- 09:30 Bonifacio Old Town, coffee
- 11:00 Minibus to Propiano
- 12:15 Lunch at Mani
- 13:45 Minibus to Filitosa
- 14:15 Visit Filitosa prehistoric site
- 16:15 Minibus to Bonifacio
- 18:00 Arrive Bonifacio
- 19:00 Dinner at Le Voilier

## **FRIDAY 17 APRIL**

- 09:00 Minibus to Tappa
- 09:45 Visit Casteddu di Tappa
- 10:30 Minibus to Araggio
- 11:00 Coffee in Araggio
- 12:00 Visit Prehistoric site at Araggio
- 12:45 Minibus to Porto Vecchio
- 13:15 Lunch at U Santamarina
- 15:00 Minibus to Aleria
- 16:15 Visit Roman site of Aleria
- 17:45 Minibus to Corte
- 18:30 Arrive Corte Hotel Dominique Colonna
- 19:30 Group dinner in Hotel

## **SATURDAY 18 APRIL**

- 09:30 Minibus to Bozio (area with most famous village Sant Andrea di Bozio)
- 10:00 Romanesque churches of the villages of Bozio
- 12:00 Return by minibus to Corte
- 12:30 Lunch in Corte
- 14:00 Visit Musee de la Corse
- 15:30 Free time in Corte
- 17:00 Return to Hotel
- 19:30 Optional dinner in Corte

## **SUNDAY 19 APRIL**

- 09:00 Minibus to Murato
- 10:15 Church of S Michele de Murato, coffee
- 11:15 Minibus to Saint Florent
- 11:45 Church of Saint Florent
- 12:30 Lunch at L'Auberge du Pêcheur
- 14:00 Minibus to Nonza
- 14:30 Visit Nonza, tea
- 16:30 Minibus to Poggio d'Oletta
- 17:15 Wine Tasting in Poggio d'Oletta
- 18:15 Minibus to Oletta
- 18:30 Arrive Hotel Poggio D'Oletta
- 20:00 Group dinner Auberge A Magina

#### **MONDAY 20 APRIL**

- 10:00 Minibus to Bastia
- 10:45 Coffee in Citadelle Oratoire Ste Croix, visit Christian Magdaleine, lute maker's workshop
- 12:15 Minibus to Bastia airport
- 13:00 Arrive Bastia airport, check in, independent lunch in airport
- 14:50 Flight departs (stopover in paris)
- 19:30 Arrive London City Airport