


Corsican Air Sports & Flying

Parachuting (*parachutisme*) · paragliding (*parapente*) · ultralites (*ULM*) · hang-gliding (*delta*) · gliding (*vol à voile*) flying (*pilotage*)

There are many opportunities for air sports in Corsica, not least as a consequence of low population density and a wide variety of stunning landscapes. On the other hand high excitement is a sine qua non for the same reasons. The four main airports and others are available for the private flyer.

This note covers the air sports providers, associations and airports.

General providers of air sports

Altore (www.altore.com)  - Altore offers a range of programmes of paragliding, mountaineering, watersports, riding and such, as well as corporate programmes. Its paragliding sites are at St Florent, Calvi (Montemaggiore) and Lozari.

Objectif Nature (www.ifrance.com/obj-nature) - this Bastia-based company organises paragliding, rafting, canyoning, sea-kayaking, diving, night and day sea fishing, riding, mountain biking and orienteering. They can also organise group events, with a cultural element.

Corsica Mystica (corsica.mystica.monsite.wanadoo.fr) is Laurent & Myriam's Balagne site for free-fall parachuting & paragliding – and diving, walking, 4x4/quads.

Sport Corse (www.sport-corse.com) - this is a very comprehensive amateur sports site with details and links on paragliding, ultralite flying - and aikido, canoeing, car rallying, chess, climbing, combat sports, cycling, diving, football, go-karting, gymnastics, handball, jet-ski, judo, mountain walking, pelota, rugby, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, tennis, underwater archaeology, white water swimming.

Paragliding (parapente)

Ajaccio: Parapente Club d'Ajaccio (<http://ailes.insulaires.free.fr/>) Email occa.pieces@wanadoo.fr and tel 06 07 13 36 86; Lucif'air (tel 06.12.10.56.97 or 06.86.81.60.37); L'altagna (tel 04.95.10.33.07 or 06.11.98.28.96 and email franck.padovani@laposte.net).

Bastelicaccia : Corsi Kite - Pascale Bonelli, Pitico, Rue du Soleil Levant, 20129 Bastelicaccia email pascfredlulu@wanadoo.fr.

Bastia: Planète Corse (<http://parapenteplanete.free.fr/>) is based in Bastia (tel 04 95 34 22 13).

Canari: Cap Corse Parapente (tel 04 95 37 84 81 or 04 95 37 81 70).

Cervione: Cime'ale paragliding club is based in Cervione and at the moment their website is under reconstruction, they can be contacted on 04 95 38 13 44 or via the president of the club on 06 18 04 44 21).

Farinole: Club de Parapente "Alpana" for paragliding (tel 04 95 37 14 39 or 04 95 33 84 74).

Ile Rousse: Aguladdia (tel 04.95.60.37.30 and email clarydan@wanadoo.fr).

Mezzavia: Ailes Insulaires (tel 06.07.13.36.86 & email joel-marque@wanadoo.fr).

If you are a solo glider and would to find sites in the Balagne (NW), the go to <http://herve.lebrun.free.fr/vollibre/balagne.php> - it's the site of Hervé Lebrun.

Flying free in Corsica (www.ffvl.fr/Annuaire_vl/region/corse.html) - the Corsican section of the Fédération Française de Vol Libre takes in kites (including kite surfing), hang gliding, paracending and fixed wing free flight.

Parachuting

There is a fair amount of military parachuting, not least by the para regiment of the French Foreign Legion, based in Calvi, but the private sector is becoming increasingly active. There is a Corsican League of Parachuting, whose president is Pascal Tomasi, Lieu Dit Subigna, 20600 Bastia (tel 04 95 30 58 57).

The website of the Corsican federation of parachuting is www.corse-parachutisme.com and has details of opportunities in Corsica. The clubs are these:

Ajaccio - Para-club d'Ajaccio, Résidence Santa Lina, Le Marinella, Route des Sanguinaires, 20000 Ajaccio (tel 04 95 52 02 52 or 06 09 88 12 74 & email skymerou@aol.com). The president is Jean-Philippe Flock

Bastia - Centre école de parachutisme Corse, Route de l'Aéroport, BP 43, 20290 Borgo (tel 04 95 38 33 16 or 06 87 46 95 76). The president is Angélique Kratz and the technical director is Pierre-Henri Sterzinar.

Ghisonaccia – Costa Serena Parachutisme, Aérodrome de Ghisonaccia, 20240 Ghisonaccia (tel 04 95 56 18 12 & email csparachutisme@free.fr). The president is Patrice Mary.

Propriano - Ecole de parachutisme du Valinco, BP 28 Aérodrome de Tavarria, 20110 Propriano (tel 04 95 77 19 15). The president is Jacques d'Ortoli and the technical director is Robert Martinez; this club has a second base at Calvi Airport.

Gliding

Corte: Corse Air Loisirs will hire gliders (planeurs) and parachute planes; they also to ULMs (tel 04 95 46 20 22 & email kecco@wanadoo.fr). The aero club also does gliding (see below).

Gisonaccia: gliding can be done at the *Centre Régional de Vol à Voile de Ghisonaccia* (<http://planeurcorse.free.fr>), not surprisingly at Ghisonaccia on the east coast (tel 06 15 23 01 78 or 06 12 71 71 15).

Private flying and training

If you are a private pilot and want to fly yourself to Corsica you will get a good welcome from the general aviation services at the airports where you can contact the flying clubs. Apart from the clubs at the four commercial airports in Corsica, there are also clubs at Corte, Ghisonaccia and Propriano.

Ajaccio: Aéro Club de la Corse (www.aeroclubdelacorse.com) - tel 04 95 65 22 35 00; fax 04 95 20 72 97;

Bastia: Aéro Club de Bastia Saint Exupéry - tel 04 95 36 24 85; fax 04 95 36 13 42;

Calvi: Aéro Club de Calvi Balagne - tel 04 95 65 02 97; fax 04 95 65 37 11;

Figari: Aéro Club Sud Corse - tel 04 95 71 00 44.

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