

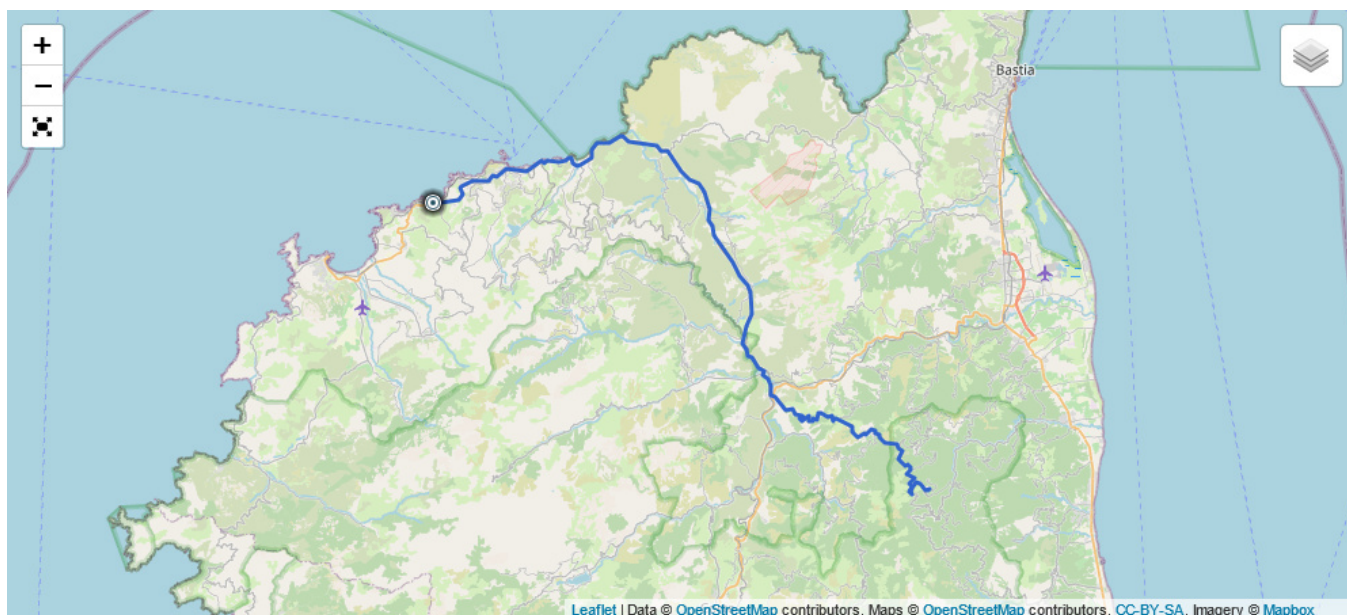


Tour of Corsica (Day 1)

Road

Distance : 77 km Elevation : 1670 m Difficulty : 4

Start point : Algajola End point : Verdèse



Departure from Algajola, in the north, to reach the mountains of the center-east. The first twenty kilometers are a leisurely ride along the seashore to warm up. The next part, more difficult, takes us to the ascent of two bumps for a final descent to Verdese.

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Col of Prato

On this first stage from **Algajola**, two difficulties. The first is the climb to **Pietralba**, a **400m** ascension over approximatively ten kilometers. The second bump of the day climbs from **Ponte Leccia**, all winding for nearly **800m**, to reach **the col of Prato**, at **985m** above sea level, just outside **Morosaglia**.



Col of Prato

Verdèse

The end of the stage continues downhill to **Verdèse**.



The village of Verdèse