

Review

Fly-In: Il de Cavallo 2018

Thursday, 7th – Sunday, 10th June 2018



The Caribbean – just a stone's throw from Corsica!

Il de Cavallo – the most exclusive island in the Mediterranean, a small gem off the south coast of Corsica.

Incorporated into the Lavezzi archipelago, this small island is in private hands and thus wonderfully protected.

Interestingly formed granite cliffs, as if thrown down from above, ...



and in between, charming little bays and very modestly luxurious buildings. Some are reminiscent of Gaudi, others look as if they've been imported from Palm Springs of 50 years ago. One is reminded of the Seychelles, but it's more interesting.

A paradise, or rather a temporary home for wealthy Italians and French. And for a few days for the MMIG46!

Understatement, luxury, nature and seclusion are the key words in this paradise. The 2km long island is owned and administered by a consortium - Association Syndicale Ile de Cavallo (ASIC) – which guarantees safety, discretion and peace and quiet.





Famous names decorate the island – Caroline of Monaco is supposed to own property here, and the Prince of Naples lived here in exile. It's not hard to understand why rich and retiring people value this corner of the world.



No cars (just golf-carts), no mass tourism and just one dream hotel – the ***Hotel & Spa des Pêcheurs***.

Our beach hotel provided us not just with excellent service, but also with culinary delights to satisfy greater and lesser gourmets.

This is where we had booked our rooms, all with breathtaking views of the sea.



There used to be a small airfield on this island, but after particular people settled here, the airfield was closed.

That explains partly why some of our participants had the pleasure of a heli-shuttle. The other reason was the fact that only 8 aircraft could land in *Figari* and the heli-shuttle troupe had to divert to *Ajaccio*.

Those participants who were allowed to land in *Figari* were taken by taxi in 30 minutes to the pier at *Piantarella*. There the hotel boat was awaiting them and took them in just 10 minutes to *Il de Cavallo*.

Those participants who landed in *Ajaccio* were flown in just 25 minutes by helicopter to our hotel on the island *Il de Cavallo*.

Type of helicopter: Écureuil Helicopter AS 350 – for 6 people.



We were welcomed on our day of arrival by a buffet with regional delicacies.

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A guided tour in golf carts gave us a first impression of the beauty of the island.

Wonderfully hidden estates among other things. Of course, we were all very discrete. The last photo shows us on the beach preferred by Princess Caroline.

At 12:15 we set off on foot for *Le Bistro* in Cavallo's small harbour, just a few steps from the hotel.



Here, in a dependency of *La Ferme* – the restaurant on the hill above Cavallo – one is well looked after, so we enjoyed a delicious lunch.



In the afternoon everybody could do whatever they wanted. Some settled down on the hotel's beach –



set off to explore on their bikes, while others chose to stay a little longer in the Bistro.



At 19:15 we met for an aperitif and at 20:00 it was time for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Saturday, 9th June 2018: At 10:00 we departed by ship to Bonifacio. This town is on the southern tip of Corsica, high up on the white chalk cliffs and is, thanks to its position, the most impressive fortress town on Corsica. Bonifacio is 60 m above the sea and offers the most spectacular view of the island. The old town houses seem to float above the abyss.



"A boat trip – that's fun!"

The first view of Bonifacio, from the boat.



But why were we sailing past the harbour entrance at Bonifacio?
What was wrong?

We sailed into a cave which up on the inside.
A nice surprise!



Impressive harbour entry into Bonifacio.



After mooring, individual sightseeing was on the program.









Graves at the edge of the upper town at Bonifacio.



At 13:30 we were driven in two small buses on narrow roads to *Maora Beach* – a jet-set meeting place in an idyllic bay.



From 14:00 there was a really delicious meal and, as you can see, lots of fun!

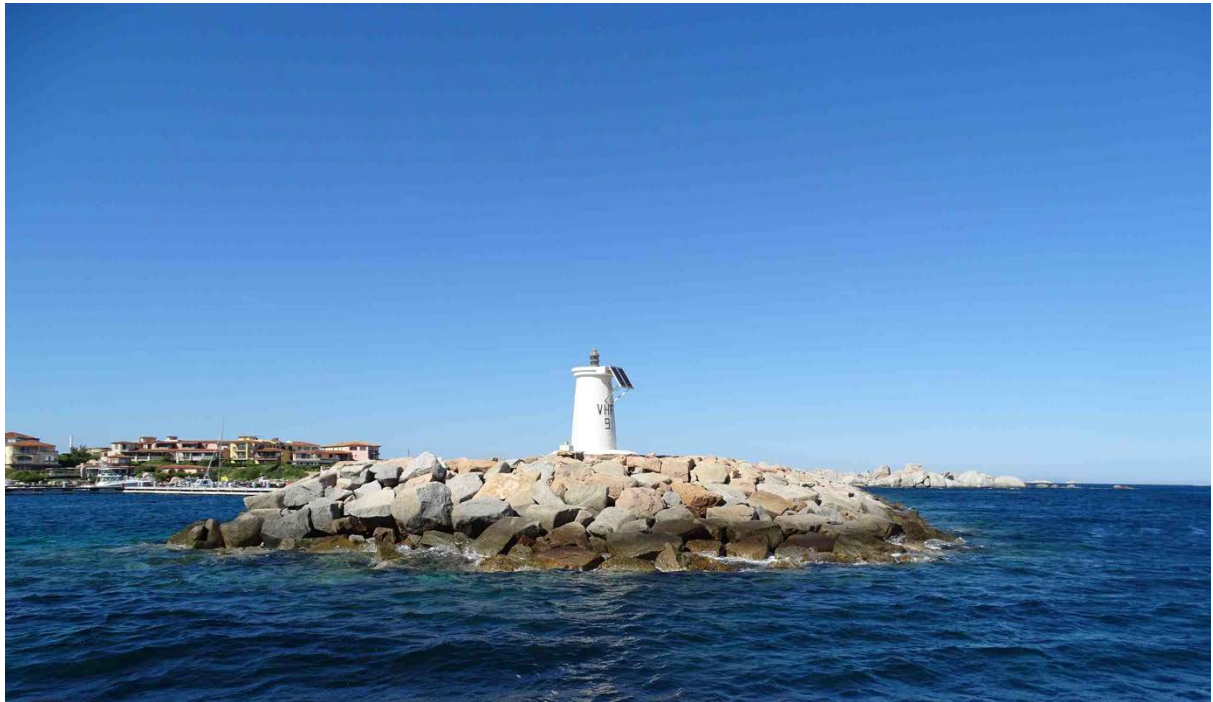




At 16:00 our ship was to weigh its anchor and take us back to Cavallo. But before that, people had to be ferried to the ship.



Where were they then?



And soon the beacon at *Cavallo* was greeting us.

At 20:00 it was time for dinner in the Beach Club at the *Hotel des Pêcheurs*.





Sunday, 10th July 2018



At 8:30 it was time to take the boat and taxi to the airport at *Figari* or the helicopter to the airport at *Ajaccio*.

The participants say farewell.