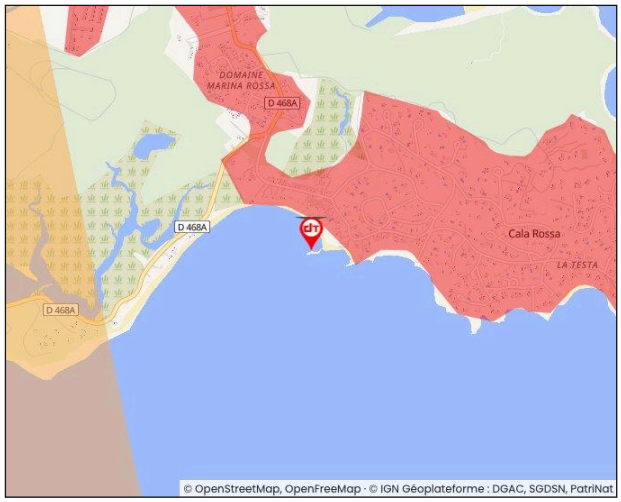
Bay of Porto Vecchio from Cala Rossa

Water · Corse

GPS coordinates	41.62009, 9.33829
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Helisudcorse 6.8 km SW
Spot reference	304642



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sat 21 Nov	06:49	07:19	16:58	17:28	9 h 39	07:19–08:01 · 16:16–16:58
Sun 22 Nov	06:50	07:20	16:58	17:28	9 h 37	07:20–08:02 · 16:15–16:58
Mon 23 Nov	06:51	07:21	16:57	17:27	9 h 35	07:21–08:04 · 16:14–16:57

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Helisudcorse	Heliport	6.8 km SW	4 m
Figari Sud-Corse Airport	Airport	24 km SW	26 m

Description

Flight with a DJI Mavic Mini The bay of "Cala Rossa" lives up to its name, the Corsican for "red beach", at sunset during the golden hour, when the rocks and sand take on almost unreal colors. The takeoff site is at the end of the rocky peninsula and allows a free flight over the reefs and the bay of Porto-Vecchio, taking care, of course, not to fly over any boaters still out at that hour, nor over the villas and hotels. The panorama over the bay of Porto-Vecchio becomes impressive at the end of the day, with the Chiappa point, Pavellone and Porto-Vecchio opposite, and from the Benedettu point to the San Ciprianu point on the same shore. The bay of Stagnolu and its marshes are hidden behind the Benedettu point, while the three lighthouses are visible at the mouth of the bay: the Saint-Cyprien light, the Pecorella tower on the barely emerging rocks at the entrance, and the Chiappa …

Scan to open the up-to-date spot page: weather, map and restrictions.

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=304642

Before every flight: check the UAS zones map, NOTAMs and temporary areas, the weather and the Kp index.

Preparing the flight

Pre-flight Check-List

- ☐ Area checked: UAS zones, restrictions, protected areas
- ☐ NOTAMs and temporary areas checked
- ☐ Weather: wind, gusts, rain, visibility; Kp index
- ☐ Operator number displayed on the drone
- ☐ Training certificate or licence with me
- ☐ Third-party liability insurance checked
- ☐ Batteries charged: drone, controller, phone
- ☐ Propellers, motors and frame in good condition
- ☐ Memory card inserted and empty
- ☐ Software up to date, compass and IMU calibrated
- ☐ Return to home: home point and return height set
- ☐ Electronic signalling or remote ID active
- ☐ Take-off area clear, people informed and at a distance
- ☐ Observer present for FPV flights

Key rules of the open category

Recreational flying in France: European open-category rules, applied by the DGAC.

- Maximum height: 120 m above the ground, lower where a restriction requires it.
- Always keep the drone in sight; when flying FPV, an observer keeps it in sight next to you.
- Never fly over crowds and keep the distances of your subcategory (A1, A2 or A3).
- Respect UAS geographical zones: around aerodromes, prohibited or restricted areas, protected areas, sensitive sites.
- Register as an operator if the drone weighs 250 g or more or carries a camera (toys excepted), and display the number on the drone.
- Training: online A1/A3 certificate from 250 g or for a class C1 drone; A2 certificate to fly closer to people with a class C2 drone.
- Always give way to manned aircraft and land if one approaches.
- Respect privacy: no images that identify people without their consent; aerial photography is prohibited in some areas.
- Check your third-party liability insurance.
- In France: registration and training on AlphaTango (DGAC); a drone of 800 g or more must broadcast electronic signalling (or the remote ID of class-marked drones).

Non-exhaustive summary: rules change. Reference: the DGAC open-category guide and the country's regulations.

Useful links

UAS zones map around the spot : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/carte-uas.aspx?lat=41.62009&lon=9.33829
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque
DGAC open-category guide (French) : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque/guide-categorie-ouverte
Registration and training (AlphaTango) : https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr
NOTAMs and temporary areas (SOFIA Briefing) : https://sofia-briefing.aviation-civile.gouv.fr

My flight notes

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