

GIROLATA AND CALANQUES OF PIANA

Gulf of Porto is maybe one of the nicest place of Corsica, the island of beauty or Kalliste like the greeks used to call it. Cliffs, mountains, beaches, volcanic rocks and gorges ... there is a lot to see for the hikers. Classified by UNESCO, the Calanques of Piana offer magnificent landscapes with the red cliffs with strange shapes coming from some very old volcanoes. We will also taste the local food in Girolata, a small village on a peninsula surrounded by the sea.



PROGRAM

Corsica ... the island of beauty !

Day 1 Welcome in Ajaccio

We welcome you at the airport and we organize the transfer to the hotel in Porto.

Bus transfer 2 hours from Ajaccio airport

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

Day 2 Capu Rossu

We transfer to the village of Piana for a visit and a hike towards Capu Rossu and Genoese tower of Thurgiu. The panoramic views on the gulf of Porto and Calanques of Piana are stunning. Night at the hotel.

Walking duration : 3 hours / 8 km, elevation: 200 m

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

Bus transfer 20 minutes

Day 3 Calanques of Piana

Beautiful hike among the volcanic red rocks, the porphyry. The hard rock has been sculpted by the wind and sea to create a natural work of art.

Walking duration : 4 hours / 12 km, elevation : 500 m.

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

Bus transfer 15 minutes

Day 4 The Scandola Natural Reserve

Boat Transfer to Porto where we embark on a small boat to visit the reserve, which is not accessible by car. The boat will stop us in Girolata, a beautiful fishermen's village. Return by foot with a lovely hike and stunning views.

Walking duration : 3.5 hours / 8 km, elevation: 400 m

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

USEFUL INFORMATION

DIFFICULTY OF THE HIKES

LEVEL 2

*Medium, from 10 years old
Elevation between 300 to 600 m Walking duration less than 4 hours Altitude less than 2250 m
Backpack less than 6 Kg (20 liters max)
Hiking shoes needed
Steady ascents max 30 minutes*

WEATHER

*Best period is from April to October
Temperature can vary from 30 to 10 degrees in the same day.*

GROUP

Our groups are composed of 6 to 15 persons per guide.

GUIDING

Our guides have a mountaineering state diploma and a Valley of Merveilles diploma, partnership of the Park of Mercantour and are specialists of Corsica. Passionate about the wild life, he will share his knowledge with you, the nature and the stories of the mountains. Since your security is our primary goal he can give you advices on technics and gear. He is constantly in direct link with local rescuers and carries a first aid kit in complement to the personal ones.



Day 5 Aitone Forest

We transfer inland from Porto to the beautiful forest, surrounded by the Aitone Forest and mountains. We will walk 2 hours among the old Laricio pines and chestnut trees, near a beautiful river, natural pools and on a Genoese arched bridge. Return at the hotel in the end of the afternoon.

Walking duration : 4 hours/ 10 km, elevation : 400 m

Accomodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

Bus transfer 30 minutes

Day 6 Evisa and the Spelunca gorges

Bus transfer to Evisa : 23 km / 40 minutes

Hiking : From the village of Evisa, we will go down through the Gorges de la Spélunca to reach the village of Ota. Waterfalls and natural baths will make participants want to dive.

Walking duration : 5.5 hours/ 35 km, elevation : 100 m

Accomodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

Bus transfer 10 minutes

Day 7 It is only a au-revoir

Transfer to the airport of Ajaccio.

Please note: the order of the 6 hikes can be re-arranged by the guide depending on weather conditions. Cultural visits can replace the hikes in the worst cases.

THE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT

- Backpack of 30 liters
- Pair of hiking shoes
- Mountain pant
- Pile jacket
- Rain cover and wind shell
- Extra base layer
- Warm socks
- Cap, sunglasses, sunscreen
- Knife and water bottle (1,5 liter minimum)
- Extra food : high energy snacks
- Personal medications
- Clothes for the cultural visits and churches
- Swming suit and towel
- Camera

OUR FORMULA : FULL BOARD

You will like...

The hikes between the sea and the mountains in the maquis

The beauty of the views overlooking the gulf of Porto

The boat to the natural reserve of Scandola

The Gorges of Spelunca

The ancient villages and the local food

USFEUL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT

Ajaccio airport

LUGGAGE:

Each piece of baggage must be equipped with a name tag. They should contain personal belongings. Backpacks of 20 to 30 liters are sufficient and must contain excursion or hiking gear.

Limit volumes and weight, luggage will be transported in bus holds and handled several times during the stay. Save your strengths and those of guides and drivers!

END OF THE TRIP

The trip ends at Ajaccio airport at 11AM on Day 7

LUNCHES

All picnics are made with local and fresh food by the guides or the accommodation owners.

BACKPACK

The weight of your backpack should not exceed 5-6 kg per day, containing extra clothes, camera, water, wind shield and picnic.

PROVIDED GEAR

Backpack (on request), first aid kit.

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INSURANCES

Our insurance covers logistics and guiding of the hikes. It is kindly requested to be personally well insured for civil liability. Please do not hesitate to contact us for a assistance-cancellation-repatriation insurance. A quote will be provided.



OUR ACCOMODATION

We are testing hotels in Corsica since 15 years and we have chosen the best ones in terms of quality, price and location.

- Double rooms (or single rooms with extra cost)
- Shower or bath, toilets in the room
- Towels are provided

All the comfort for a nice stay !

Bar, restaurant with local food, double room ou single, TV, bathroom, balcony, terrace, WIFI.

Hotels have either a swimming-pool or access to the sea.



FOOD

All picnics are prepared by the hotel with the local and fresh products. Dinners at the hotel.

BUS TRANSFERS

For the groups we organize the transfers to start of the hikes.

Transfers are made by agency minibus or with private buses



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OUR SPIRIT AT ORGAYA

We propose outdoor activities, guided by a professional, graduated by a state diploma and with knowledge into geography, prehistory, ecology and coaching.

Performance is not our goal. We rather choose a relaxed approach. We like to share our knowledge, experience and our passion of nature acquired during many hikes in the mountains. We listen and adapt to your needs to build a program that suits your physical and financial possibilities and your points of interests. Our groups are composed of 5 and 15 persons maximum.

Our hikes are classified into 6 flavours depending into their main orientation:

- Nature
- Culture
- Discovery
- Family
- Technicity
- Sport

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Natural Reserve of Scandola is both a marine and land-based reserve. It is managed by the Regional Natural Park of Corsica.

It is located on a volcano that collapsed into the sea – a caldeira- thus forming the Scandola Peninsula and its unique landscapes.

The area is not accessible by car, which has a positive impact on the abundant flora and fauna. The red rocks are reflected by turquoise waters, creating an unbelievable natural color palette. Thanks to this natural richness, Scandola has been added to UNESCO's World Heritage list.

Examples of Flora : green oak trees, strawberry trees, heather, arméria, soleirolii, myrtle, Euboria dendroides, and ragworts with daisy-like leaves

Examples of Fauna : Ospreys, seagulls, bald eagles, Cory's shearwaters, and Peregrine falcons.

To preserve this exceptional, wild area, the Scandola Nature Reserve has a number of rules. Fishing, hunting, and bivouac camping are strictly prohibited.

OUR RATES: 7 DAYS AND 6 NIGHTS

INCLUDED :

Trip organization and reservations
Transfers by minibus or private buses
Professional guide (French : Accompagnateur moyenne Montagne), 15 persons maximum per group
Boat trip in the Scandola Reserve
5 days of hike
2 days to transfer from Ajaccio
Security gear
Professional civil liability insurances
Lunches from D2 to D6
2-star hotel and half-board

What the price does not include :

Lunch and dinner on Day 1 and 8
Extra cost for a single room
Transportation to the meeting point*
Personal snacks and drinks
Extra drinks at the bars and restaurants
Personal civil liability insurances
Cancellation insurance
Everything that is not indicated in «what the price includes »
*we can organize your flight and your transfer to the meeting point

PRICE (6 PERSONS MINIMUM)

1 040 € TTC

PRICE (10 PERSONS MINIMUM)

890 € TTC

GROUP PRICE FOR 15 PERSONS

815 € TTC

USEFUL INFORMATION

RESERVATION

Please book at least 3 months before departure.

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PAYMENT

Deposit 30% at booking

Balance 30 days before departure

LEGAL INFORMATION

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