

CORSICA « MONTAGNA E MARE »

This program brings you to two of most famous landscapes of Corsica : the Gulf of Porto and the Corte region, at the heart of the island of Beauty.

Piana and Scandola are the jewels of the Gulf, preserved and protected, they offer spectacular views on red sculpted rocks, crystal water and Genoese towers.

Corte is the spiritual capital of Corsica, in the middle of the mountains. Restonica and Tavignano gorges, carved in the granite, propose fantastic hikes and it is hard not to make a break in the numerous natural pools along the trail.



PROGRAM

« Le Soleil a tant fait l'Amour à la Mer, qu'ils ont fini par Enfanter La Corse ! »

A. De St Exupéry

Day 1 « Welcome in Corsica »

We welcome you in Ajaccio in the afternoon. Depending on your arrival time, we might be able to visit the little village of Cargese. Otherwise we'll head directly to our hotel in the Gulf of Porto on the coastal road. First pictures ! Transfer 1.5 hours.

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

Day 2 Capu d'Ortu and Calanques of Piana

Transfert en bus pour les Calanches de Piana : 12 km / 20 minutes
Short transfer to the village of Piana (20 minutes) and hike towards the Capu d'Ortu and the Bocca di Piazza. The views on the Gulf of Porto and the Calanques are magnificent. Optional : Capu Rossu (easier walk).
Walking duration : 5 hours / 13 km, elevation : 750 m.

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

Day 3 Capu San Petru

Transfer to the village of Ota : 8 km / 15 minutes. The trail « Tra mare e monti » is overlooking the gulf of Porto. It leads to Capu San Petru, a fabulous rocky belvedere. During our descent to Ota, we'll see the houses of the shepherds.
Walking duration : 5 hours / 13 km, elevation : 750 m.

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

USEFUL INFORMATION

DIFFICULTY OF THE HIKES

LEVEL 3

For regular, confirmed hiker

Elevation from 500 to 900 m

Walking duration up to 6 hours

Altitude up to 2250 m

Backpack less than 6 kg (max 30l) Hiking shoes

Steady ascents max 1.5 hours

WEATHER

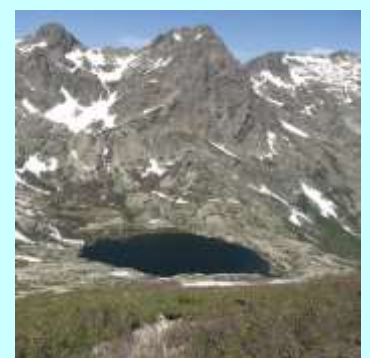
*Best period is from April to October
Temperature can vary from 30 to 10 degrees in the same day.*

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 4 The Natural Reserve of Scandola

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 « the trail of the postman », a lovely hike and stunning views.

Walking duration : 4 hours / 8 km, elevation: 400 m

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)

Day 5 Aitone and the Spelunca gorges

Bus transfer to Evisa : 23 km / 40 minutes

Hiking : Evisa is a picturesque hill village, 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. In option : Gorges of Spelunca.

Walking duration : 5.5 hours/ 15 km, elevation : 500 m

Transfer from Evisa to Corte : 60 km / 1h35

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Corte

Day 6 Corte and the Restonica gorges

Bus transfer to the Gorges of Restonica : 12 km / 20 minutes

The road is magnificent, surrounded by giant cliffs and above the river. The hike reaches the famous lakes of Melo and Capitello, sources of the river Restonica and maybe to the breach of Capitello, highest point of the trip 2100m. You will admire the highest summits of Corsica : Monte Rotondo and Monte Cinto.

Walking duration: 5 hours / 9 km, elevation: 800 m.

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Corte

Day 7 Gorges of Tavignano and Alzo Plateau

Bus transfer to the Gorges : 8 km / 15 minutes

The Gorges are an impressive valley cut into the various rocks of this part of the island and leads up to the high planes of Lac de Nino and the Alzo plateau at 1650 metres of altitude. The best thing about Tavignano is that it is very narrow, thus it is wild and with no road.

Walking duration : 6.5 hours / 18 km, elevation: 850 m

Accommodation : 2-star Hotel in Corte

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 8

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.

PROGRAM

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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.



Day 8 Vizzavona road and Ajaccio

Bus transfer to Ajaccio : 80 km / 1h40

For the last day we'll use the nice road to the Vizzavona pass and maybe we'll have time to visit the « Waterfall of the English» (1h15mn walk, 4 km). Around noon, depending on your departure flight, we should be at the airport of Ajaccio, end of trip !

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

ZOOM ON THE MAP



BIODIVERSITY

The island holds many maritime natural reserves like Scandola, Finocchiarola, Biguglia, Cerbicale, Bouches de Bonifacio and Tre Padule de Suartone.

Inland, the Regional natural park of Corsica is a rich place for fauna and especially birds who find a lot of shelters in the cliffs. An observatory has been put in place to protect the mand make their inventory.



Gorges de Tavignano

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

First text of the Romans:

“The island of Cynos is known to the Romans under the name of Corsica. Life is miserable everywhere, the earth is only rock, most of the country completely impenetrable. The bandits who occupy these mountains and live on plunder are therefore wilder than wild beasts. Sometimes the Roman generals make incursions there, and after having defeated them bring back very many slaves, and Rome then sees with amazement how much they hold wild and the beast of breeding. Indeed, they let themselves die by disgust for life, or exceed their owner to such an extent by their apathy and insensitivity that they make him regret his purchase, so little that he spent. There are, however, certain parts of the island that are, if need be, habitable, and where there are even some small towns, such as Blésinon, Charax, Eniconiae and Vapanes ”— Strabon, Général Romain



OPTIONAL

Clothes for the cultural visits and churches
Swimming suit and towel
Camera

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OUR ACCOMODATIONS

3 nights in Corte / 4 nights in Porto

We test our hotels since 15 years, with those following criteria :

- Double room or single room with extra cost
- Shower or bath, toilets in the room
- Towels, sheets and soap are

All the comfort to guarantee a perfect trip !

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

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 Restonica and Tavignano

The views to the highest summits of the island

The ancient villages and the local food

USEFUL INFORMATION

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: 8 DAYS AND 7 NIGHTS

Le tarif comprend :

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
6 days of hike
2 days to transfer from Ajaccio
Security gear
Professional civil liability insurances
Lunches from D2 to D7
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 »

PRICE (6 PERSONS MINIMUM)

1 195 € TTC

PRICE (10 PERSONS MINIMUM)

1 039 € TTC

GROUP PRICE FOR 15 PERSONS

945 € 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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ORGAYA- TRAVEL AGENCY

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IM006130019 - Atout France

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RCP : SNAM MUTUELLES DU MANS -

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