

## GIROLATA AND CALANQUES OF PIANA

*The Gulf of Porto is maybe one of the nicest places 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 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 to Ajaccio

We welcome you at the airport at midday and 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 the Genoese tower of Thurgiu. The panoramic views on the gulf of Porto and Calanques of Piana are stunning.

*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

Transfer to Porto where we embark on a small boat to see the Natural Reserve of Scandola, the Calanques of Piana and Capo Rosso (3.5h) Afternoon: free time at the beach.

*Accommodation: 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)*

*Bus transfer 10 minutes*

### USEFUL INFORMATION

#### DIFFICULTY OF THE HIKES

**LEVEL 2**

*Medium, from 10 years old*

*Elevation gain from 300 m 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

*The best period is from April to October.*

*Temperatures can vary from 30 to 10 degrees in the same day.*

#### GROUPS

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

#### GUIDING

*Our guides have a mountaineering state diploma and a Valley of Marvels diploma, partnership of the Mercantour Park and are specialists of Corsica.*

*Passionate about the wild life, he will share his knowledge of the nature and the stories of the mountains with you. Since your security is essential to us, he can give you advice 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.*



*Massif du Rotondo*

## 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 to the hotel at the end of the afternoon.

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

*Accommodation: 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 of Spelunca to reach the village of Ota. Waterfalls and natural baths will make you want to dive.

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

*Accommodation: 2-star Hotel in Porto (seaside)*

## Day 7 It is only an 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 if necessary.*

## THE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT

Backpack of 30 liters

Pair of hiking shoes

Mountain pants

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

Swimming suit and towel

Camera

## OUR PACKAGE: 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*

## USEFUL 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 shell and picnic.*

### PROVIDED GEAR

*Backpack (on request), first aid kit.*

### PROGRAM

*[www.orgaya.com](http://www.orgaya.com)*

*[contact@orgaya.com](mailto:contact@orgaya.com)*

### INSURANCES

*Our insurance covers logistics and guiding of the hikes. We kindly request you to be personally well insured for civil liability. Please do not hesitate to contact us for an assistance-cancellation-repatriation insurance. A quote will be provided.*



## OUR ACCOMMODATION

We work with hotels in Corsica for the past 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 you need for a nice stay!**

**Bar, restaurant with local food, double room or single, TV, bathroom, balcony, terrace, Wifi.**

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



## MEALS

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

Dinners at the hotel.

## BUS TRANSFERS

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

Transfers are made by the agency minibus or with private buses



## USEFUL INFORMATION

### OUR SPIRIT AT ORGAYA

*We propose outdoor activities, guided by a professional, certified by a state diploma and with knowledge of 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 6 to 15 persons maximum.*

*Our hikes are classified into 6 flavors depending of 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 in the price:

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

### Not included in the price:

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

**PRICE (6 PERSONS MINIMUM)**

**1250 € TTC**

**PRICE (10 PERSONS MINIMUM)**

**1075 € TTC**

**GROUP PRICE FOR 15 PERSONS**

**990 € TTC**

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### RESERVATION

*Please book at least 3 months before departure.*

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### PAYMENT

*Deposit 30% when booking*

*Balance 21 days before departure*

### LEGAL INFORMATION

ORGAYA- TRAVEL AGENCY

*Immatriculation Opérateurs de Voyages*

*IM006130019 - Atout France*

*Garantie Financière : 100 000 €*

*GROUPAMA*

*RCP : Hiscox France, 38 Avenue de l'Opéra, 75002 Paris*

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