

# GIROLATA AND CALANQUES OF PIANA



**7 days - 6 nights**

Hiking trip

- ✓ The hikes between the sea and the mountains in the maquis
- ✓ The beautiful 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

*The 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.*

# PROGRAM OF THE 7 DAYS



## 1 WELCOME TO AJACCIO

We welcome you at Ajaccio 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)

## 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

## 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

## 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

## PROGRAM



### 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

### 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/ 13 km, elevation: 100 m
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Porto (seaside)

### 7 SEE YOU SOON...

Transfer to the airport of Ajaccio, end of the stay.



Important : hikes may be rearranged by the guide depending on weather conditions, number of visitors or public transportation.

## **PRACTICAL INFO**

### Level of the hikes



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 3 Kg (20 liters max); Hiking shoes needed;  
Steady ascents max 30 minutes.

### Climate

The best period is from April to October.  
Temperatures can vary from 30 to 10 degrees in the same day.

### Meeting point

Ajaccio airport.

### Luggage

Each piece of luggage 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, the luggage will be transported by bus and handled several times during the stay. Save your strengths and those of guides and drivers !

### End of the stay

The trip ends at Ajaccio airport at 11 am on Day 7.

### Our accommodation

2-star hotel in Porto, with bright and comfortable rooms and private bathrooms.  
All the comfort you need for a nice stay !

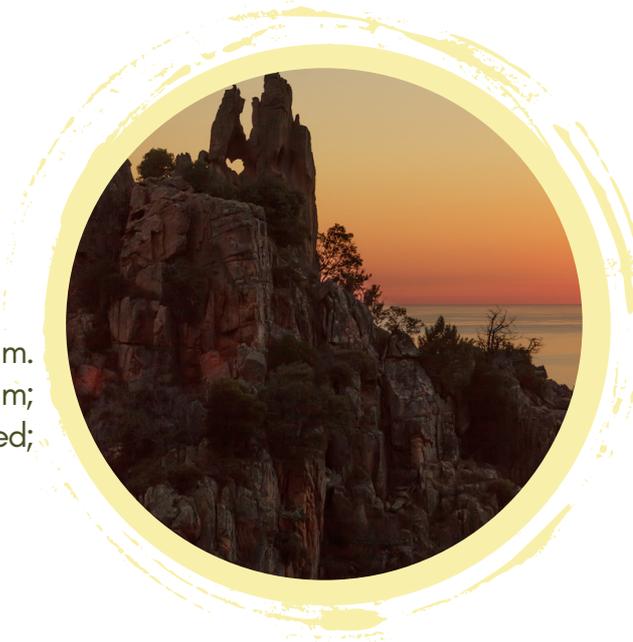
Bar, restaurant with local food, double or single room, TV, bathroom, balcony or terrace, Wifi.  
Hotels have either a swimming-pool or access to the sea.

### Meals

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

### Transport on site

Transfers during the stay are done by bus.



## **EQUIPMENT**



### The essentials

- 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

### We advise you to bring

- Clothes for the cultural visits and visits to churches
- Swim suit and towel
- Camera

### Groups

Our groups are made up of 6 to 15 people by mountain guide.

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## PRICES

to be found on [www.orgaya.com](http://www.orgaya.com)

### 7 days - 6 nights

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#### INCLUDES

- 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 insurance
- Lunches from D2 to D6
- Half-board accommodation in a 2-star hotel

#### DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Lunch and dinner on Day 1 and Day 7
- 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

#### Our options

##### TRANSPORT BY BUS

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

Transfers are made by the agency minibus or with private buses.

## OUR CHARTS



### Quality chart : ORGAYA

We help you to discover our sporting activities, accompanied and coached by professionals with state diplomas, with extensive knowledge of geography, prehistory, ecology and coaching. Our approach is fun and relaxed. We are not looking for performance. We are here to help you discover nature and share our knowledge and passion acquired during 30 years in the field of hiking. We are at your disposal to adapt our services to your physical condition, your financial possibilities and your interests. Our groups consist of 6 to 15 persons per guide.

Our hikes and walks are classified in 6 categories according to the features :

- Nature
- Culture
- Discovery
- Family
- Technical
- Sporty

### Difficulty chart

●●●●● Easy, from 6 years old. Elevation : 100 to 250 m ; Walking time < 3h00 ; Altitude < 2250 m ; Backpack weight < 3 Kg (backpack of max 20 liters) ; All types of sport shoes. Easy trails and regular ascents of 15 minutes.

●●●●● Moderate, from 9 years old. Elevation : 250 to 500 m ; Walking time < 4h00 ; Altitude < 2250 m ; Backpack weight < 3 Kg (backpack of max 20 liters) ; Hiking shoes recommended. Marked trails and regular ascents of 30 minutes.

●●●●● Moderately sporty, from 12 years old. Elevation : 500 to 750 m ; Walking time < 5h00 ; Altitude < 3000 m ; Backpack weight < 5 Kg (backpack of max 30 liters) ; Hiking shoes mandatory.. Mountain trails that are marked or not and regular ascents of 30 minutes to 1h00.

●●●●● Sporty. Elevation : 750 to 1000 m ; Walking time < 6h00 ; Altitude > 3000 m ; Backpack weight : > 8 Kg (backpack of max 50 liters) ; Hiking shoes mandatory. Passages off trail, scree and regular ascents of more than 1 hour.

●●●●● Difficult. Elevation > 1000 m ; Walking time > 6h00 ; Altitude > 3000 m ; Backpack weight : > 10 Kg (backpack of 60 liters and more); Hiking shoes mandatory. All types of ground, regular ascents of 2 hours or more.

## LEGAL INFORMATION



### Insurance

Our insurance covers the organisation and the guiding of our hikes and cultural visits. We kindly ask our clients to have an individual liability insurance. You can subscribe through our services to an insurance for assistance–repatriation and cancellation as a group (min 10 persons) or individual. The insurance Loisirs Confort covers damages suffered by the insured before and during the stay as well as the costs remaining at his expense. The insurance can include personal assistance, guarantees in case of cancellation of the trip, guarantee for luggage, guarantee fees for interrupting the stay as well as a compensation in case of a physical accident according to the conditions of the contract you subscribed to.

You can find the general sales conditions on [www.orgaya.com](http://www.orgaya.com)

### Registration

For organisational reasons and availability in the hotels, we kindly ask you to enrol at least 3 months before the departure date.

### Tailormade trips

On request we can create a tailormade trip by modifying the length of the stay, the level of the hikes and the quality of the accommodation.

### Payment & reservations

[www.orgaya.com](http://www.orgaya.com) / [sas.orgaya@gmail.com](mailto:sas.orgaya@gmail.com)

Deposit of 35 % when booking

Balance : 21 days before the departure date

Payment methods available : Credit card, bank transfer

### Legal details

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*Thanks from Orgaya !*