CORSICA "SEA AND MOUNTAINS"



8 days - 7 nights
Hiking trip

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Views of the highest summits of the island
- ✓ The ancient villages and the local food

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 stop at the numerous natural pools along the trail.

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PROGRAM OF THE 8 DAYS



1 « WELCOME TO CORSICA »

We welcome you in Ajaccio in the afternoon. Depending on your arrival time, we might be able to visit the small village of Cargese. If not, 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)

2 CAPU D'ORTU AND CALANQUES OF PIANA

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).

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- Walking duration: 5 hours / 13 km, elevation: 750 m
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Porto (seaside)

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)

4 THE NATURAL RESERVE OF SCANDOLA

We embark on a small boat to see the Natural Reserve of Scandola and Girolata (2.5h) Afternoon: hike in the Calanques of Piana.

- Walking duration: 3.5 hours / 6 km, elevation: 300 m
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Porto (seaside)

PROGRAM



5 AÏTONE AND THE SPELUNCA GORGES

Bus transfer to Evisa: 23 km / 40 minutes.
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. 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

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 at 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

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 lead up to the high planes of Lac de Nino and the Alzo plateau at 1650 meters 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

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 we might have time to visit the English waterfall (1h15mn walk, 4 km). Around noon, depending on your departure flight, we should be at the airport of Ajaccio, end of trip !

MAP







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

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PRACTICAL INFO



Level of the hikes

For regular, confirmed hikers. Elevation from 500 to 900 m; Walking duration up to 6 hours/day; Altitude up to 2250 m; Backpack less than 6 kg (max 30 liters); Hiking shoes; Steady ascents max 1.5 hours.

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 8.

Our accommodation

- 3 nights in Corte / 4 nights in Porto
- Double room or single room (with a supplement)
- Shower or bath, private toilet

All the comfort to guarantee a perfect trip!

Bar, restaurant with local food, double or single room, TV, bathroom, balcony or terrace, WIFI. Hotels have either a swimming-pool or are located near 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 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

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 per guide.



PRICES

to be found on **www.orgaya.com**

8 days - 7 nights

Hiking trip

INCLUDES

- Trip organization and reservations
- Transfers by minibus or private buses
- Professional certified guide (in French: Accompagnateur moyenne Montagne), 15 persons maximum per group
- Boat trip in the Scandola Reserve
- 6 days of hike
- Transfer to and from Ajaccio airport
- Security gear
- Professional civil liability insurances
- Lunches from D2 to D7
- Half-board accommodation in 2-star hotels

DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Lunch 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 insurances
- Cancellation insurance
- Everything that is not indicated in «The price includes »

Our options

TRANSPORT BY BUS

For groups we organize the transfers to the start of the hikes.
Transfers are made by minibus or with private buses.

OUR CHARTS



Quality chart : ORGAYA

We help you discover our sporting activities, accompanied an 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 < à 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.. Mountaintrails 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, screes 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, garantuees 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**

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 lenght of the stay, the level of the hikes and the quality of the accommodation.

Payment & reservations

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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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