

GRAND TOUR OF CORSICA

12 days - 11 nights
Hiking trip

- ✓ Boat trips in the natural reserves
- ✓ Experienced guide
- ✓ Bus transfers
- ✓ 2-star hotels with pool or close to the beach
- ✓ Local food at the restaurants
- ✓ Ancient villages and panoramic views

The Greeks have given the name Kallisté to Corsica, which means « the island of beauty ». Discover its secret charms and its variety of landscapes in this Grand Tour of Corsica, a mix of hike, rivers and sea, cultural and historical visits, and tasting of local products...

An unforgettable trip!

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PROGRAM OF THE 12 DAYS



The Grand Tour of Corsica is offered in 2 versions:
Hiking: moderate/sporty hikes with an average of 600m of elevation and 5 hours of walking, cultural visits and tourism.
Excursion: easy hikes around 200m of elevation /3 hours and a lot of time for cultural visits and tourism.

1 AJACCIO AND CARGESE

We welcome you at the airport and organize the transfer to the hotel in Porto by bus, with a stop in Cargese. If your arrival time allows it; a visit and free time in the old town (1h30) of Ajaccio. Lunch: free. After one hour's drive, we visit Cargese, a small village created by Greeks ... in 1676! 1 hour of easy walk in the nature and history. 40 minutes of a magnificent road are necessary to reach our final destination Porto.

- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Porto (seaside)
- Lunch: not included (restaurant in Ajaccio)

2 THE NATURAL RESERVE OF SCANDOLA

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

Excursion: In the morning, boat trip to discover the Natural Reserve of Scandola and Girolata (2.5h). In the afternoon, 1.5 hours of visit of Porto. Option aquarium and museums, or free time on the beach.

- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Porto (seaside)
- Lunch: picnic (included)

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3 CALANQUES OF PIANA

Bus transfer to the village of Piana: 12 km / 20 minutes.

Hiking: Hike towards Capu Rossu and the Genoese tower of Thurgiu. The panoramic views on the gulf of Porto and Calanques of Piana are stunning. Option, a more difficult walk: Capu d'Ortu.

- Walking duration: 3 hours / 8 km, elevation: 400 m.

Excursion: Easy walk around the Calanques de Piana amidst the red rocks, sculpted by the wind, the salt and the sea. Bring your camera!

- Lunch: picnic (included)
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Porto (seaside)

4 AITONE AND THE SPELUNCA GORGES

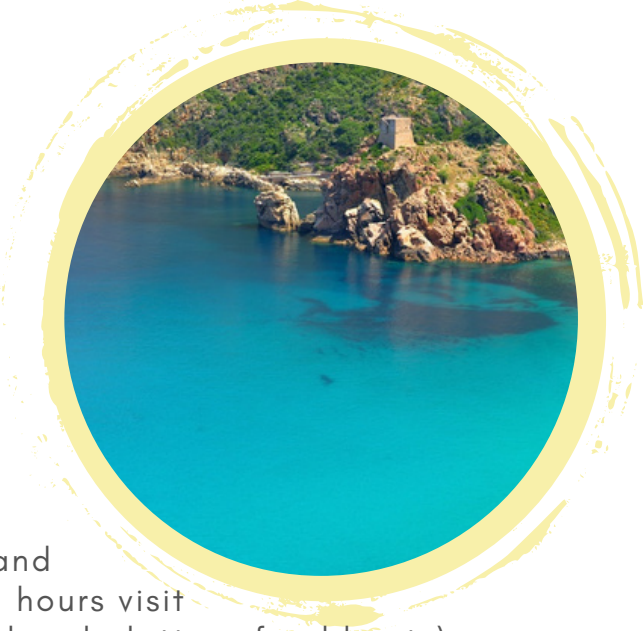
Bus transfer to Evisa: 23 km / 40 minutes
Hiking: Evisa is a picturesque hill village, surrounded by the Aitone Forest and mountains. We will walk 2 hours among the old Laricio pines and chestnut trees, near a beautiful river, natural pools and on a Genoese arched bridge.

- Option: Gorges of Spelunca.
- Walking duration: 5.5 hours/ 15 km, elevation: 500 m

Excursion: Discovery of the Aïtone forest and its Laricio pines, chestnut trees and river pools (1,5 hour, easy). Visit of the village of Evisa.

- Lunch: picnic (included)
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Porto (seaside)

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5 CALVI AND ROUSSE ISLAND

Bus transfer to St-Florent: 4 hours (125 km)
Transfer by bus from Porto to Calvi (2.5 hours) and crossing of the region known as "La Balagne". 2 hours visit with the Citadel and meal at a restaurant (salad and platter of cold cuts).

For the afternoon :
Hiking : 2 hours hike and visit of the Village of Monticello and panoramic view of Rousse Island.

- Walking duration: 2 hours/ 5.5 km, elevation: 230 m

Excursion : Discovery of the island of Pietra between rocks and paths by the sea or walk on the Maritime path on the cape of Guardiola and the cala di Olivu (1,5 hour, easy).

- 1 hour bus transfer to the city of St-Florent and hotel
- Lunch: restaurant (not included)
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Saint Florent (seaside), dinner at the hotel.

6 GULF OF SAINT-FLORENT AND AGRIATES DESERT

Hiking: Arrival by boat (20 minutes) on the beautiful sandy beach of Lotu. The Agriates desert is a wild and preserved peninsula, with sandy beaches and turquoise water, covered with dense Mediterranean maquis. The hike on the coastal path brings us back to Saint-Florent, with splendid views on the mountains and on Cape Corse.

- Walking duration: 5 hours, 10 km, elevation 200 m

Excursion: Visit of Saint-Florent, the Saint-Tropez of northern Corsica. History, culture et tourism in the little port and discovery of the local products. In the afternoon, visit of the vineyard of Patrimonio and wine tasting. Bus transfer, 20km.

- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Saint Florent / dinner at the hotel
- Lunch: picnic (included)

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7 NONZA - THE JEWEL OF THE CAPE CORSE

Hiking : Nonza is a medieval village situated in an impressive location, perched on the top of sheer cliffs that plunge 100 meters to the sea below. Our hike offers views to the unusual grey sandy beaches and to Cape Corse. The visit of the village passes by the ruins of an ancient castle and the painted church of Sainte-Julie.

- Walking duration: 4,5 hours / 11 km, elevation 500 m, bus transfer: 35 km
- Lunch: picnic (included)

Excursion : Amazing trip! Cape Corse, villages and beaches. Discover the main French port for crayfish and enjoy the apéritif and arrival in Centuri at mid-day. In the afternoon, visit of the picturesque village at the very end of the Cape Corse. To go for a dip on a wild sandy beach is the best way to end the day before coming back to Saint-Florent.
Option: boat-trip for the day (supplement of approximately 45€).

- Lunch: not included (Option Crayfish restaurant)
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Saint Florent / dinner at the hotel

8 CASTAGNICCIA « MARE E MONTI »

Bus transfer to Corte, in the heart of Corsica: 85 km / 2 hours
Hiking: Hike in the Castagniccia area, among the wild and most ancient chestnut (castagnu in Corsican) forests of the island. Here the water flows everywhere, the contrast with other regions in Corsica is huge. We'll reach the isolated village of Piedicroce near the source of Orezza.

- Walking duration: 4 hours/10 km, elevation: 500m

Excursion: Visit of the villages at the heart of the chestnut forests, and visit of the source of Orezza... An easy and lovely hike with tasting of local products like chestnut, cheese and wine amidst the nature of Castagniccia.

- Lunch: picnic (included)
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Corte / dinner at the hotel

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9 CORTE AND THE RESTONICA GORGES

Bus transfer: 25 km
Hiking: transfer by bus to the beginning of the path. 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.

- Walking duration: 4 hours / 9 km, elevation: 550 m

Excursion : Tourism and cultural visit of Corte and its area. Although Corte is a small town, it used to be the capital of the island from 1755-1769 under Pasquale Paoli - a name you will hear often in Corsica. We will lead you through the old town and reach the belvedere, which offers views on the famous valleys of Restonica. We will visit the Citadelle, a fortress of the 15th century dominating the town and a regional museum showing the history, the economy and the culture of the inhabitants.

- Lunch: picnic (included)
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Corte / dinner at the hotel

10 NEEDLES OF BAVELLA AND CUCURUZZU

Bus transfer to the Alta Rocca: 125 km / 2h30
Hiking: The Bavella Needles are ideally situated in the Regional Nature Park of Corsica, with their impressive shapes and colors, ranging from red to grey and covered with immense forests. One of the nicest hikes is the "trou de la Bombe", a geological curiosity, accessible across a forest of the endemic Larriccio pines.

- Walking duration: 3 hours/ 8 km, elevation: 350 m.
- Optional « Tour of the needles » 6,5 hours / 750 m of elevation

Excursion : Visit of the archaelogical sites Cucuruzzu (historic monument since 1982) and Capula and visit of the granite villages, typical of the area. The two sites are located on the Livia plateau in southern Corsica, in the Alta Rocca.

- Option: easy hike in Zonza and Quenza
- Walking duration: 2 hours / 4 km, elevation 60 m
- Lunch: picnic (included)
- Accommodation : hotel in Quenza / Zonza / dinner at the hotel

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11 BONIFACIO, SENTIERS DES DOUANIERS OR LAVEZZI ISLANDS

Bus transfer to Bonifacio: 50 km / 1 hour
Hiking: from Bonifacio, this very unusual hike starts at the Aragon stairs and reaches Capo Pertusato, after 4 kilometers. The views on the cliffs and the town are stunning and sometimes Sardegna and Lavezzi islands can be observed.

- Walking duration: 4 hours / 9 km, elevation: 150 m.

Excursion : a visit of the old town, on the footpaths of Charles Quint and Napoléon Bonaparte. The writer Valery, a fan of Bonifacio, called the town «thecity of cliffs ». You will love the atmosphere and the views of the area. Option: boat trip to the Lavezzi islands (supplement of approximately 35€).

- Lunch: picnic for hikers (included) or restaurant for excursionists: (not included)
- Accommodation: 2-star hotel in Bonifacio or Propriano / dinner at the hotel

12 FIGARI OR AJACCIO AIRPORT

Bus transfer to Ajaccio airport: 65 km / 1h30. Bus transfer to Figari airport: 22 km / 35 minutes. Last breakfast in Corsica and return by plane. Scheduling according to your flight time.

- Transfer to the airport
- Lunch: not included

MAP







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

PRACTICAL INFO



Level of the hikes

Elevation: from 300m to 600 m; Walking duration < 5 hours; Altitude < 3000 m; Backpack < 6 Kg (30 liters max); Distance from 10 to 15 km / day.

Climate

The best season is from March to November. Temperatures can vary from 30° to 10°.

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

Day 12 midday. Schedule according to your flight time and transfer to the airport (Figari or Ajaccio).

Our accommodation

4 nights in Porto / 3 nights in Saint-Florent / 2 nights in Corte / 1 night in Quenza / 1 night in Propriano or Bonifacio.

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

Meals

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

Lunch not included for hikers on Day 1 and 12.
Lunch not included for excursionists on Day 1, 5, 11 and 12 but also on Day 7 (You will be in a special crayfish village, several restaurants offer menus with crayfish) Rates: from 35€ to 55 € per person.

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 per guide.



PRICES

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

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Hiking trip

INCLUDES

- Trip organization and reservations
- Bus transport with fuel costs and parking
- Bus transfer to and from Ajaccio airport
- Professional guide (French : Accompagnateur moyenne Montagne), maximum 15 persons per group
- Tickets for the archaelogical sites of Cucuruzzu and Capola
- Boat trip to the beach of Lotu (D6, hiking)
- Boat trip in the Reserve of the Scandola (D2)
- 11 hiking days or 11 days of excursions
- Security gear
- Professional civil liability insurance
- Picnics from D2 to D11 (hiking)
- Picnics for D2, D3, D4 and D6 and from D8 to D10 (excursion)
- Half-board accommodation in 2-star hotels

DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Transportation to the meeting point*
- Lunch of D1 and D12 for hikers
- Lunch of D1, D5, D7, D11 and D12 for excursionists
- Wine at the restaurants
- Personal drinks
- Personal civil liability insurance
- Cancellation insurance
- Option: Boat trip to Cape Corse (D3, excursion) supplement of pproximately 45€
- Option: Boat trip to the Lavezzi islands D11 (supplement of approximately 35€)
- 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 the 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 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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