

Discovering Cape Corsica

7 days / 6 nights

At the top of the island, the "customs path" marks the border between land and sea. Genoese towers and crystal clear waters mark out this route, which links these delightful villages together. The scent of the maquis and wild flowers give this landscape a special, colourful note. A journey to stop time, take a break and recharge your batteries in the heart of nature in a wild and uniquely preserved area of Corsica.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Macinaggio

Welcome to Bastia and transfer to the harbour at Macinaggio via the beautiful roads of Cap Corse. The trip starts in Macinaggio, at the north-eastern tip of the island. It is a pleasant place with restaurants and a very good ice cream parlour near the harbour. You will also find a long white sandy beach, ideal for a dip, nothing like it before starting your walking holiday in this seaside town.

Night in Macinaggio.



Day 2 - From Macinaggio to Barcaggio

A warm-up stage on the "customs officers path" around the top of the Cap Corse. Small secret coves, turquoise waters in an intoxicating atmosphere of wild maquis. There are countless opportunities for swimming and a stop at the superb Genoese tower of Santa Maria is a must. Your evening stop will be in a tiny little port just opposite the island of Giraglia, a protected site where rare species of birds such as Audouin's Gull breed. On the small island you can also see a lighthouse and the ruins of a military tower sought by Napoleon I.

About 13 km, 4h30, +220 m, -220 m.

Night in Barcaggio.

Day 3 - From Barcaggio to Centuri

Turquoise waters and Genoese towers accompany you to Centuri, one of the most beautiful ports in the region. The itinerary will take you over rocky stretches of the coast on lesser trodden paths, through the maquis and then into a more limestone landscape of the West Coast. Your evening stop, Centuri is also known and famous for its lobsters! It is indeed the first lobster fishing port in France. Feel free to try a freshly caught one with a view of the charming little port.

About 11 km, 4h30, + 500 m, - 500 m.

Night in Centuri.



Day 4 - From Centuri to Sénèque

A change of walking today and the serious hiking begins, we recommend an early start. Today's stage will take you along the ridge path of the Serra massif, which rises to 1322m. You will pass by ancient ruins that take you back to ancient Corsica and offer exceptional views. Finally, you will reach the foot of the Tour de Sénèque where your chambre d'hotels accommodation is located.

Approximately 14,5 km, 6h30, +900 m, -500 m.

Night and meal at the chambres d'hôtes.

Day 5 - From Sénèque to Canari

Not far from your accommodation, the Tour de Sénèque offers a unique panorama over both sides of the island, so don't miss a diversion. Picnic in the rucksack, the ridge walking gives way to a dense maquis that varies with the altitude. The menhir at

Pinzu a Vergine marks the end of the climb, and your lofty walk then plunges towards the abandoned sheepfolds at Petricaghjola. Descend to the coast to stop at the charming village of Canari, offering a panoramic view from the bell tower square. Enjoy a superb meal in a simple and renowned restaurant on Cap Corse.

About 15 km, 6h30, +750 m, -730 m.

Night in a traditional hotel.

Day 6 - From Canari to Nonza and Saint Florent

This final stage takes you off the ridge trail via old mule tracks. Again another panoramic path awaits before you drop down to the village of Ogliastro before descending under the cover of trees to the village of Nonza, a medieval village perched on its eagle's nest on a vertical cliff a hundred metres high, overlooking the sea and black pebble beach... Enjoy the magnificent bar at the foot of the only paoline tower in Corsica before your transfer to the seaside resort of Saint-Florent which will mark the end of your hikes.

About 15 km, 6h00, +700m, -900m.

Night in Saint Florent.



Day 7 - End of stay

End of the stay after your breakfast. Extra nights and hikes available on the coastal path from one of the most beautiful beaches of Corsica, Saleccia. Transfer to Bastia - See you soon!

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 1120 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Single room : 282 euros per person.
July / August departure : 80 euros per person.
Trip without luggage transfers : -270 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Accommodation in 2*/3* hotels and chambres d'hôtes
1 dinner (Day 4) + 1 picnic (Day 5)
Luggage transfers
Transfer from Bastia to Macinaggio on Day 1
Transfer at the end of the hike to St Florent on Day 6
Transfer from Saint Florent to Bastia on Day 7
Route descriptions and maps on our application (a smartphone is required).

NOT INCLUDED

Insurance
Transfers not included in the program
Dinners and lunches not included
Site visits

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Accessible to anyone who can walk between 4 and 6.5 hours on well-marked paths.

CARRYING

Bags are carried by vehicle. You only have to carry your belongings for the day.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in 2*/3* hotels and chambres d'hôtes - double rooms

SIZE OF GROUP

From 2

DEPARTURES

Any day from May until October.

DEPARTURE

Bastia

DISPERSION

Bastia

HOW TO GET THERE

Bastia is reachable by plane from several European cities depending on the time of year with Air France, Air Corsica but also Easyjet, Volotea or Ryanair.

By sea, Bastia is reachable with the compagnies : Corsica Ferries, Corsica Linea or La Mériidionale.

Corsica ferries: http://www.corsica-ferries.co.uk/?gclid=CLyF3O_TvroCFa-WtAodlScA5A

Corsica Linea: <https://www.corsicalinea.com/>

La Mériidionale: <http://www.lameridionale.fr>

From this city all access is possible by bus and train.

EQUIPMENT TO TAKE

- A good pair of walking boots (ones that you have used before), with ankle support and non-slip soles.
- Good quality walking socks
- A comfortable rucksack (either for all of your kit or as a day sack) with plenty of plastic bags to keep your kit dry.
- If you are having your luggage transferred, please make sure that you have only one bag for the transfers, with a maximum weight of 15 kilos. It should be an easily transportable soft bag or with wheels.
- T-shirt and shorts (depending upon the likely weather)
- Light trekking trousers (not jeans)
- It is good to be able to 'layer' your clothes – with several light tops (for protection against cold, wind or sun)
- A warm sweater, polar or fleece. Beanie, gloves.
- Waterproofs – such as an anorak (Gore-tex or micro pore for example) or poncho.
- A bathing suit and towel
- Sandals or flip flops for beaches, river wading, or for wearing in the evening (it's important to be able to rest your feet from your walking boots)
- Sun cream plus sunglasses and a hat or cap
- A change of clothes
- For the picnics, you will need a small Tupperware box (for stews or salads), a plastic mug, a knife and fork. A Swiss Army knife or a pen knife is optional but can be very useful.
- Walking poles can be very useful to take the weight off the knees and to steady yourself on uneven terrain.
- A water bottle (at least one). It is preferable that you should be able to carry at least 2 litres of water at any one time.
- Camera and film, or batteries and memory cards for digital ones.
- A light torch (with spare battery)
- A small first aid kit possibly including: Rehydration salts to combat dehydration or fatigue, something for cuts, sprains, blisters, breaks, burns, stings, and pain relief. Please remember any personal medication that you may need.
- Wash bag, including: toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, toilet paper. Preferably a biodegradable soap for washing fruit, washing yourself and for washing clothes (it is possible to buy a multi-purpose biodegradable soap). Earplugs can also be useful if you are sleeping in dormitories.
- Money – make sure you have enough cash on you for your trek (in Euros), as it is unlikely that you will be able to use a card or withdraw money if you are in the mountains.
- Maps – IGN maps of a scale and quality that allow you to see the route clearly. If you are on a self-guided tour, you will more than likely be given copies of sections of maps. These should be clear enough to guide you along the route alongside the route notes, but we strongly recommend that you have the correct maps for the area of your walk. Please contact us if you need advice.
- A compass – but make sure you are able to read it before starting on your trek
- Mobile phone and charger (it may not always be possible to get a signal or to charge it, but it can be very helpful in many

circumstances).

- Snacks (such as energy bars, dried fruit).
- If you are a vegetarian, we suggest you bring a good supply of nuts or other foods containing protein. It is not always possible to get a good balanced meal, particularly in the more remote places in the mountains.
- A waterproof plastic pouch in which to put your trip documents, identity papers and insurance documents.