# U Trinighellu: Hiking by train in Corsica

8 jours / 7 nuits

Combine great Corsican hiking, with a magnificient train journey through Corsica. You will discover three very different hiking bases, relax on your train transfers, an original way to explore the island's scenery. The Trinichellu (little train in Corsican) slips between narrow gorges, passes near lost paths and climbs steep slopes. Let yourself be gratified by the beauty of the landscape...

Trip available with our digital road-book.

Find out about the digital road-book

## YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Discover Bastia

Arrival into Bastia. Today is an opportunity to wander the lanes and alleys of Bastia's Citadel, to relax with a coffee on Place Saint Nicolas, or wander around the old harbour, famous for its restaurants and Mediterranean atmosphere.

Night in Bastia in a 3\* Hotel.



## Day 2 - Bastia - Calvi

From the heart of town, you board the train in Bastia (journey approx 3 hours). You head West to discover the Balagne area and its high mountains, olive and almond groves and hilltop villages, before reaching the coast. Mountains plunge dramatically into the azur blue sea and between I'lle Rousse and Calvi, the train runs along the beautiful beaches of the Balagne coast. Your final destination is Calvi, an atmospheric town with a fine pine fringed sandy beach and a charming old port below the magnificent Genoese Citadelle.

Night in Calvi in a central hotel.



Day 3 - The lighthouse of the Revellata

After breakfast, you will begin your walk from Calvi's citadel. According to the locals, Christophe Columbus was born in Calvi. Your walk will lead you along the coast and onto the Revellata peninsula. There are a number of swimming spots at the various secluded little beaches, before reaching the lighthouse. From here, you will return to Calvi along a ridge path with views along the wild West Coast.

Walking time: 3h30. Night in Calvi.



Day 4 - Calvi - Corte

You leave from Calvi to reach the centre of the island (journey of around 2 hours). Corte is a town in the heart of the mountains, a brooding and moody place and the former capital of the Corsican nation (between 1755 and 1769). Here, in the mountains, you have the opportunity to explore a fascinating town and in the surrounding hills you will discover a generous and protected nature. If you wish, you can also visit the Musée de la Corse, and stoll through the narrow streets of the old town where you will not fail to notice the quaint oldest grocery store in Europe. Night in a 3\* in Corte.



## Day 5 - The Tavignano gorges

After breakfast, you will make your way to the citadel of Corte and start a stunning day's walk along the Tavignano Gorge. The path climbs high into the Gorge on a trail used by shepherds, The bridge over the Tavignano makes a great picnic spot and you will be able to swim in beautiful crystal-clear waters. Finally, you will return to Corte via the same trail, with magnificent views down the valley as the day comes to a close.

Walking time: around 4 hours.

Night in a 3\* in Corte.



#### Day 6 - Corte - Ajaccio

Today you take the train from Corte to Ajaccio (journey of around 2 hours), an experience that will live on in your memory as your eyes feast on an amazing array of landscapes. The train takes it slow and crosses the Vecchio Viaduct made by Gustave Eiffel. The train climbs through the mountains passing high summits before dropping down to the seaside city of Ajaccio and its beautiful Gulf.

Take the opportunity to visit the Fesch Museum, the maison Bonaparte or simply stroll along the streets of the city centre. Night in a 3\* Hotel in Ajaccio.



## Day 7 - The Iles Sanguinaires

Today you have the choice of two different walks: Option one takes you along LEs Cretes walk, a favourite up above Ajaccio, overlooking the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. It's a great way to discover the huge variety of plants that cover the island of Corsica. Your second option takes you to the Genoese tower of Parata that dominates the coastal landscape around "Les Iles Sanguinaires".

Option 1: 2-4 hours of walking (depending upon loop chosen), distance 5km-10km, Height gain, loss: Maximum +420m,-420m. Option 2: 3.5 hours of walking, distance 12km. Height gain, loss: +113m -108m. Night in 3\* hotel in Ajaccio.



Day 8 - End of trip
End of trip after breakfast, à bientôt!

## Additional information

#### **TARIFFS**

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Price from 665 euros per person.

#### **OPTIONS**

May / June / September departures : 55 euros per person.

July / August departures : 170 euros per person.

Single room: 350 euros per person.

Single room in July / August : 630 euros per person.

Luggages transfer between each stage (from 1 to 6 bags): 1120 euros per person.

#### **INCLUDED**

7 nights in 2 and 3-star hotels

7 breakfasts

Train pass for the week

Route notes and maps for the hikes on our app (a smartphone is required)

Local hotline assistance

## **NOT INCLUDED**

Meals and beverages

Airport transfers

Luggages transfer (see extras)

Everything not mentionned on "included"

## **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Medium - between 3 and 5 hours per walk.

## CARRYING

During this stay you take your luggage with you on the train and to reach the hotels (we suggest cases with wheels). For more comfort we offer an option where we take care to transfer your luggage from one hotel to another.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Nights in 2 and 3-star hotels.

#### SIZE OF GROUP

From 2 participants

## **DEPARTURES**

Every day, all year round.

## **DEPARTURE**

Bastia

#### **DISPERSION**

Ajaccio

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