Corsican wonders: sea and mountains in 3* hotels

7 days / 6 nights

This trip is designed for you to discover the best of Corsica with the comfort of staying in only two different places, Corte and Calvi. Corte, the historic capital of the island has many possibilities for walkers in the mountains, whilst Calvi, with its chic port and beautiful coastline offers a completely different experience. Comfortable accommodation in 3*hotels.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Corte, the historic capital of Corsica

Begin your holiday in Corte, a brooding university town at the foot of high mountains. Transfers or train possible from Bastia, Calvi or Ajaccio. Settle into your hotel in the afternoon and maybe explore the town.

Day 2 - The Restonica Gorge

These magnificent gorges are one of the most unspoilt sites in Corsica. Depart from the town centre to reach the little chapel of Saint-Antoine. The path climbs up to reach the foot of the Punta di U Corbu. A magnificent view awaits you at a small pass before joining the Restonica and beginning the descent through the pines. The return journey is by road, along the river.

Overnight in a 3* hotel in town.

Walking time: approx. 3hrs 45mins
Difference in altitude: +500m.

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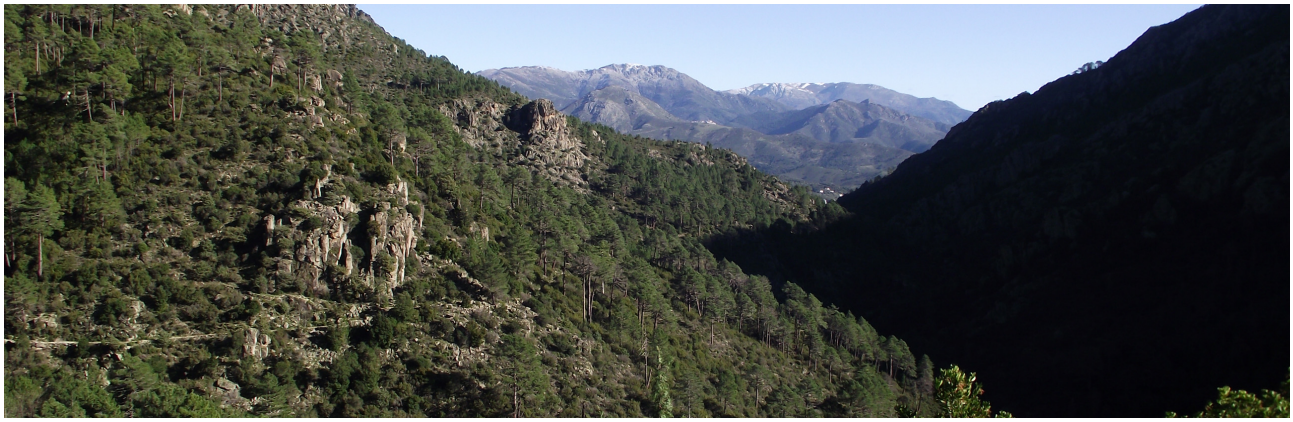

Day 3 - The Tavignano Gorge and the natural pools

After breakfast, make your way to the citadel of Corte for the start of a stunning day's walk along the Tavignano Gorge. The walk takes you into the Tavignano Gorge, a shepherds route to the hills. Walking through a variety of landscapes your destination today is the river at a bridge over the Tavignano, under which you can swim in the beautiful clear waters and just enjoy your picnic. Return to Corte via the same route, with magnificent views down the valley.
Walking: 12km
About 4 hours
Altitude gain and loss: +450m, -450m

Day 4 - From Corte to Calvi by train

You can take the train in the morning or enjoy some more time in Corte. The choice is yours. The train will cross some fantastic scenery before reaching Calvi, your home for the second half of your holiday. Calvi is a charming small town, with a lively centre during the summer. There is a Genoese citadel and a small port bordered with bars and restaurants, or you can spend some of your time relaxing on Calvi's beach and swimming in the sea or just chilling by the hotel pool.

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Day 5 - La Revellata light house and the coast

After breakfast, you will begin your walk from the citadel and the monument to Christopher Colombus (who was apparently born in Calvi). Your walk will take you south along the coast and onto a peninsular. You can enjoy bathing at the various secluded little beaches on the peninsular before reaching the lighthouse called the Revellata. From here you can return to Calvi along a path on the top of the peninsular.

Walking: 14km
About 3 hours 30 minutes
Altitude gain and loss: +430m, -430m

Day 6 - The Notre Dame de la Serra above Calvi

Today you will leave the coast and take a path that takes you into the interior amongst the Corsican scrub (or maquis) until you reach the chapel of the Notre Dame de la Serra. From here the view back towards the gulf of Calvi, the citadel and the Revellata is superb. You can either return directly to Calvi from here, or continue on the path that takes you further up the mountainside.

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Distance: 5km
About 2 - 4 hours, depending upon which option you choose.
Altitude gain and loss: +180m, -180m

Optional walk to the mountain peak: Capu di A Veta.
For experienced walkers, we include an optional walk to the local mountain peak, Capu di a Veta.
Distance: 10.8km
About 5 hours 10 minutes of walking
Altitude gain and loss: +675m, -665m

Day 7 - End of your holiday

Your holiday comes to an end after breakfast. Contact us if you need a transfer to the airport or elsewhere.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 590 euros per person.

OPTIONS

April & October departures : 70 euros per person.
May & June departure : 170 euros per person.
September departure : 230 euros per person.
July & August departure : 330 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Nights in a double or twin room in 3-star hotels

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Breakfasts
Local telephone assistance
Travel pack with maps and topo-guide on an application with GPS tracks (a smartphone is required)
The train ticket between Corte and Calvi

NOT INCLUDED
Evening meals, picnics and drinks
Local taxes
Everything not included in the price

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
It's necessary to have a good physical condition and to have a regular practice of walking in the mountains. From 3h00 to 5h00 of walking per day.

CARRYING
You just need to carry your personal items for the day (camera, picnic, water etc).

ACCOMMODATION
In 3-star hotels, double or twin room.Single room available on request, at extra cost.

SIZE OF GROUP
From 2 people

DEPARTURES
All year.

DEPARTURE
In Corte on day 1

DISPERSION
In Calvi on day 7

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