Mare e Monti North: Galéria - Piana

6 days / 5 nights

This tour is an adapted version of the Mare e Monti North, one of Corsica's most famous walking routes. Our team has chosen beautiful coastal walks and comfortable accommodation to give you the best possible holiday. While you hike through forests and maquis, with this Mare e Monti trip, you will have perfect ingredients for an unforgettable walking holiday!

YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Galeria

Your trip will begin in Galeria, a village accessible by bus or taxi from Calvi. Please contact us for fares and timetables.



Day 2 - From Galeria to Girolata

Today’s stage will take you past the Scandola Natural Reserve, a site which has is on the UNESCO World Heritage List for its outstanding natural beauty. The beautiful coves, turquoise waters and the shaped rock formations will offer you truly unique landscapes. The enchanting little hamlet of Girolata is only accessible on foot or by boat, and is a heavenly place for hikers, once the boats leave for the day.

No access to luggage tonight (overnight gear required). Night in a glamping site near the beach on Half-Board basis.
About 11 km, 5h00, +900 m, -900 m.

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Day 3 - From Girolata to Serriera

As you walk along a coastline path called the ‘sentier du Facteur Guy’, you will enjoy some great panoramic views over the Golf of Girolata, this is beautiful coastal hiking. You will follow a lesser trodden path, beach to beach from Col de la Croix, that skirts around the coast (short section on the road midway) all the way to Serriera beach.

Night in a hotel by the beach in Serriera on Half Board basis.
About 13 km, 5h30, +900 m, -725 m.



Day 4 - From Serriera to Porto

Your journey will take you from the pebble beach at Bussaghlia, around the coast to the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Porto. You have three options for today that will offer some of the most amazing coastal views in the Mediterranean, before dropping down at the end of the walk to Porto's famous marina for the night.

Night in a 3* hotel in Porto on B&B basis.
About 10 km, 4h30, +850 m, -900 m.

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Day 5 - From Porto to Piana

Today, your final path climb into the majestic Calanches de Piana, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a short walk around the coast, you are taking a trail through the woods to the road, you will climb into the maquis, pines and the red rocks through the Calanches. The views from this old mule track are out of this world, and then finally reach Piana, one of the most beautiful villages in France.

Night in a 3* hotel in Piana on B&B basis.
About 11 km, 4h30, +870 m, -969 m.



Day 6 - Your trip ends here

Your trip ends after breakfast. Possible transfer to Calvi, Porto or Ajaccio. Or buses available from Piana to Ajaccio - please ask for details).

Additional information

TARIFFS

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Price from 790 euros per person.

OPTIONS
Extra cost for July & August departures : 80 euros per person.
Single room : 380 euros per person.

INCLUDED
1 evening meals , breakfasts, 2 nights in gîtes (shared bedrooms) and 3 in hotels (Porto and Piana), luggage transfers (except in Girolata), route notes and maps on our app (a smartphone is required), local assistance.

NOT INCLUDED
Transport options to the meeting point and from the point of dispersal, transfers which are not included in the tour, personal travel insurance, luggage transfers in Girolata, beverages, visits of tourist sites, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
You will need to be in good physical condition and used to walking.
Walking: from 3h30 to 6h00 a day.

LUGGAGE
Luggage transfers by vehicle except for your night in Girolata, where you will need to take your luggage with you. On other days though, you will only need to take your day bags with you (for picnics, water, cameras etc.).

ACCOMMODATION
Prices based on two people travelling and sharing a double room.

SIZE OF GROUP
From 2.

DEPARTURES
Every day from mid-April to the end of September.

DEPARTURE
Galeria.

DISPERSION
Piana.

HOW TO GET THERE
Galeria is accessible by taxi or by bus. Please contact us for more details about timetables and fares.

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.

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• 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.
• 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Warning! Temperatures can be quite high on this particular route during summer.

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