

## Corsican wonders: Corte & Calvi in 2\* hotels

7 days/ 6 nights

This trip has been designed for those who wish to discover the best sites in Corsica and have the luxury 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.

Nights in comfortable 2 star hotels.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arriving in Corte, the historical capital of Corsica

You will begin your holiday in Corte and settle into your hotel in the afternoon. Contact us for details on how to get to Corte. Transfers possible from Bastia, Calvi or Ajaccio.



#### Day 2 - The Tavignano Gorge and natural pools

After breakfast, you will make your way to the citadel of Corte and start a stunning day's walk along the Tavignano Gorge. Then, you will reach a bridge over the Tavignano. There, you will be able to swim in beautiful crystal-clear waters. Finally, you will return to Corte via the same route, with magnificent views down the valley.

Walking: approximately 4 hours.



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### **Day 3 - The Restonica Gorge and mountain lakes**

After breakfast, a taxi will pick you up and take you to the shepherd's hut of Grotelle, where you will start your walk. After an ascent, you will reach a small plateau that marks your arrival at a new shepherd's hut, which in the summer season sells its own cheese. You will keep on climbing until you reach the Melo lake and, then, the lake of Capitello. Finally, you will return back to the shepherd's hut at Grotelle where Théo will let you try traditional Corsican cooked meats!

Walking: approximately 4 hours.



### **Day 4 - From Corte to Calvi by train**

You will have the choice to either take the train in the morning or to enjoy yourself in Corte. We'll leave these two different options up to you. The train will go through spectacular landscapes before reaching Calvi, a charming small town, with a lively atmosphere during summer. There, you will find an old citadel and a small port, lined with bars and restaurants. You can spend some time on the beach and swim in the sea or stay in your hotel and sunbathe near the pool.



### **Day 5 - La Revellata lighthouse and the coast**

After breakfast, you will begin your walk from the citadel and the Christopher Columbus monument. This famous explorer was allegedly born in Calvi. Your walk will lead you to walk southwards, along the coast and onto a peninsular. You will be able to enjoy swimming at the various secluded little beaches on the peninsular, before reaching a lighthouse called the Revellata. From here, you will return to Calvi along a path on the top of the peninsular.

Walking: 3h30.



#### **Day 6 - The Notre Dame de la Serra above Calvi**

Today, you will leave the coastline and walk along a path, amidst maquis shrubland, that will take you to Corsica's central region and the chapel of the Notre Dame de la Serra. From up there, the view back towards the gulf of Calvi, the citadel and the Revellata is superb. Next, you will be able to return directly to Calvi or to continue on the path that takes you further up into the mountains.

Walking: 2 to 4 hours, depending upon which option you choose.

#### **Day 7 - Your trip ends here**

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

## **Additional information**

### **TARIFFS**

Price from 510 euros per person.

### **OPTIONS**

Map of Corsica (1:25000) : 30 euros per person.

Supplement for July and August departures : 60 euros per person.

Single room : 290 euros per person.

### **INCLUDED**

Breakfasts, nights in hotels (double or twin bedrooms), local assistance, information package with maps and route notes, transfers (there and back) for the walk to the lakes and the train between Corte and Calvi.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Evening meals, picnic lunches, transport options to and from the island, transfers which are not included in the tour, personal travel insurance, beverages, visits of tourist sites, personal expenses.

## **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

You will need to be in good physical condition and used to walking in the mountains. Walking: 3-5 hours a day.

## **CARRYING**

You only need to take your day bag with you (for cameras, picnics, water etc.).

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Nights in 2 star hotels (double or twin bedrooms).

## **SIZE OF GROUP**

From 2.

## **DEPARTURES**

Every day from the beginning of April to the end of October.

## **DEPARTURE**

Corte.

## **DISPERSION**

Calvi.

## **HOW TO GET THERE**

Feel free to contact us to get information on how to reach Corte or Corsica.

## **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.