U Trinighellu: Hiking Corsica by train

8 days / 7 nights

Discover three very different hiking bases and relax soaking in the views on your train journey, 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 PROGRAMME

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 a 3-star hotel in Bastia on B&B basis.



Day 2 - Bastia to 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 l'Ile Rousse and Calvi, the train runs along the beautiful beaches until you arrive at our final destination of Calvi, an atmospheric town with a fine pine fringed sandy beach and a charming old port below the magnificent Genoese Citadelle. Walk to Notre Dame de la Serra at the end of the day.

Night in a 2-star hotel in Calvi on B&B basis.

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Day 3 - Calvi & 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.

About 11 km, 3h30, +170 m, -170 m.
Night in a 2-star hotel in Calvi on B&B basis.



Day 4 - Calvi to 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 fortress 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-star hotel in Corte on B&B basis.

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Day 5 - Tavignano gorge

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.

About 12 km, 3h30, +350 m, -350 m.
Night in a 3-star hotel in Corte on B&B basis.



Day 6 - Corte to 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-star hotel in Ajaccio on B&B basis.

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Day 7 - Les crêtes to 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".

About 10 km, 4h00, +450 m, -450 m.
Night in a 3-star hotel in Ajaccio on B&B basis.



Day 8 - End of trip in Ajaccio

End of trip in Ajaccio after breakfast, train return to Bastia or Calvi possible, à bientôt !

Additional information

TARIFFS

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Price from 720 euros per person.

OPTIONS
May / June departures : 110 euros per person.
July / September departures : 200 euros per person.
August departures : 280 euros per person.
Single room : 490 euros per person.

INCLUDED
Accommodation in 2*/3* hotels
7 breakfasts
Train pass for the week
Route notes and maps for the hikes on our app (a smartphone is required)

NOT INCLUDED
Transfers not included in the program
Dinners and lunches not included in the program
Everything not mentioned on "included"

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
Moderate - between 3 and 5 hours per walking per day.

LUGGAGE
During this trip you take your luggage with you on the train and the short distances to reach the hotels (we suggest cases with wheels).

ACCOMMODATION
Accommodation in 2*/3* hotels in double or twin room.

SIZE OF GROUP
From 2 participants

DEPARTURES
From April to October

DEPARTURE
Bastia

DISPERSION
Ajaccio

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