

## 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 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. Version comfort in 3\*hotels.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Corte, the historic capital of Corsica

Begin your holiday in Corte (contact us for details of how to get to Corte. Transfers possible from Bastia, Calvi or Ajaccio). Settle into your hotel in the afternoon.



#### Day 2 - 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. Reach a bridge over the Tavignano, under which you can swim in the beautiful clear waters. 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 3 - The Restonica Gorge and the mountain lakes**

After breakfast, a taxi will pick you up and take you to the shepherd's hut at 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. Continue to climb until you reach the Melo lake before continuing on to the lake of Capitello. Return back to the shepherd's hut at Grotelle where Theo will make you try the local charcuterie!

Walking: 4.5km

About 4 hours

Altitude gain and loss: +600m, -600m



### **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 an old citadel and a small port lined with bars and restaurants, plus you can spend some of your time relaxing on the beach and swimming in the sea or the hotel pool.



#### **Day 5 - La Revellata light house and the coast**

After breakfast, you will begin your walk from the citadel and the monument to Christopher Columbus (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.

Distance: 5km

About 2 - 4 hours, depending upon which option you choose.

Altitude gain and loss: +180m, -180m

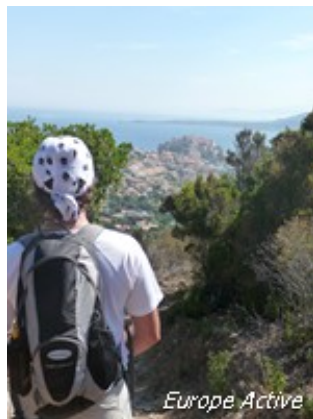
Optional walk to the mountain peak: Capu di A Veta.

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 680 euros per person.

### **OPTIONS**

Walking maps 1:25000 : 36 euros per person.

July/August supplement : 90 euros per person.

Single room : 280 euros per person.

### **INCLUDED**

Breakfast, hotel accommodation based upon two people sharing a double or twin room, route notes and maps. The transfer (there and back) for the walk to the lakes and the train between Corte and Calvi.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Evening meals, picnics, transport to the start of the trip and after the end of the trip. Transfers not written into the programme, insurance, drinks, visit to sights and personal spending, luggage transfers.

### **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 with double or twin room.

**SIZE OF GROUP**

From 2 people

**DEPARTURES**

From the beginning of April to the end of November.

**DEPARTURE**

In Corte on day 1

**DISPERSION**

In Calvi on day 7