



## Corse : Wild about Corsica - Corsica's Mountains and Coast

With Easy Jet having finally entered the Corsican skies, it is possible to book a flight and car hire competitively. You fly in, pick up your car hire and head for the hills.

This is a week that is made to measure, you can make it full of non stop action or choose to make it active with relaxing time too. The holiday is based in a beautiful, vibrant little village in the south of the island in the Alta Rocca. It is a dynamic hot spot for a whole range of outdoor sports. From the village, you can choose to do easy or challenging mountain biking, canyoning, hiking on the GR20, a tree walking circuit with zip wires, rope bridges and via ferrata. The village is surrounded by forested mountains, rivers, gorges and rockpools so there are plenty of swimming opportunities. From the village it is just a short drive to a high lake, the osphele and down to the coast. The village of Porto Vecchio boasts some lovely cafés, boutiques and nearby beaches.

### Tour Aventure Trekking

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## Program

### **D1 - Explore the village of Zonza and its surroundings**

After you've settled into your hotel for the day, you might hesitate between the several restaurants that offer local treats for your lunch. Let yourself get tempted by wildboar stew with chestnuts, home-made mountain charcuterie and cheeses and dreamy desserts. Unwind at your hotel after your meal or you can explore the village of Zonza. Situated near by the most dramatic mountain scenery in the South, this picturesque granite village is the meeting point for hikers, climbers and horse riders.

### **Multi activities in Zonza**

**Walking:** A hiking paradise, we provide maps and route notes for various walks on the GR20. This is Corsica's famous long distance trail. You can walk to a refuge, a high rock arch, or just picnic in the forest. The scenery is breathtaking and there are lots of options to choose from.

**Mountain biking:** The village boasts the island's first and only MCF, school of French cycling moniteurs. There is a whole range of mountain biking available, from gentle forest trails to technical single track descents and even timed rocket down hill runs.

**Canyoning:** There are the most prestigious canyons nestled around the village, there are four to choose from. Two introductory ones and two that are physically demanding. They all involve jumping, sliding and swimming down through a series of waterfalls and rockpools. The canyons have wonderful sculpted rock formations and take you through some wild water chasms.

### **The Aiguilles de Bavella**

A spectacular walk in the heart of the aiguilles de Bavella massif. The tall needles of rose granite tower above, you will pass by different pinnacles, such as, the Acellu, Ariettu, Vacca and the Pargulu. The trail is sometimes steep and in places assisted by hand chains. The area of Bavella is reputed for rock climbing, it possesses a rare beauty, a chaotic jumble of granite. You plunge into an unusual mountain decor and it is surprising to glimpse views of the sea not far away.

Distance : 12km, duration : 7h00, altitude gain : +900m, descent : -900m.

### **The Trou de la Bombe**

A walk to the Trou de la Bombe, a circular opening that pierces the Paliri crest of peaks. A pleasant walk under Larriccio pine trees and superb views over the gulf of Porto Vecchio.

Distance : 6km, duration : 3h00, altitude gain : +300m, descent : -300m.

This programme is an example of the itinerary we aim to adhere to. It may be possible, if situations arise that are beyond our control, for the itinerary to be modified.

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## Details

### **Price**

#### **Price includes :**

The price is calculated according to your choice of accommodation and your included activities. The accommodation + breakfast, maps and route notes for the hikes.

#### **Price does not include :**

Local and luggage transfers, lunch and evening meals, drinks, sites entrance fees, insurance or flights.

### **Encadrement**

Self guided walking. Independent holiday.

Activities with a qualified professional.

### **Carrying**

No portage.

### **Accommodation/food**

We have selected three different accommodations for you to choose from in the village. The most comfortable is a hotel with swimming pool, jacuzzi and lovely views across the valley.

The second hotel is much simpler, bright, clean and friendly, it is just 5 minutes walk from the village centre.

Lastly, as an original alternative, you may want to spend the week in a yurt. A small group of yurts are pitched in a secluded spot, this is a relaxing option for nature lovers. The river is nearby with a small sandy patch of beach, each yurt has its own private facilities.

### **Starting point/end**

Starting point : At your hotel in Zonza.

End : In Zonza, after breakfast.

### **Organisation**

We propose a self guided, independent formula. You choose your departure date and we will take care of all the rest between the initial rendez-vous time through to the dispersion point. We provide the maps and good walking route notes. This is a way of enjoying complete flexibility, you dictate the pace and rhythm of your holiday.

### **Dates**

From June 1st to August 31st.

### **Number of participants**

From 2 people

### **Access**

Ajaccio or Figari Airports.

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## **Bibliography**

The Rough Guide

The Granite Island – Dorothy Carrington

## **Practical information**

### **For supplementary nights in Ajaccio**

Hôtel Le Dauphin (HT) : 0033 (0)4 95 51 29 96

Hôtel Le Kallisté \*\*: 0033 (0)4 95 51 34 45

Hôtel Fesch \*\*\*: 0033 (0)4 95 51 62 62

Hôtel Les Mouettes\*\*\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 50 40 40

### **For supplementary nights in Bastia**

Hôtel Sud Hôtel \*\*: 0033 (0)4 95 30 20 61

Hôtel le Forum \*\*: 0033 (0)4 95 31 02 53

Hôtel Les Sablettes \*\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 58 50 20

Hôtel Ostella\*\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 30 97 70

### **For supplementary nights in Calvi**

Hôtel du Centre (HT) : 0033 (0)4 95 65 02 01

Hôtel Christophe Colomb \*\*: 0033 (0)4 95 65 06 04

Hôtel le Grand Hôtel \*\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 65 09 74

Hôtel La Villa \*\*\*\*luxe : 0033 (0)4 95 65 10 10

### **For supplementary nights in Corte**

Hôtel de la Paix\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 46 06 72

Hôtel du Nord\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 46 00 68

Hôtel Les Jardins de la Glacière\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 45 27 00

Hôtel Dominique Colonna\*\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 45 25 65

### **For supplementary nights in Porto-Vecchio**

Hôtel Holzer \*\*: 0033 (0)4 95 70 05 93

Hôtel Le Goéland \*\*: 0033 (0)4 95 70 14 15

Hôtel Shegara \*\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 70 40 31

Hôtel Alcyon \*\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 70 50 50

### **For supplementary nights in Propriano**

Hôtel Bellevue (HT) : 0033 (0)4 95 76 01 86

Hôtel Beach Hôtel \*\*: 0033 (0)4 95 76 17 74

Hôtel Claridge \*\*\* : 0033 (0)4 95 76 05 54

Grand hôtel Miramar \*\*\*\*luxe : 0033 (0)4 95 76 06 13

## **How to get to Corsica :**

### **By boat :**

SNCM : Departures from Marseille, Nice or Toulon

Tel : 0033 (0)891 701 801

Web site : [www.sncm.fr](http://www.sncm.fr)

Corsica Ferries : Departures from Nice or Toulon

Tel : 0033 (0)825 095 095

Web site : [www.corsicaferries.com/Pcorsica.srv](http://www.corsicaferries.com/Pcorsica.srv)

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CMN (Compagnie Méridionale de Navigation) : Departures from Marseille

Tel : 0033 (0)810 20 13 20

Web site : <http://www.cmn.fr/en/index.php>

#### By Air :

Air France : tel 0870 142 4343

Web site : [www.airfrance.com/uk](http://www.airfrance.com/uk)

#### **Public transport in Corsica :**

##### Buses :

*Bus route Calvi, Ponte-leccia, Bastia :*

Bus Les beaux voyages tel : 0033 (0)4 95 65 11 35. Departures from 01/09 to 30/06 from Monday to Friday, except bank holidays, and from 01/07 to 31/08 from Monday to Saturday except bank holidays.

Duration of journey Calvi Ponte-leccia 1h45 ; Calvi Bastia 2h15.

*Bus route Ajaccio, Propriano, Porto - Vecchio :*

Bus Eurocorse voyages tel : 0033 (0)4.95.21.06.30. Departures from 16/09 to 30/06 from Monday to Saturday except Sundays and bank holidays and from 1/07 to 15/09 every day.

Duration of journey Ajaccio Propriano 1h50 ; Ajaccio Porto - Vecchio 3h30.

*Bus route Ajaccio, Vizzavona, Corté, Ponte-leccia, Bastia :*

Bus Eurocorse Voyages tel : 0033 (0)4.95.21.06.30. Departures every day except Sundays and bank holidays.

Duration of journey Ajaccio Corté 1h45 ; Ajaccio Bastia 3 heures

##### Train companies in Corsica :

*Direction Bastia, Ponte Leccia, Corté, Vizzavona, Ajaccio*

*Direction Bastia, Ponte Leccia, Ile Rousse, Calvi*

Ajaccio train station : 0033 (0)495 23 11 03

Bastia train station : 0033 (0)4 95 32 80 61

Calvi train station : 0033 (0)4 95 65 00 61

Corte train station : 0033 (0)4 95 46 00 97

#### **What to bring and pack**

- Luggage:

A small backpack for your water bottle, camera, picnic and waterproof.

A travelling bag or rucksack for your main luggage, 10kg maximum per person.

- For Walking

Good walking shoes or boots with a good grip sole - Shorts and T shirts - Walking socks - Warm fleece - Swimming costume or trunks - Towel - Personal first aid kit with good blister protection - 2 Walking poles (optional)

- Water bottle (one litre minimum).

- For your picnics

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Tupperware - A good cutting knife, fork, spoon, plastic cup and plate - Some plastic bags.

- Sun and rain protection

Sunglasses - Sun cream - Hat - Wind and waterproof jacket (Gore-tex style)

- Relaxing time

Trainers or open sandals

Warm Fleece and casual wear

## **Tour Aventure Backup**

The Tour Aventure team is present and always at hand to ensure the smooth running of your holiday. We are on the ground and ready to assist in any eventuality.

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