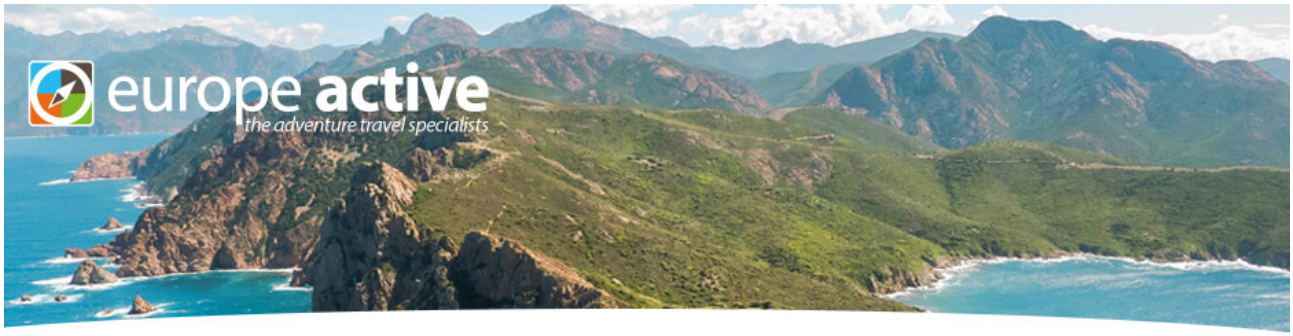


Mare a Mare North: Corte - Piana

8 days / 7 nights

A wonderful itinerary for those who wish to enjoy hiking with luggage transfers and having a hotel or guesthouse room available at the end of the day.
From the Scala Santa Regina, you will cross Calacuccia, Evisa, Ota, Porto to finally reach the Calanches at Piana.
Wonderful scenery, proud inhabitants, history and culture will constantly surround you during this trip.

Trip available with our digital road-book.
Find out about the digital road-book

YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Arrival in Corsica

Arrival into Corsica, and make your own way to Corte and your hotel for tonight. Corte is reachable on a delightful train journey from Bastia, Calvi or Ajaccio (payable locally).

Day 2 - Scala Santa Regina to Calacuccia

Today starts with a short transfer from Corte, you will be driven to the heart of the Scala Santa Régina gorge. The walk climbs into the gorge and follows the cliffs high above the Golo river offering splendid views. You will take an old mule path, discovering chestnut woods and pastures before arriving at your night stop by the Calacuccia lake.

Night in a 3* hotel in Calacuccia on B&B basis.
About 13 km, 5h00, +850 m, -500 m.

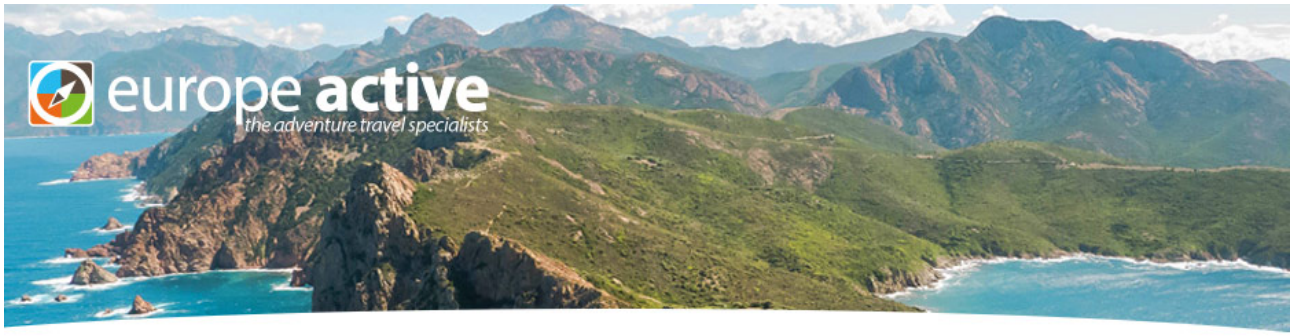


Day 3 - Calacuccia to Vergio

A beautiful walking day to the Verghio forest. today offers a variety of landscapes, you reach the Radule waterfall and shepherds hut before taking the world famous GR20 path through the woods, before arriving at your hotel for the night. Numerous bathing possibilities in natural rock pools. A long hiking day but worth it!

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Night in a mountain hotel at Col de Vergio, on Full Board basis
About 18 km, 6h00, +900 m, -554 m.



Day 4 - Col de Vergio to Evisa

Passing the Col de Verghio you will walk under the shade of endemic Lariccio pine trees towards the chestnut woods of Corsica, Evisa. The path drops and climbs through the Aitone forest crossing the Aitone stream and its beautiful natural pools. You will see native pigs snuffling through the woods, before arriving at picturesque Evisa for the night.

Night in a 2 or 3* hotel in Evisa on Half Board basis.
About 11 km, 4h00, +400 m, -850 m.

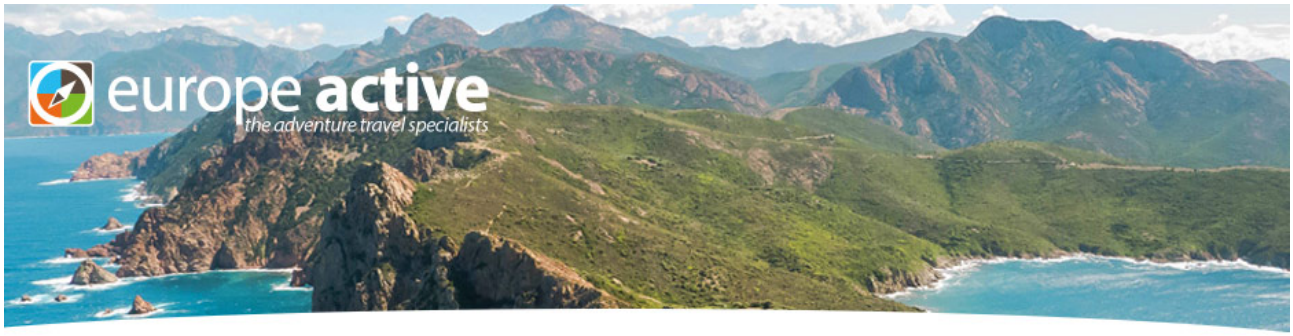


Day 5 - Evisa to Porto through Ota

From Evisa you drop down through the Spelunca gorge (temporarily closed on foot). The scenery cannot fail to blow your mind away - it truly is an area of outstanding natural beauty. The village of Ota will welcome you before an option of hiking a magnificent path with views over the Golfe, for those wanting to take it easier, drop down to the small harbour of Porto. All in all an excellent day's walk.

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Night in a 3* hotel in Porto on B&B basis.
About 15 km, 5h30, +650 m, -1450 m.



Day 6 - Scandola reserve and Calanches of Piana

During this rest day in Porto you can choose between various activities, take time to enjoy the beach, or take a boat around the coast to visit Girolata and Scandola or maybe take to the saddle and hire a bike. All means are good to explore the sumptuous Calanches of Piana (bright red rocks that plunge dramatically into the sea)and the Scandola natural reserve (we've often seen dolphins there). This is one of our favourite places to stay on the whole island.

A second night in your hotel in Porto on B&B basis.

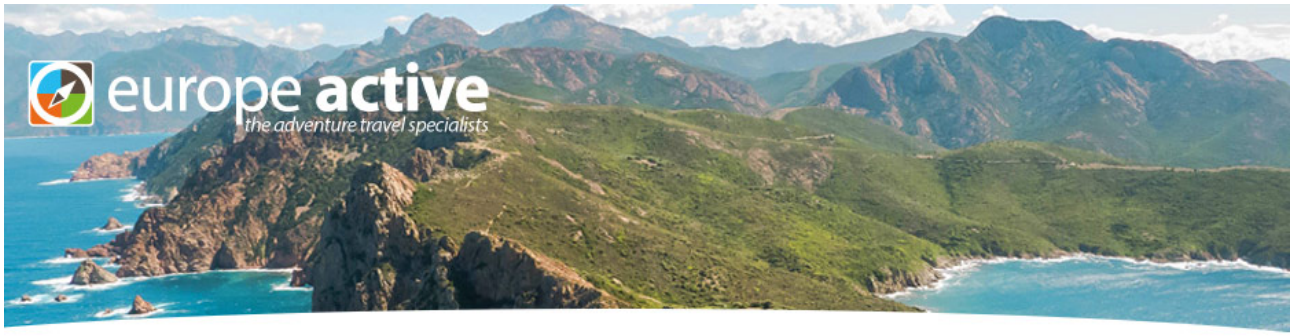


Day 7 - Porto to Piana

During this last walking day, you will walk along the sea before climbing up inland toward the Capu d'Ortu summit. Enjoy the shade of the Palani forest with fantastic views over the Calanches of Piana. You will then carry on walking to the centre of the delightful sleepy village of Piana. The end of a magnificent hiking holiday.

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Night in a 3* hotel in Piana on B&B basis.
About 11 km, 4h00, +869 m, -689 m.



Day 8 - Piana

End of your trip after breakfast. Contact us if for your onward journey to Calvi, Ajaccio, Corte or Bastia.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 1090 euros per person.

OPTIONS

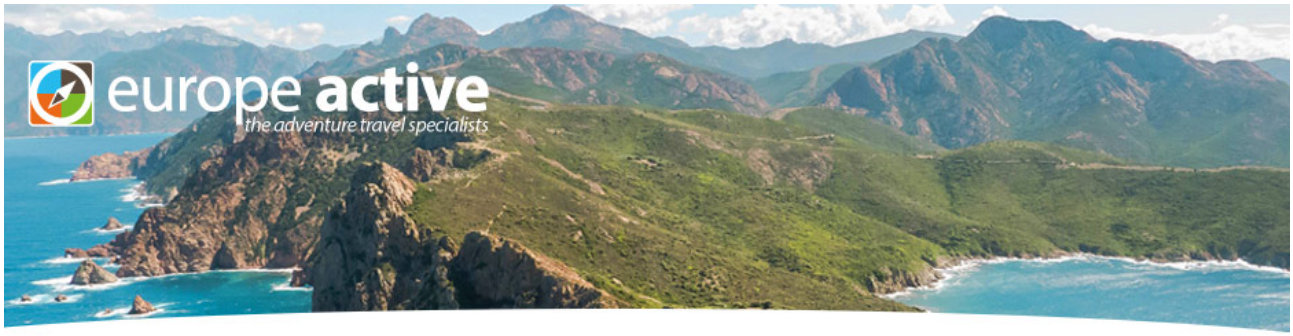
Single room supplement : 430 euros per person.
Departures in May and June : 70 euros per person.
Departures in July, August and September : 100 euros per person.

INCLUDED

All nights in rooms of two
7 breakfasts
1 picnic
2 dinners
Transfer on day two from Corte to the start of the walk
Luggage transfers
Detailed route notes and maps on our app (a smartphone is required)
Local hotline everyday from 08.00am until 08.00pm

NOT INCLUDED

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Transport to the meeting point and from the drop-off point
Transfers not included in the program
Meals not included in the program, drinks
Anything not mentioned under "the price includes"

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
This Classical Corsican trail uses very well marked paths. From 4 to 6 walking hours per day.

LUGGAGE
Your main bag will be transferred by vehicle every day, you just have to carry your personal belongings and your picnic for the day.

ACCOMMODATION
In rooms of two with ensuite facilities. We are using comfortable accommodation wherever it is possible on the tour.

SIZE OF GROUP
Minimum two.

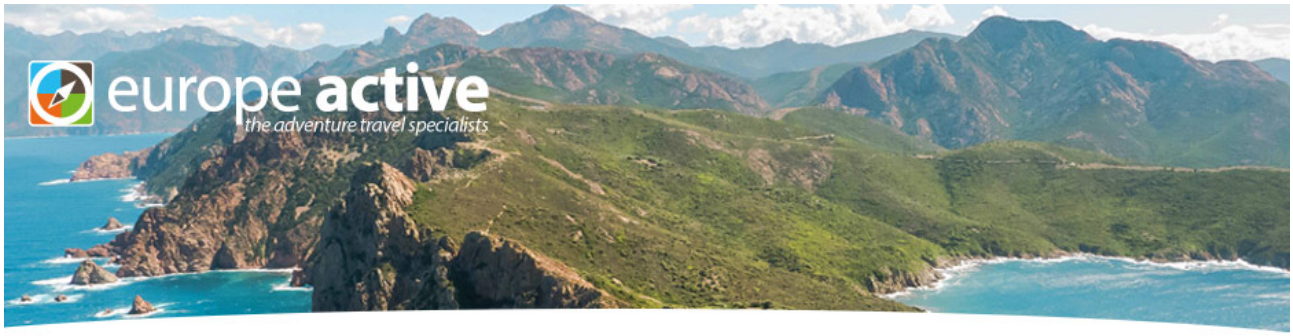
DEPARTURES
You can choose your departure date, departures any day from April to October.

DEPARTURE
Corte.

DISPERSION
Piana.

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.

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• 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

Picnic lunches: You will be able to purchase these in each village (around 10€) at small grocery stores. Always purchase your packed lunch before walking.

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