

On the track to the Punta dell'Oriente



Plateau d'Alzu

Objective 2000

Remarkable peaks and hiking above 2,000 meters

We propose you a stay where you radiate from two points of attachment. By performing sports days, you will not have to worry about your luggage. We also offer three types of accommodation to suit the resources of each one. First accommodated in the heart of the famous forest of Vizzavona, you will perform the ascent of two peaks located on either side of the pass. By hiking on the watershed, you will admire at leisure the landscape stretching from the Mediterranean Sea to the Tyrrhenian Sea. You will also walk the illustrious GR 20 trail.

The second part of the stay takes place in Corte, the ancient capital of Corsica and now a university town. Your steps lead you in a sumptuous nature, above the valleys where a number of mountain lakes of glacial origin nestle. During each climb, you will admire the highest peaks of the island: the Cintu, roof of Corsica, the Ritondu, the Monte d'Oro and even until the Rinosu and the Alcludina at the extreme south.

Characteristics

Level : Average stages from 6 to 8 hours of walking, elevations of 1100 yards on average.

Portage : Just the affairs of the day and the picnic lunch.

Comfort : At your choice, in hotel or Bed & Breakfast.



Highlights

- 👤 A stay with five days of hiking and sports, with the opportunity to climb four peaks over 2200 yards. These peaks are not necessarily the highest ones of Corsica but they are part of some of the most remarkable hikes. It is a balanced stay where you can make all the routes without exhaustion.
- 👤 Only two different places of accommodation and after sports days, you will not have to worry about your luggage.
- 👤 Different sites and landscapes every day.

Program

Day 1 : Setup in the Vizzavona forest (1269 yards)

From your point of arrival, travel with the corsican train to the station of Vizzavona. Check into your hotel located in the Vizzavona pass, in the heart of one of the most beautiful forests of Corsica composed of majestic species such as very old beech and straight laricci pine.

Day 2 : Punta Migliarallu (2465 yards)

From the hotel you reach the Vizzavona fort. Through a passage in the forest you reach the famous GR20. From here you go on along the Agnone, also called “English waterfall”, well-known for its delightful series of cascading falls over smoothed rock surfaces. The GR20 then rises through slabs of rock to reach the Muratello breach. You will then leave the GR20 to reach the top of the Migliarello. (Elevation: 1258 yards. Time: 7 hours).

Day 3 : Punta dell’Oriente (2310 yards)

Today you are going south to join the Pozzi's sheepfolds and then the Madonuccia rock, where we discover all the surrounding peaks. The path continues in peak, offering beautiful views. Then it leads under rocky points before reaching Punta dell'Oriente. Back in the forest by an old road to the tour of round. (Elevation: 1100 yards. Time 5:30). Travel by train to Corte where you settle for the rest of the week.

Day 4 : The Alzu Plateau (1800 yards)

From the valley of Restonica, you climb by an old transhumance trail to the Alzua plateau. As in, the view is emerging on the famous Restonica valley, classified site since 1966 for its rich natural heritage. On arrival, you can browse the plateau dotted with sheepfolds and several sites with beautiful views of the two highest massifs of Corsica, and Cintu Ritondu. (Elevation : 820 yards. Time 4:30)

It is also possible to take a day off and go to Calvi by the little train that ends up between the Ile Rousse and Calvi along the beach. The visit of Calvi, a town dominated by its Genoese citadel located face to



the bay, is also nice.



Day 5 : Melo & Capitello lakes - brèche de Capitello (2254 yards)

The sources of the Restonica are the glacial lakes of Melo and Capitello, embedded at the base of steep granite walls. You continue your way to the brèche de Capitello, which overlooks the mountain lake. The trail follows the crest with a breathtaking view over the gulfs of Ajaccio and Sagone, before descending to Melo lake. (Elevation 850 yards. Time 6h)

Still snowy in the spring, we offer instead the Ark of Corte hiking (1686 yards). Long time remained legendary because of a slightly marked trail, this is an extraordinary walk over the Tavignanu Valley, facing the Ritondu massif. (Elevation 1148 yards, Time 5:30)

Day 6 : Lac d'Oriente (2 254 yd) - Monte Ritondu (2867 yards)

First in the forest, you reach suddenly above the trees face to the Timozzu sheepfolds. Continuing peak, you then climb along the glacial lock that leads to the Oriente lake. The lake is bordered by pozzines, the famous bog elevation resembling an English lawn dotted with small holes of water. (Elevation 1100 yards, Time 5:30)

For the more active and when the snow is gone, you continue through this ancient glacial cirque to reach the gully and then the top of the Ritondu. (Elevation 1750 yards, Time 9 hours)

Day 7 : Departure

Last breakfast in Corte before the departure.

Prices

In a gîte d'étape in a double room : 725 €/pers.

In hotel : € 850 / pers. (From 5/7 to 24/8 : extra-charge of 75€/pers.)

In Bed & Breakfast: € 845 (5/7 to 24/8 : extra-charge of 80€/pers.)

Price per person, reservation 2 people minimum

Accommodation

2 nights in Vizzavona

Hotel and Bed & Breakfast : Old building in the shade of multi-hundred-year-old oaks, this hotel restores the atmosphere of a hotel of holiday resort at the end of the 19th century. The presence of the wood, the importance of the glazings opening the room on the nature, the ivy which runs on walls and



ceilings, the white tablecloths, the flat silvers, every participle to the preservation of the character of the place.

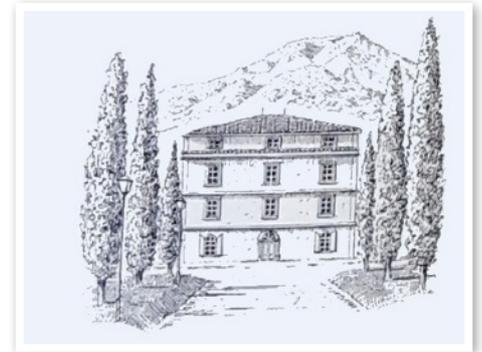
Bed and breakfast: in a large stone house in the heart of the Vizzavona forest; warm welcome.

4 nights in Corte

Hotel *** located at 7mn walk from the city centre; recent rooms, nice outdoor space with pool; quiet.

Bed & Breakfast : Marina and Antoine host you in their old typical house, restored with taste, combining tradition with modern comfort.

Dinner at various restaurants in the city.



Prices include

- ☛ Half board, from day 1 evening until day 7 morning.
- ☛ Transport in the valley of Restonica, starting from Corte.
- ☛ The travel notebook: delivered from the payment for your stay, it includes the description day by day of the itinerary, the outline on a 25000° map and some practical details.

Prices don't include

- ☛ Transport by train (provide max. 30€ for the 3 days 1, 3, 7 and 27,40 € for the option day 4)
- ☛ The picnic lunch
- ☛ Insurance, unless you took the option.
- ☛ The wine at dinner, drinks and personal expenses.

Stay 2023

Dates

From the middle of may until the end of September

Meeting

Day 1 : at the Vizzavona train station; trains timetable :

<http://www.train-corse.com/les-horaires>

Day 7 : end of the stay in the morning in Corte.

