

CORSICA MOUNTAINS & SEA

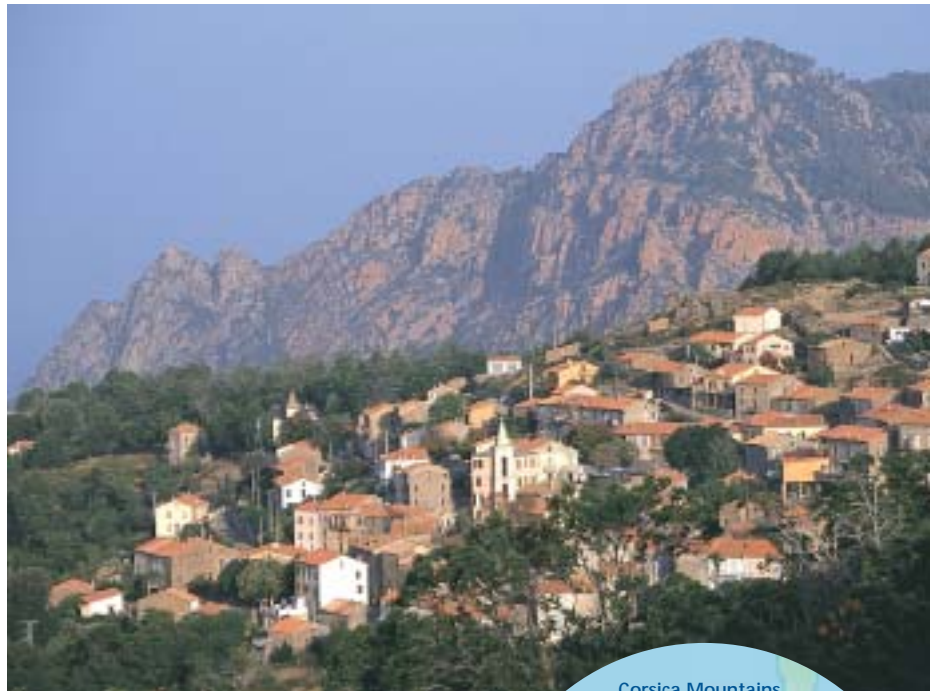


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Walking in The Scented Isle

- *The Mediterranean's Most Mountainous Island*
- *Historic Corte and Ajaccio*
- *Descend the Spelunca Gorge*

Our trek is set in the heart of Corsica enabling you to discover some of the best of its majestic mountain scenery and beautiful coastline. The island has been described as 'a mountain in the sea', 'the scented isle' and the 'Ile de Beaute'. It is indeed the most mountainous island in the Mediterranean and it is this dramatic mountain backcloth we have come to enjoy. The title 'the scented isle' alludes to the aromatic vegetation of the island and the beauty of its landscape is beyond contradiction.



The Corsican landscape is amongst the most dramatic in the Mediterranean. Mountain ridges and granite peaks soar to 2,700 metres and these and the dense 'maquis' create a rugged terrain, tempered by deeply wooded valleys, pine forest and cascading streams. Along our route which leads from the heart of the mountains, across the north-south watershed, to the clear, blue waters of the Mediterranean, you will pass ancient villages where time has seemingly stood still. Defiantly clinging to the tops of crags and cliffs these villages preserve century old traditions and a culture that is uniquely Corsican.

Inn to Inn 8 days

TOUR CODE **JMS**

Grade Day Stages
Moderate. Min 9.5km, max 23km.

Waymarking

The route is well waymarked with Grande Randonnee red and white flashes.

Accommodation and Meals

Dinner, bed and breakfast 3 nights, bed and breakfast 4 nights. Two star hotels are used throughout. Picnic lunches can be purchased from the hotels on most days or you can buy the ingredients from local village shops.

Start and End of Tour

The closest international airport is Ajaccio. By train from Ajaccio to Corte on scenic mountain railway, tickets purchased locally. On day 7 catch public bus to Ajaccio with baggage to last hotel.

Self-Guided Dates and Prices 2008

May - October. Any Sunday.

For prices please see insert.

Escorted Dates and Prices 2008

Group Size Min 4, max 15, plus trek leader

EJMS04 Sun 4 May - Sun 11 May

Research & development trip, see p4 for information.

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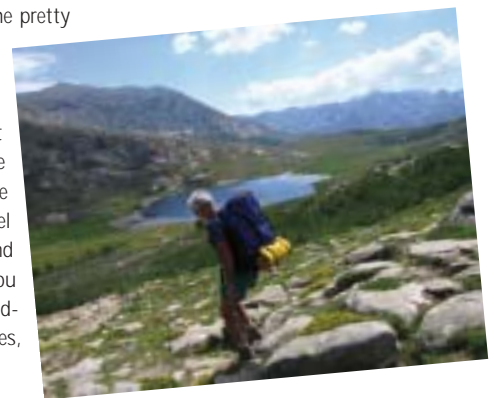
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The first two nights are in Corte, a town important in the island's history. The old town clings to the steep slope below the majestic citadel.

After a day walk from Corte follow the route to the pretty villages of Calacuccia and Evisa, via the Tavignano valley, passing the lac de Croix and reaching the Col di vergio. Next our walk takes us past the red crags of the spectacular Spelunca gorge to reach the coast at Porto, a small seaside resort and one of the island's beauty spots. From Porto we can visit the fantastic rock formations of Les Calanches or travel by boat to the remote Scandola Nature Reserve and the tiny fishing village of Girolata. On Saturday you travel by bus from Porto to Ajaccio (fare is not included), to see the sights of the modern capital, beaches, museum, pavement cafes and all.

Accommodation

7 nights/8 days - Outside Ajaccio the hotels are set amidst wonderful scenery. The first two nights are spent in a renovated 2* hotel in the centre of Corte, the ancient capital of the island. The next 2 nights are at a small, modern hotel in Calacuccia. This comfortable hotel enjoys wonderful views across Monte Cintu, Corsica's highest peak and a restaurant which has proved particularly popular with Sherpa clients. Your hotel at Evisa has a breathtaking location with stunning views and modern amenities. Sunset from the terrace here is not to be missed. In the picturesque town of Porto you will stay at a pleasant modern hotel situated on the harbour of this attractive fishing port. Your last night will be spent in a comfortable hotel near the



bustling harbour at Ajaccio, the principal town of the island.

