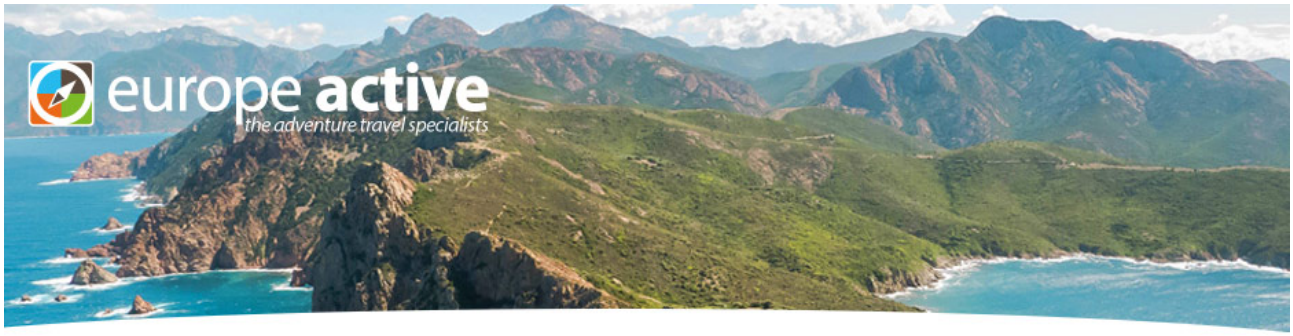


The authentic full GR20 2027

14 days / 13 nights

Considered one of the most demanding and technical long-distance hiking trails in Europe, the GR20 attracts hikers from around the world looking for a genuine challenge. This self-guided trek allows you to discover Corsica's wildest and most iconic landscapes at your own pace, from high mountain scenery to forests, rocky ridges and unspoilt valleys.

The traditional GR20 itinerary is organised from stage to stage, with overnight stays in mountain refuges and accommodation along the route. To provide greater comfort and flexibility, we have selected a range of suitable lodges and accommodation for the different stages of the trek, while preserving the spirit and itinerary of the GR20.

To make your hike easier, we also offer an optional luggage transfer service covering a significant part of the route. This allows you to lighten your backpack and fully enjoy the scenery and experience of hiking the GR20.

YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Calenzana to Bonifatu

Your GR20 adventure begins in Calenzana, a small Balagne village surrounded by olive groves and the traditional starting point of Corsica's famous long-distance hiking trail. This morning, your taxi driver will meet you in Calvi and transfer you to the trailhead in Calenzana.

From the village, the trail gradually gains altitude as you make your way towards the Bonifatu Forest. The route takes you through the rugged landscapes of northern Corsica, with beautiful views over the surrounding Balagne villages along the way. This first stage is a great introduction to the GR20, allowing you to gradually immerse yourself in the spectacular scenery and mountain atmosphere of Corsica.

On reaching Bonifatu, settle into your mountain lodge and enjoy a peaceful evening surrounded by the forest.

Approx. 11 km – 4 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +700 m / descent: -450 m

Dinner and overnight stay at the Bonifatu mountain lodge. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.

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Day 2 - Bonifatu to Haut Asco

Leaving the Bonifatu Forest behind, you embark on one of the most demanding and spectacular stages of the GR20. The trail quickly gains altitude, leading through a rugged mountain environment with several river crossings along the way.

One of the highlights of the day is the famous Spasimata footbridge, followed by the route towards the Muvrella Valley, named after the Corsican mouflon. A small mountain lake lies at the heart of this impressive landscape, surrounded by rocky peaks and unspoilt wilderness. Magnificent views unfold throughout the hike as you make your way deeper into Corsica's high mountains.

The trail then continues through this dramatic mountain scenery before reaching Haut Asco, a former ski resort nestled in the Cinto mountain range. This long and challenging stage is a true immersion into the wild landscapes of the northern GR20.

Approx. 9.5 km – 8 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +1,300 m / descent: -598 m

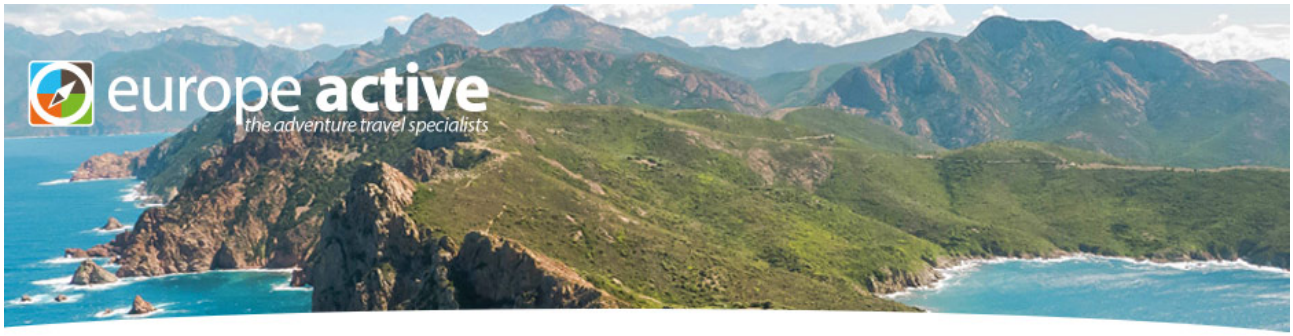
Dinner and overnight stay at the Haut Asco mountain lodge. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.



Day 3 - Haut Asco to Vallone

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Leaving Haut Asco behind, you continue your journey through the high mountains of Corsica towards Vallone. To bypass the currently closed Cirque de la Solitude, the route crosses the slopes of Monte Cinto before reaching the Pointe des Éboulis at 2,607 metres, the highest point on the GR20.

This challenging ascent is rewarded with breathtaking views across Corsica's rugged peaks and valleys. You then begin the descent towards the small Mélarie Valley, a remote and peaceful area where you may be lucky enough to spot Corsican mouflon in their natural habitat.

At the end of the stage, you reach Vallone and its traditional shepherd's hut, set beside a mountain stream in an unspoilt natural setting. Spend the evening surrounded by the tranquillity of the mountains and, weather permitting, enjoy an unforgettable view of the Corsican night sky.

Approx. 9 km – 8 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +1,200 m / descent: -800 m

Dinner and overnight stay in a tent at Vallone. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.



Day 4 - Vallone to Verghio

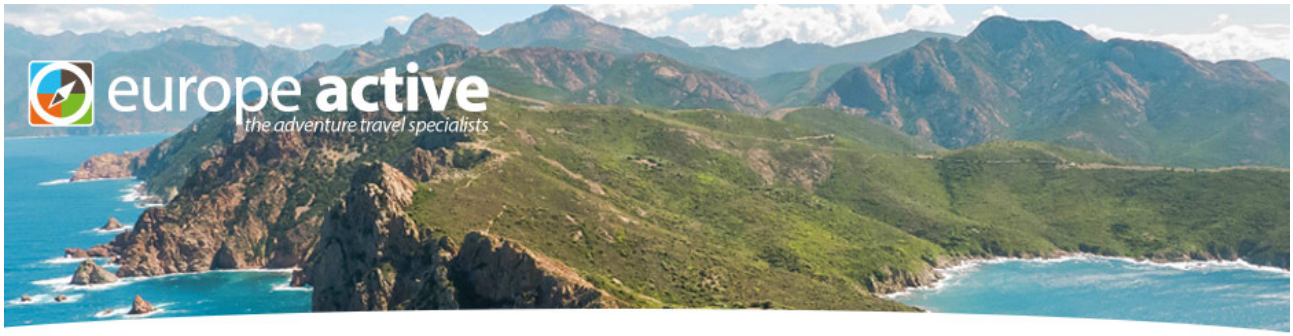
Today, your GR20 journey takes you through the Niolu, a spectacular mountain region in the heart of Corsica known for its rugged landscapes and authentic character.

The trail passes beneath the imposing peaks of Paglia Orba and Capu Tafunatu, two of the most recognisable landmarks in this section of the GR20. In clear weather, the high points of the route reveal breathtaking views stretching as far as the Gulf of Porto. You then descend towards the Golo Valley, following a remote and wonderfully unspoilt section of the Corsican mountains.

Along the way, a series of natural rock pools offers the perfect opportunity for a refreshing break before you continue towards Vergio and your mountain accommodation.

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Approx. 14 km – 6 hours 15 minutes of hiking
Elevation gain: +975 m / descent: -1,020 m

Dinner and overnight stay at the Vergio mountain lodge. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.



Day 5 - Vergio to Manganu, via Lake Nino

After a relatively gentle start, the GR20 gradually leads you higher into the Corsican mountains. You cross the Bocca San Pedru mountain pass, where the scenery suddenly opens up. On a clear day, the Mediterranean coastline comes into view, stretching across the horizon above the deep blue waters.

On the opposite side of the pass, a remarkable glacial cirque reveals one of the great natural highlights of the Corsican mountains. The trail reaches Lake Nino, one of the most iconic landscapes along the GR20. Surrounded by pozzines – distinctive wet mountain meadows found in Corsica's highlands – the lake creates a peaceful setting where wild horses roam freely. Keep your eyes open and you may be lucky enough to spot them grazing around the lake.

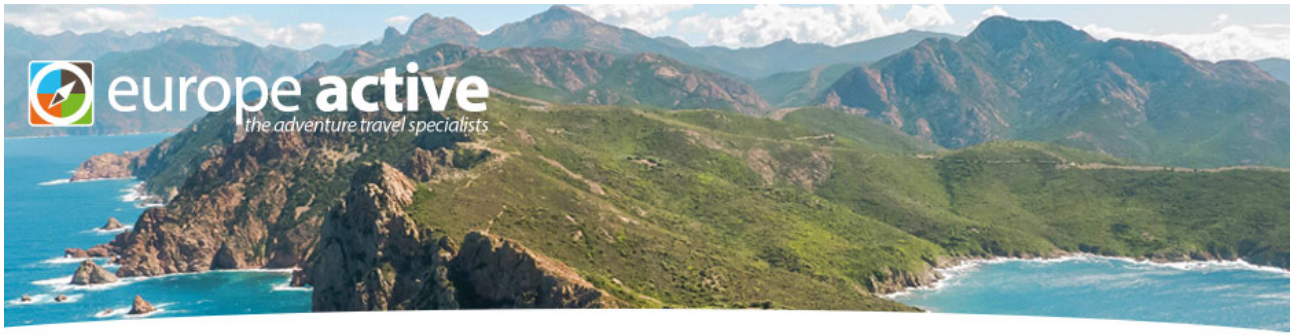
The route then continues across the high mountain landscape towards Manganu Refuge, your accommodation for the night.

Approx. 16 km – 6 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +870 m / descent: -689 m

Overnight stay at Manganu Refuge. Dinner, breakfast and a packed lunch can be purchased directly at the refuge.

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Day 6 - Manganu to Petra Piana

Today's stage begins with a steep and rocky ascent towards the Brèche de Capitellu. As you climb higher, the scenery becomes increasingly dramatic. From the mountain pass, you are rewarded with magnificent views over Lake Melu and Lake Capitellu, set among the rugged peaks of the upper Restonica Valley.

The trail then continues towards Bocca Muzella at an altitude of 2,206 metres. After reaching this high point, you descend towards a small mountain plateau where Petra Piana Refuge comes into view, surrounded by the striking rocky landscapes of this section of the GR20.

Although relatively short, this is a demanding stage with some of the most impressive mountain scenery of your GR20 trek.

Approx. 8.5 km – 6 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +670 m / descent: -465 m

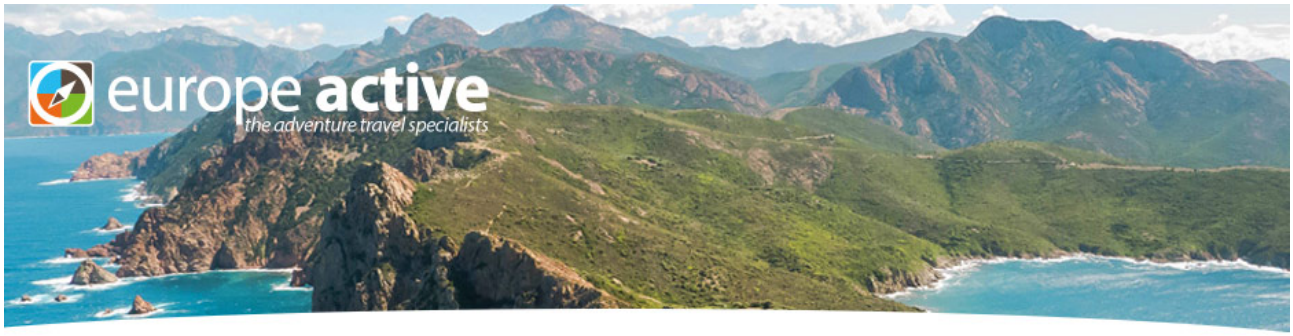
Overnight stay at Petra Piana Refuge. Dinner, breakfast and a packed lunch can be purchased directly at the refuge.



Day 7 - Petra Piana to l'Onda

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Today's shorter stage offers a spectacular high-altitude traverse between the Monte Rotondo and Monte d'Oro mountain ranges. The trail follows an airy and panoramic route, with wide views across the surrounding valleys and rugged Corsican peaks.

A few sections can become more challenging in strong winds, although an alternative route is available if conditions require it. On a clear day, the views extend all the way to the Gulf of Ajaccio, creating a striking contrast between the dramatic mountain scenery and the Mediterranean Sea.

After this scenic mountain walk, you reach Onda Refuge, where you spend the night surrounded by the peaceful landscapes of Corsica's interior.

Approx. 7 km – 4 hours 30 minutes of hiking
Elevation gain: +560 m / descent: -965 m

Overnight stay in a tent at Onda Refuge. Dinner is provided. Breakfast and a packed lunch can be purchased directly at the refuge.



Day 8 - L'Onda to Vizzavona

Your final stage in the northern section of the GR20 takes you through a beautiful combination of rugged mountain scenery and Corsica's lush forests. Leaving Onda Refuge, you enter the magnificent Agnone Valley, overlooked by the slopes of Monte d'Oro.

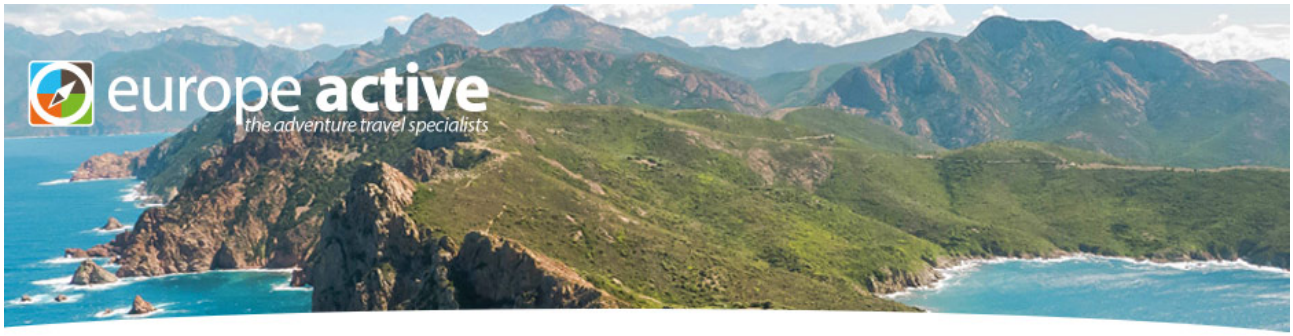
The trail follows a wild and unspoilt landscape towards the Turtettu footbridge. Further on, you reach the famous English Cascades, a series of waterfalls and natural pools flowing through the forest of Vizzavona. From here, the route continues to Vizzavona, a key point on the GR20 marking the transition between the northern and southern sections of the trail.

A memorable way to complete the first half of your GR20 trek, before heading into the mountains of southern Corsica tomorrow.

Approx. 10 km – 5 hours 30 minutes of hiking

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Elevation gain: +630 m / descent: -1,140 m

Dinner and overnight stay at the Vizzavona mountain lodge. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.



Day 9 - Vizzavona to Capanelle

Today's hike begins in the beautiful beech forest of Vizzavona, where the trail winds through the trees before gradually gaining altitude towards Bocca Palmente. From this mountain pass, you can enjoy far-reaching views across eastern Corsica. On a clear day, the distant Diana and Urbino lagoons can be seen shimmering along the coast.

The route then continues through the highland scenery towards the Alzeta Shepherds' Huts. From here, you follow an old transhumance trail, once used by shepherds to move their livestock between seasonal pastures. This historic mountain path leads you onwards to the Capanelle lodges, where you will spend the night.

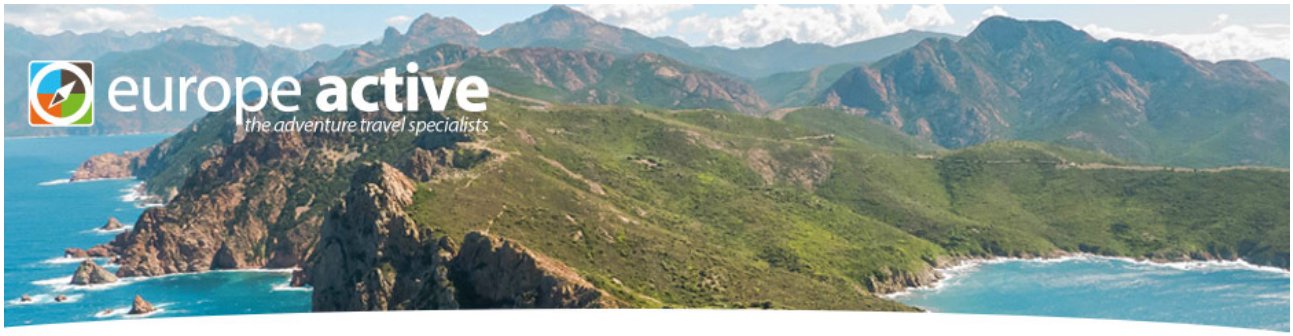
Approx. 14 km – 5 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +1,155 m / descent: -715 m

Dinner and overnight stay at the Capanelle mountain lodge. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.



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Day 10 - Capanelle to the Col de Verde

Leaving Capanelle, you continue your GR20 trek towards Col de Verde, through a landscape that becomes increasingly green and pastoral. The trail first reaches the picturesque Traghete Shepherds' Huts, a reminder of the traditional pastoral life that has long shaped Corsica's mountain landscapes.

You then cross the Ghialgone plateau before reaching the I Spiazzi footbridge. From here, the route enters the Marmano Forest, one of the beautiful mountain forests along this section of the GR20, before finally arriving at Col de Verde.

A varied stage combining high-altitude pastures, woodland paths and more remote mountain scenery, offering another perspective on the natural and cultural heritage of Corsica.

Approx. 14 km – 5 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +600 m / descent: -900 m

Dinner and overnight stay at the Col de Verde mountain lodge. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.



Day 11 - Col de Verde to Usciolu

Leaving Col de Verde, you begin the day with an early climb towards Bocca d'Oru. The trail then crosses a wide mountain plateau before reaching Prati Refuge, with fine views over the surrounding valleys and mountain ranges.

A final ascent takes you to Punta Capella, after which you continue southwards along the mountain ridges. This is a demanding stage of the GR20, with significant elevation changes requiring a good level of fitness. In return, the route offers a wonderful immersion in the high mountain landscapes of southern Corsica.

At the end of the day, you reach Usciolu Refuge, perched on the Furmicula ridge and overlooking the eastern side of Corsica. Its remote setting makes it a memorable place to finish this challenging day of hiking.

Approx. 16 km – 7 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +1,290 m / descent: -830 m

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Overnight stay in a tent at Usciolu Refuge. Breakfast, dinner and a packed lunch can be purchased directly at the refuge.



Day 12 - Usciolu to the Coscione Plateau

Leaving Usciolu Refuge, the trail gradually descends from the mountain ridge towards the wide-open landscapes of the Cuscione Plateau. The route alternates between balcony sections and more open terrain, offering beautiful views across the Corsican mountains.

As you progress, the scenery changes noticeably. The rocky ridges give way to broad high-altitude meadows dotted with pozzines and crossed by small mountain streams. The atmosphere becomes gentler and more pastoral, revealing another side of the GR20 and the landscapes of inland Corsica.

Although easier than the previous stage in terms of elevation, the distance still makes this a full day of hiking. You finish the day on the Cuscione Plateau, near Croci, surrounded by peaceful mountain scenery and the traditional pastoral landscapes of Corsica.

Approx. 13.5 km – 5 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +550 m / descent: -550 m

Dinner at the shepherd’s hut. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.

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Day 13 - Coscione Plateau to Bavella

Leaving the wide-open landscapes of the Cuscione Plateau, known for its high-altitude meadows and distinctive pozzines, the trail gradually leads into more rugged terrain. You climb towards Monte Incudine, rising to over 2,000 metres and the highest peak in southern Corsica.

After this ascent through a striking rocky landscape, the route descends into the Asinao Valley. The trail then climbs once again towards the Bavella Needles, a dramatic collection of granite peaks and one of the most iconic landscapes in southern Corsica.

This demanding stage of the GR20 combines high mountain plateaus, rocky terrain and far-reaching views before reaching the Bavella Pass and your accommodation for the night.

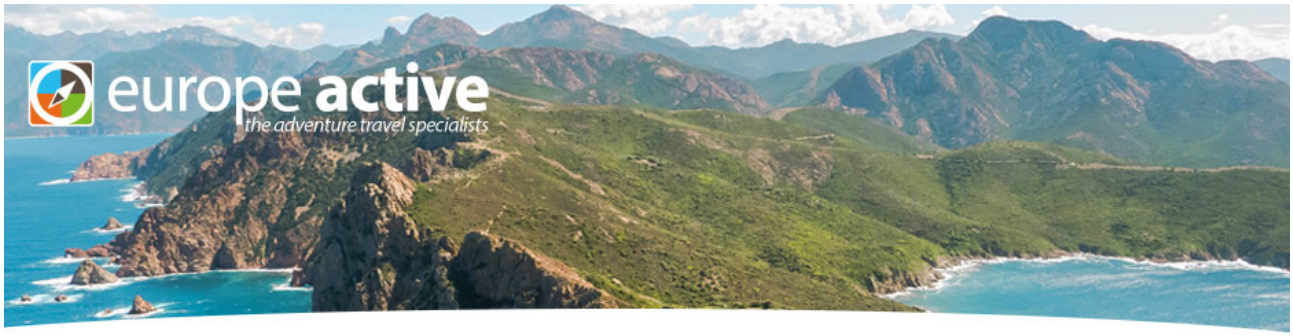
Approx. 15 km – 8 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +985 m / descent: -1,100 m

Dinner and overnight stay at the Bavella mountain lodge. Breakfast and a packed lunch are provided for the following day.



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Day 14 - Bavella to Conca: the last stage!

For the final stage of your GR20 trek, you leave Bavella on a trail that first winds through the forest towards Paliri Refuge. From there, the route continues downhill towards Conca, passing through the fragrant Corsican maquis as you make your way through the final kilometres of your adventure.

As you gradually lose altitude, the landscapes change and the end of your crossing draws closer. After several days of hiking through the mountains of Corsica, you finally reach Conca, the traditional finishing point of the GR20.

Approx. 16 km – 7 hours of hiking
Elevation gain: +450 m / descent: -1,400 m

Your GR20 adventure ends upon arrival in Conca.



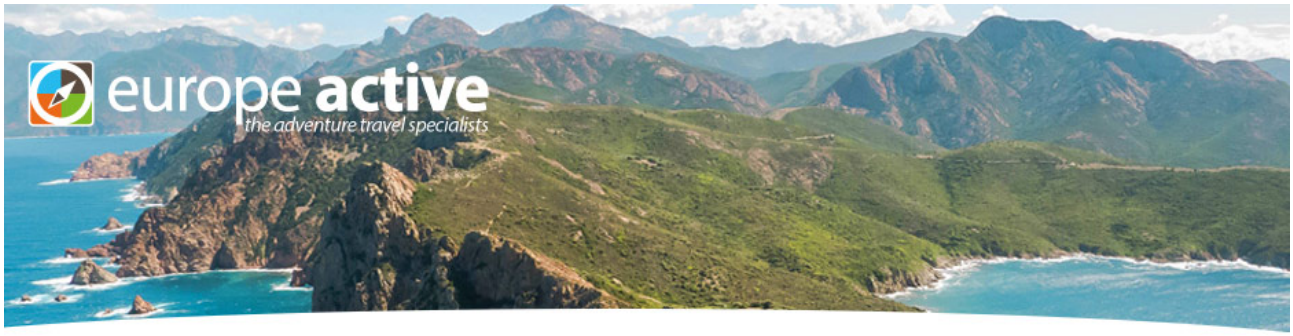
Additional information

TARIFFS
Price from 1260 euros per person.

OPTIONS
Luggage Transfer Supplement – 8 days out of 13 (to be shared between participants) : 2100 euros per person.
4 nights in double room instead of dorms (price per person) : 250 euros per person.

INCLUDED
Nights in gîtes, bergeries and tent.
11 breakfasts, 11 dinners, 10 pic nic lunches.
Transfer from Calvi to Calenzana.
Information package with GPS tracks and route notes on app (a smartphone is required)
Local hotline

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NOT INCLUDED

Transfer from Conca at the end of the trip
Luggage transfers
Transfers not included in the itinerary (including in times of bad weather or physicial ailments)
Everything not mentionned on the "included" section
Beverages and holiday insurance

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

You need to be used to trekking in the mountains and be able to read and follow map instructions. From 4h30 to 9h of hiking per day on sometimes difficult trails.

LUGGAGE

Possibility of luggage transfers 10 days out of 14 (see prices in the options).

ACCOMMODATION

In gîtes d'étape (dormitory style), 4 night in tent. 4 nights can be in rooms of two (upon to availability).

SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum 2.

DEPARTURES

Everyday from mid June until mid september

DEPARTURE

Calvi

DISPERSION

Conca

HOW TO GET THERE

Calvi Sainte Catherine is one of the 4 international airports in Corsica.

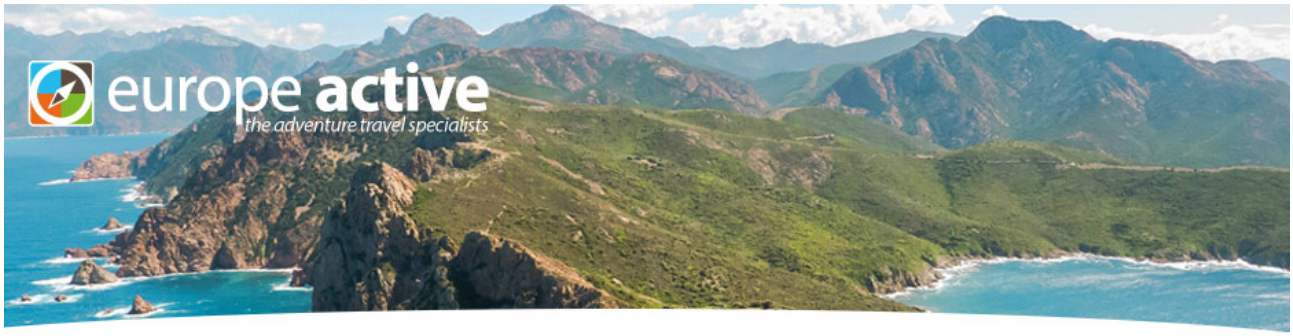
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Schedule:
http://calvi.aeroport.fr/en/direct-flight-destinations/

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.

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• 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.
• 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

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