

TITLE**CORSICA: GR20 NORTH**DESTINATION**Europe**COUNTRY**France**INTRODUCTION

Without any doubt one of the most fascinating and toughest trekking in the world. This program offers you the possibility to achieve the north part, the most beautiful and also the toughest one of the mythical GR20. The scenery is we-inspiring, with bare rock and vertical lines in some parts, contrasting with forests, lakes and alpine pastures in other places. The GR20 is an experience, more than simply a walk, it's something that will always remained impress in you.

DESCRIPTION**1<sup>st</sup> day**

Flight Milan - Calvi. Arrival and transfer by taxi to Calenzana 255m (15 minutes), trekking departure point. This first day of the trekking will take us from Calenzana to Auberge de la Forêt 540m. Time 4/5 hours – Height gain 400m

**2<sup>nd</sup> day**

Today is for sure one of the toughest journeys of the trekking that will take us from Auberge de la Forêt 540m to the village of Haut Asco 1422m, passing by Carozzu hut 1270m. Time 7/8 hours – Height gain 1600m

**3<sup>rd</sup> day**

After yesterday hard but day, today we'll have again a hard day. Start from Haut Asco 1422m, ascent to Perdu col 2183m to later cross the well-known and stunning "Cirque de la Solitude". We'll descent to pass by Tighjettu hut 1683m and we'll finally arrive to Auberge U Vallone 1440m Time 6/7 hours – Height gain 1000m

**4<sup>th</sup> day**

After the two toughest journeys of the trekking, today we'll have an easiest day. Start from Auberge U Vallone 1440m with ascent to Ciottulu di I Mori hut 1991m to descend later to Bergeries de Radule 1370m and final ascent to Hotel di Vergio 1404m. Time 6 hours – Height gain 850m

**5<sup>th</sup> day**

Another easy day starting from Hotel di Vergio 1404m, ascent to Lac du Ninu 1743m and descent to Manganu hut 1601m. Time 6 hours – Height gain 670m

### **6<sup>th</sup> day**

After two easy days, today we'll have another tough but very beautiful journey starting from Manganu hut 1601m, ascent to Brèche de Capitellu 2225m, from where we'll admire Capitello lake 1930m, descent to Bocca a Soglia 2052m to ascent again to Bocca Renosa 2150m, from where we'll see Lac du Renosu. Ascent again to Bocca Muzzella 2206m and final descent to Petra Piana hut 1842m. Time 7 hours – Height gain 980m

### **7<sup>th</sup> day**

Today we can relax a bit after yesterday hard day. Start from Petra Piana hut 1842m descending along the valley until a small final ascent to get to Onda hut 1431m. Time 5 hours – Height gain 500m

### **8<sup>th</sup> day**

Final day where we'll have the possibility to ascent one of the highest summits in Corsica. Start from Onda hut 1431m and ascent to Monte d'Oru 2389m, from where we'll see the two highest mountains in Corsica: Monte Cinto 2706m and Monte Ritondu 2622m. Long final descent to Vizzavona 920m, considered GR20 midpoint that divides north and south. Time 7/8 hours – Height gain 1000m. Transfer by train to Calvi and accommodation in the hotel

### **9<sup>th</sup> day**

Transfer to the airport and flight back Calvi - Milan

### OBSERVATIONS

- This is not an easy technical trekking and it also has some long and great height gain journeys. It's necessary a very good physical condition and familiarity with walking in rocky terrains to face the trekking with guarantees
- Accommodation in small hotels, huts with half board service during the trekking. Sleeping sac or sheet for nights spent in hut
- You cannot reserve huts in advance, you have to do it in the moment you get there, so it's necessary to bring tents with us, just in case there would not be place in the huts
- Packed lunch (brought from home or bought in loco)
- Request detailed documentation and equipment list at Mountain Kingdom

### INCLUDED – NOT INCLUDED – PRICE

#### **INCLUDED**

- Organization, preparation, and assistance by Mountain Kingdom
- Accompaniment and assistance by a mid-range mountain guide
- International flights organization
- Transfer by taxi from Calvi airport to Calenzana (trekking starting point)
- Transfer from Calvi hotel to Calvi airport
- Transfers by train from Vizzavona (trekking arrival point) to Calvi
- Accommodation in hotel with half board service in Calvi
- Accommodation in huts with half board service during the trekking
- Group-use safety equipment and first-aid

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Transfer to program departure point

- Milan – Calvi international flight round trip
- Main meals in Calvi and Vizzavona
- Drinks, tips, and personal extras
- Trip cancellation insurance and anticipate return

**PRICE**

- Clients who are interested please send us an e-mail for information

SPECIALITY – CATEGORY

**TREK & BIKE – GRAND TREKS**

MID-RANGE MOUNTAIN GUIDE

Ismael Santos

PERIOD

August 21st to 29th - 2010

DURATION

9 days

DIFFICULTY

MEDIUM - DIFFICULT

PARTICIPANTS

Minimum 6 persons