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Corsica: Mountain & Beach Trail

8 days / 7 nights / 6 riding

Best Airport : BASTIA PORETTA

Weight limit : 90kg



Embark on a riding adventure through Corsica's landscapes during this immersive 8-day experience. Starting from the charming village of Corte, you will ride through rugged mountains, pristine rivers, and spectacular coastal cliffs, stopping for picnics at picturesque spots like Col d'Ominanda and the Tartagine River. Camp by wild rivers, gallop on deserted beaches at Saleccia, and share memorable moments with your horses on pristine shores.

The journey continues beyond the Col de Tenda, with the possibility of spotting wild horses, culminating in a rich experience of Corsican nature, culture, and conviviality. Perfect for nature lovers and adventurers alike, this expedition offers a unique blend of exploration, relaxation, and discovery on one of France's most beautiful islands.

The pace of the ride ranges from peaceful riding to exhilarating gallops, allowing you to enjoy the stunning landscapes at different speeds.

Level of Riding & Fitness

To participate, riders must have a minimum level of Galop 4 the French equivalent to BHS Stage 2, ensuring they are confident and comfortable with different gaits and riding conditions. This experience is suitable for riders with some prior experience and good knowledge of outdoor riding, ready to enjoy both relaxing moments and more exhilarating sensations on scenic trails.

Guides & Group Size

During this experience, you will be accompanied by a professional of equestrian tourism, who will guide you throughout the ride. They will share their knowledge of the region, local wildlife, and flora, while ensuring the smooth progress of the adventure. With their experience and training, they will guarantee your safety, organise the itineraries, and take care of the horses' well-being. Their role is to create an enriching, safe, and unforgettable experience for each participant, while promoting respect for the environment and core equestrian values within a responsible tourism approach.

Minimum 5 and maximum 8 riders.

The Horses

Geldings and female Arab and half-Arabian horses, born and raised in Corsica, with a steady build, average height of 150 cm, gray, chestnut, or bay.

Tack & equipment

A mixed or trekking saddle, mainly made of leather, equipped with a croupière, girth, and hunting collar, double fabric saddle bags, and a leather bridle with simple bits.

Accommodation & Dining

All nights during the trek will be spent camping in tents. The first and last nights will be in a dormitory with 6 beds and a bathroom, and another dormitory with 4 beds.

Breakfast: bread, butter, jam, fruit juice, tea, coffee, or hot chocolate.

Lunch: sandwich, cereal bar, and fruit compote.

Dinner: garden vegetable soup or raw vegetables, farm-grown veal with olives served with tagliatelle, sheep's cheese, and homemade dessert (wine included).

Itinerary

Day 1

Saturday -

Arrival at Bastia Airport, where you will be welcomed. Transfer to the Albadu farm provided by us. Lunch will be served at the farm. A walk in Corte and an initial introduction to the horses, followed by the organization for the departure the next morning and the assignment of horses.

Welcome aperitif and a communal meal. Overnight stay in the dormitory.

Day 2

Sunday -

Morning horse preparation, departure from the Albadu farm in late morning, crossing the town of Corte heading north. Passage of the Cabetsoli stream, then following the old Corte-Castirla trail. Picnic at the Ominanda pass.

Horse care (tacking, massaging, watering, feeding). Setting up the bivouac.

Wild bivouac at the place called Tripirole with a campfire.

Day 3

Monday –

Crossing the Golu towards the Aiguilles de Popolasca, passing through the village, descending towards the Asco River, crossing the old bridge, and stopping for a picnic. A long gallop through the valley.

Horse care (tacking, massaging, watering, feeding). Setting up the bivouac.

Wild bivouac by the Tartagine River with swimming.

Day 4

Tuesday –

Heading towards the village of Pedano, located on the high hills of the Ostriconi Valley, with riding along the ridges and gallops. Crossing the village of Novella and stopping for a picnic; following the valley, we will arrive at the Ostriconi River.

Horse care (tacking, massaging, watering, feeding). Setting up the bivouac.

First bivouac by the sea at the Ostriconi camping site, with the possibility of on-site dining.

Day 5

Wednesday –

The first stage of crossing the Desert of the Agriates. We will follow the coastline to discover wild coves, enjoy beautiful gallops along the shores, and take a picnic break by the sea with swimming. Exploring the fine sandy beaches up to Saleccia, where we will stay at the “U Paradisu” campground.

Horse care (tacking, massaging, watering, feeding). Setting up the bivouac.

Bivouac at Saleccia campground facing the sunset.

Day 6

Thursday –

Swimming morning with your horses. Bareback, on the paradisiacal Saleccia beach, you will share unforgettable moments with your mounts. In the afternoon, we will continue along the coastal path to the Gulf of Saint-Florent at the “La Pinède” campground.

Horse care (tacking, massaging, watering, feeding). Setting up the bivouac.

Bivouac at a campground with a swimming pool.

Day 7

Friday –

Early departure from sea level for an active day heading towards the Aliso Valley, with numerous gallops through the valley. Ascending the hills, crossing the beautiful small village of Sorio with a short lunch break and the possibility of a coffee. After eating, the ascent continues toward the Tenda pass at 1,200 meters altitude via an old mule trail. You might be lucky enough to spot wild horses. Then, descending to the village of Pietralba and returning to the Albadu farm by truck.

Final horse care and harness adjustments. Overnight in the dormitory with a family-style meal.

Day 8

Saturday –

Breakfast. The return transfer to Bastia Airport is scheduled for Saturday around 10:00 AM. You can plan your return flight after 1:30 PM.

Price includes

- 2 night in a dorm
- 5 nights camping
- 6 riding days
- Full board plus wine

- Airport Transfers
- A support vehicle for your luggage
- Guide

Price excludes

- Flights
- Tips
- Other Alcoholic beverages
- Other expenses

Packing list

- ☐ Sleeping bag, camping mattress, lightweight walking shoes, mini-chaps (riding boots or ankle boots are not suitable for this program), anorak, riding breeches.
- ☐ Windbreaker
- ☐ Raincoat
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Water bottle (minimum 1.5 liters)
- ☐ Sweater, T-shirt, or long-sleeve shirt
- ☐ Flip-flops or sandals for the evening
- ☐ Hat or cap
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ External battery (no electricity on days 2 and 3)
- ☐ Sunscreen, mosquito lotion.
- ☐ All equipment should fit in your travel bag. Also bring a fanny pack (for easy access to sunscreen, tissues, camera, etc.), a spray or helmet, and saddle bags (if you have any).
- ☐ We recommend bringing a small personal toiletry kit.

The single supplement is not available for this trip, as sharing is part of the ambiance of this trek.

Flights and transfers

Please do not book your flights until you have received a confirmation email from saddletravel.com

Plan to arrive at Bastia Poretta Airport in the morning to enjoy the first midday meal. You will also have the opportunity to explore Corte and visit the horses. The organization of the departure the next morning and the assignment of horses will also be arranged.

On the last day, a transfer is scheduled at 10:00 AM, with a journey of about one hour to Bastia Poretta Airport. Your flight shouldn't depart before 13. 30pm.

Currency and Tips

The local currency in France is the euro. We recommend bringing enough cash for any additional drinks you wish to purchase.

Tipping at restaurants is common. Giving a tip to your guide is appreciated but entirely at your discretion.

Health

Consult your general practitioner at least 8 weeks before departure so they can advise you and, if necessary, administer any vaccinations appropriate to your age and health condition.

Travel Documents

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france>

Equestrian Level Certification

"I am an experienced rider, confident, comfortable, and in control at all gaits on uneven and open terrains. I am capable of mounting and dismounting without assistance and I have good physical fitness. I do not suffer from any illness or disability that could compromise my safety or that of others."

Cancellation Policy

Payment and Cancellation Conditions

Your stay is confirmed upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of 20%.

The total amount is due 56 days before the departure date.

If you cancel your reservation at least 56 days before the departure date, we are entitled to a full refund. After 56 days before departure:

- 42 days or more before departure: - 50%
- 30 days or more before departure: 30% discount
- Less than 30 days: 0%

Insurance

All Saddletravel.com clients are required to take out travel insurance to cover riding activities and trip cancellations. Proof of insurance will be requested during the booking process.



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