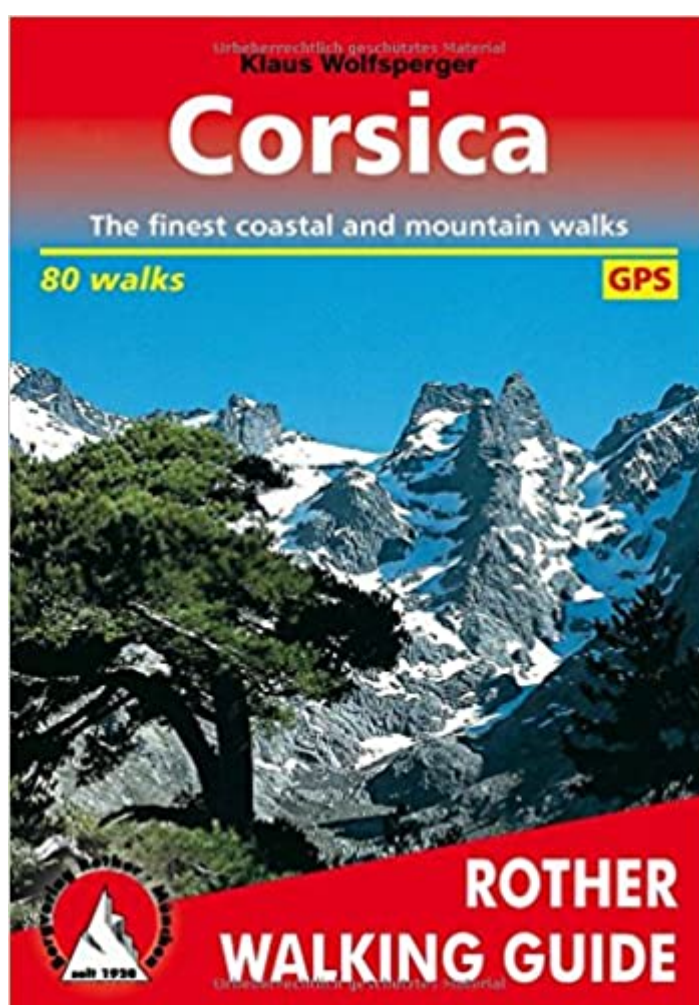


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Corsica: The Finest Valley And Mountain Walks (Rother Walking Guides - Europe) (English And French Edition)



Synopsis

Bizarre coastal cliffs, charming sandy bays, beautiful chestnut and pine forests, sparkling clean brooks, magical mountain lakes, summit destinations at over 2700 metres high, as well as predominantly unspoilt nature what other holiday destination in Europe can boast a similar offer? There is hardly another place where a walking and bathing holiday can be combined in such an ideal way as on this Mediterranean island. Among hikers and mountain climbers, Corsica is no longer a secret. The long-distance alpine hiking trail "GR 20" is especially popular, and a few tours in this guide follow portions of that route. The undisputed highlight, however, are the towering peaks of the two-thousand metre mountains Monte Cinto, Monte Rotondo, Paglia Orba and Monte d'Oro, which place the breathtaking, small world of the "Mountain Range in the Sea" at the feet of hikers. But also nature lovers with less than alpine interests, and even die-hard Corsica fans will love this walking guide. Because, in addition to the main tourist routes, the author presents a number of less known walking options, from a beach walk to an adventurous cascade tour, to an easy panoramic summit. Most of these tours can be undertaken by families with children and elderly persons without difficulty. Lots of tips and information round out this well-executed walking guide and make it a must when travelling in the unique mountain landscape of Corsica. The above edition has been newly updated a proven, reliable companion for all expeditions and mountain tours on the "Island of Beauty". Size: 17 x 12 cm; colourful illustrations and detailed maps; soft cover.

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Customer Reviews

Seems that everyone that hikes in Corsica has this book in some language! I did 6 of the hikes and agreed with the assessments. Times were accurate, as was difficulty. You must take into consideration that the hiking times are just that. No lounging on the summit or cooling your feet in a lovely stream. The photos are good representations of the hikes also. My wife and I are 53 years old and pretty strong hikers and we actually beat a few of the times!

It was very helpful and accurate descriptions. Difficulty of hikes were harder than described

There aren't any other books that detail quite so many and such a variety of day hikes in Corsica. This book is perfect for those of us who aren't tackling the two week GR20 or other multiday hikes but still want guidance on where to go. Wolfsperger gives good advice about how to get somewhat off the beaten track but also tempers our expectations by reminding us (over and over) that Corsica is a premier destination for European travelers, who throng the trails from June to September. Physically, the book is very well done (like other Rother guides): durable but lightweight, with just enough photos to make it look good but still space efficient, key maps with elevation charts, and detailed descriptions with some historical data throughout. Just the book for any day hiker's backpack.

(Note: I have read the french version of this book) Despite the fact that this book as some information about the GR20 (with explicit mention in both the foreward and introduction section), it does not cover the GR20 has one may expect. Bits of trails are mentionned here and there, no chronological information regarding GR20 steps, and so on. Besides, the index is so badly put in place that I could not find information about crucial GR20 point of interest (Calinzana - Ortu di u Piobbu? Cirque de la Solitude? Ascu Stagnu? ...) This book may be good for the one looking for day hike with no particular multiday backpacking in mind but I would not recommend this book for the one planning for the GR20, mare a mare, or mare a monti. It is worth to mention that this book contains very nice pictures unseen anywhere else (actually took by the author) which gives a nice impression about the flora and fauna, mountains, and such.

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