



CENTRE  
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# RESTONICA

*in a new way*

*A RESTONICA altrimenti*



COMPLETE GUIDE OF  
RESTONICA VALLEY  
HIKES



A SHUTTLE TRANSPORT  
YOU FROM THE 2ND OF  
MAY TO THE 28TH OF  
SEPTEMBER 2024



# A NEW CHAPTER for Restonica

## STORIA NOVA per a Restonica

At the start of the 2024 season, a new era is opening for the classified site of Restonica following the havoc that was caused by the Ciaran and Domingos tempests in November 2023 (\*). Corte commune and its partners have joined their efforts to rethink the valley mobility and make you (re) discover the unique beauty of this emblematic site of Corsica natural heritage. In this guide, you will find more than 30km of open hiking trails of all levels in Restonica. You will also find a new way to access those trails, thanks to the seasonal shuttle "Restonica" put in place for the first time by the Territorial Collectivity of Corsica.

\* A part of the road that leads to the higher part of the valley was taken away, the access by all types of vehicles is impossible. The use of the shuttle is therefore strongly recommended for your visit of the valley.

Welcome in Corte, University city, ancient historic capital of the Corsica Island, at the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional de Corse.

*Benvenuti in Corti, Città-Università, chi fù a capitale storica di l'isula, in core à u Parcu Naturale Regiunale di Corsica.*



### NEW – SHUTTLE UN NOVU SERVIZIU : A NAVETTA

A seasonal collective transport by shuttles, is organized by the Territorial Collectivity of Corsica and will run 7/7 from May 2nd to September 28th. Those shuttles will leave from Corte train station allowing you to access to the hiking trails and the departure points situated in Restonica.

### HOTELS AND CAMPINGS ACCEDIBILITY ACCESSIBILITÀ ALBERGHI È CAMPEGHJI

*Hotels and Campings located in the Valley between Corte and Tuani stay accessible to motorized vehicles. Passed Tuani, the traffic of motorized vehicles (except shuttle, beneficiaries, and bike) is forbidden.*

*Information to find on the website of the CdC : <https://otc.corsica>*

# HIKES

## with complete peace of mind

## SPASSIGHJÀ in sicurezza

### TO BE WELL PREPARED FOR THE HIKE



#### CHOOSE THE RIGHT HIKE

Choose a hike which difficulty matches your physical abilities. Do not underestimate the ground that is sometimes steep.



#### CONSULT THE WEATHER

Check the weather before departure.

Phone number: 32 50



#### TELEPHONE COVERAGE

Partial

### THE MUST-HAVE



Glasses and caps



IGN maps



Lamp and whistle



Adapted shoes



Waterproof coat



Survival blanket



Health kit



Water and food



Garbage bags

### THE RIGHT BEHAVIOUR



Stay on marked trails except special case



Bring back your garbage



Fire is forbidden



Keep control of your dog



Camp / bivouac are forbidden



Respect the fauna and flora

### LEVELS OF HIKES

Based on effort, the technic, and the risk  
[ffrandonnee.fr](http://ffrandonnee.fr)

★☆☆☆☆ Easy

★☆☆☆☆ Quite easy

★★★☆☆ A little difficult

★★★★☆ Fairly difficult

★★★★★ Hard

### USEFUL NUMBERS\*

• **EMERGENCY NUMBER:** 112

• **TAXI JMG**  
06 24 68 10 31

• **TAXI ETIENNE**  
04 95 48 08 17 - 06 09 40 61 09

• **TAXI A PIETRA**  
04 95 48 01 97 - 06 10 60 55 24

\* in case you would miss the last shuttle





## THE LOWER part of the valley *U chjassu di Zurmulu*

### CORTE - PUNTA DI ZURMULU - GHJARASGIOLU FOOTBRIDGE

The first part of this hike, which is shaded, takes you up to the Punta di Zurmulu from Corte. This small summit is a balcony overlooking the town, the citadel and the two valleys. On a clear day, you can even see the sea in the background! The second part takes you to the Chjarasgiolu footbridge in Restonica valley.

 4,26 km
  Ascent
  2h40
  925 m
  521 D+ / 452 D-
  Water self-sufficiency
  A little difficult



Start from the heritage path between the Restonica entrance and the Pont Vieux. Follow the heritage path for 5 minutes. Then follow the yellow markings.

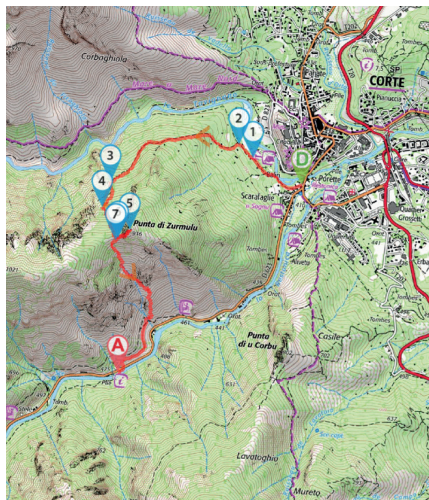
- ➔ At the U Tavignanu gite sign, turn right.
- ➔ Take the path in the shade of the oaks on the left, that goes along a property isolated by a wall.
- ➔ Now the path leads to an uncovered slope, then in the shade of the pines to the pass.
- ➔ Then head to the left for an easy climb to the summit.
- ➔ The summit of Punta di Zurmulu offers a superb view over the town of Corte and the surrounding area.
- ➔ Climb back down to the pass, then begin the descent towards Restonica valley.



Arrival at the Chjarasgiolu footbridge in Restonica valley.



From here, there are two ways to reach Corte:  
Return with the shuttle or on foot to Corte (+45 min)  
Continue the hike from San Teofalu (+ 2h35)



## THE LOWER part of the valley *U chjassu di San Teofalu*

### CORTE - PUNTA DI U CORBU - GHJARASGIOLU FOOTBRIDGE

A beautiful hike, leaving from the Chapel Saint Antoine of Corte, offers nice point of view of the city and its surroundings.

 4,22 km
  Ascent
  2h35
  861 m
  470 D+ / 403 D-
  Water source
  A little difficult



Departure at the foot of the Chapel Saint Antoine of Corte.

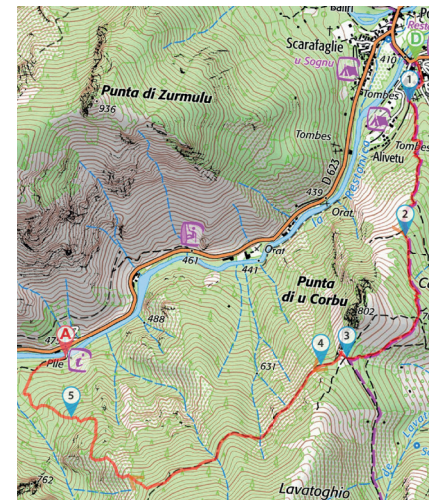
- ➔ After a little slope, go to the right. A few meters away on your left is an orange marked trail.
- ➔ The trail goes up to the foot of the Punta di U Corbu.
- ➔ Do not take the trail on the left. You reach a little pass. Follow up straight ahead to go to Restonica. Now follow the yellow marks.
- ➔ Source of the Persighellu.
- ➔ The trail continues in the shades of the pines.



Arrival at the footbridge of Ghjarasgiolu in Restonica Valley.



Return to Corte available by shuttle + Add 45min if your return on foot to Corte.



Departure: **Corte**  
Return: to **Corte**



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Departure: **Corte**  
Return: to **Corte**



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## THE LOWER *part of the valley* *U chjassu di u fiume*

### GHJARASGIOLU FOOTBRIDGE – TUANI – RIVISECCU

Shaded trail, punctuated by bathing in clear waters of Restonica, ideal for a family walk. The “Easy” way: take the shuttle to Riviseccu and do the hike downhill.

5,92 km   Ascent   3h00   800 m   464 D+ / 159 D-   Water self-sufficiency   ★★★★★ Quite easy



Departure from Ghjarasgiolu available by shuttle.

- This itinerary can be split into 2 parts:
  - from the footbridge of Ghjarasgiolu to Tuani
  - from Tuani to the footbridge of Riviseccu
- Take the trail on the right when off the footbridge of Chjarasgiolu.
- Arrival at the Tuani Camping, cross it.



From Tuani, two possibilities are available:

- follow up to the left, take the trail that allows you to reach the footbridge Riviseccu (1h30 walk)
- return to Corte by shuttle



From the Riviseccu Bridge, reach the road for the return to Corte available by shuttle.



Departure: **Corte**  
Return: to **Corte**



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## THE MID-valley *U chjassu di a muntagnera*

### TUANI – A FORCA DI A LANCIA – CAPPELLACCIA SHEEPFOLDS

A hiking alternative of the Cappellaccia sheepfolds that offer a spectacular panorama of the island mountains: Ritondu, Lombarducciu, Paglia Orba, Cintu.

12,76 km   Ascent – Descend   6h55   1727 m   1158 D+ / 1158 D-   Water self-sufficiency   ★★★★★ Hard



Departure and return: Tuani available by shuttle.

- Trail on the right, on top of the fence on the road. Traced on an old path that runs along the southern slopes of Restonica.
- Arrival at the ridges, take the trail on the left.
- Follow the line on the ridges toward Forcelle.
- You reach a small summit named Forcelle. The panorama is breathtaking.



Arrival at the Cappellaccia sheepfolds, with in front of you the view on The Monte Rotondu.



Reverse itinerary for a return to Tuani, available by shuttle.



Another possibility for the return: take in reverse the hike trail “U chjassu di Alzu” (look page 9). Arrival at A Frassetta available by shuttle.



Departure: **Corte**  
Return: to **Corte**



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## THE MID-valley *U chjassu di u Finellu*

**TUANI - A FORCA DI A LANCIA - PUNTA DI ZURMULU - CORTE**

A sportive hike that, by the ridges, allows you to follow the line of water divide between the Restonica river and the Tavignanu river, by the Punta di u Finellu, to the Zurmulu summit overlooking the city of Corte.

 11,03 km
  Ascent
  6h05
  1569 m
  1023 D+ / 1265 D-
  Water self-sufficiency
  Hard



Departure from Tuani available by shuttle.

- Take the trail on the right for Corte. To the left the trail goes to Cappellaccia sheepfolds.
- Then the trail goes to the foot of the Punta di u Finellu.
- Arrival at the end of the Ridges, by a climb quite easy, you reach the summit of Zurmulu.
- While going down the little summit, retrace your steps on few meters at the level of the pass to take the trail that goes down to the pines, toward Tavignanu Valley, and reach Corte.



Arrival at lieu-dit Baliri at Corte.



Departure: **Corte**  
Return: to **Corte**



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## THE HIGH plateau *U chjassu di Alzu*

**A FRASSETA - CAPPELLACCIA SHEEPFOLDS - PLATEAU D'ALZU**

A hike, in the footsteps of the shepherds that still practice the transhumance, that offers as a reward a wonderful panorama on the mountains at the heart of Corsica and the opportunity to meet shepherds in the seasonal period.

 12,01 km
  Ascent - Descent
  6h00
  1637 m
  911 D+ / 911 D-
  Water source
  Fairly difficult



Departure and Arrival: Frasseto available by shuttle.

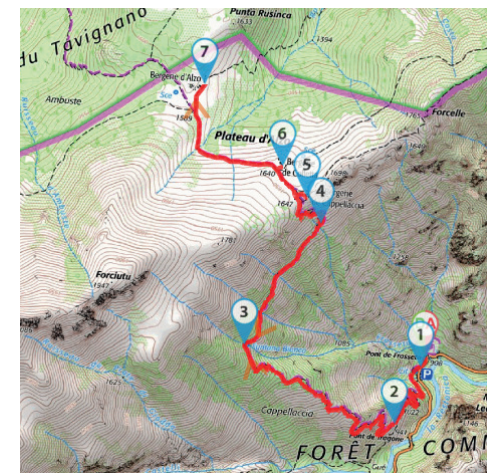
- The trail, marked in red, goes up in a yaw in the pines. Intersection at the sign: take the trail on the right (toward Pianu Alzu).
- Crossing the Funtana Bianca brook. Below the brook you can drink the water source.
- Arrival at the Cappellaccia sheepfolds.
- A sign indicates you the way to the plateau d'Alzu that can be seen below.



Arrival at the plateau d'Alzu.



Reverse Itinerary for a return at Corte available by shuttle



Departure: **Corte**  
Return : to **Corte**



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## THE UPPER valley *U chjassu di E Gruttelle*

### A FRASSETA - GROTTELLE SHEEPFOLDS

Unique access to the high part of Restonica Valley, this hike will lead you to the famous E Grotelle sheepfolds and, for the more athletics, at the start of the hike toward the lakes.

 12,25 km 
  Ascent - Descent 
  5h05 
  1381 m 
  559 D+ / 559 D- 
  Water self-sufficiency 
  A little difficult


 Departure and Arrival: Frassetu available by shuttle.

→ Take the trail, marked in red, that goes up in a yaw in the pines.

→ Sign: Intersection to the left path (toward Grotelle).

→ Cross the brook.

→ At the Lamaghjusu bridge, there is 2 km left to reach the Grotelle sheepfolds.


 Arrival at Grotelle.

 Reverse Itinerary for a return at Corte available by shuttle.



 Departure: Corte  
Return: to Corte









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## THE UPPER valley *U chjassu di i lavi*

### A FRASSETA - GROTTELLE SHEEPFOLDS - LAKES MELU CAPITELLU

The wonderful Melu and Capitellu lakes are still accessible. It's now a sportive hike. Challenge yourself and your effort will be rewarded.

 18,22 km 
  Ascent - Descent 
  8h25 
  1938 m 
  1123 D+ / 1123 D- 
  Water source 
  Hard

 Departure and Arrival: Frassetu available by shuttle.

→ Take the trail, marked in red, that goes up in a yaw in the pines.

→ Sign: Intersection to the left path (toward Grotelle).

→ Arrival at Grotelle.

→ Take the yellow marked trail toward the Melu lake.

→ Path on the right: passage of ladders

→ Arrival at the Melu Lake (1h15 walk from Grotelle).

→ A water source is near the guardian's refuge, walk a bit away from the path to reach it.

→ Continue toward Capitellu lake (45 min walk from the Melu lake).

→ Arrival at the Capitellu lake.

 Reverse Itinerary for a return at Corte available by shuttle.



 Departure: Corte  
Return: to Corte



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For further information, contact the **Tourism Office of Corsica Centre** at **04 95 46 26 70**  
**<https://tourisme-centrecorse.corsica>**

#### SHUTTLE RETURN JOURNEY:

- Departure: Corte train station
- 1st Stop: Faubourg Saint-Antoine
- 2nd stop: Chjarasgiolu
- 3rd stop: Tuani
- 4th stop: Riviseccu
- 5th stop (or terminus): Frasseta

#### MONTH OF MAY, JUNE AND SEPTEMBER:

Departure every 30 minutes from Corte train Station:  
from 6 am to 10 am  
from 3 pm to 7 pm

Departure every hour from Corte train Station:  
from 10 am to 3 pm

#### MONTH OF JULY AND AUGUST:

Departure every 20 minutes from Corte train Station:  
from 6 am to 10 am  
from 3 pm to 7 pm

Departure every 30 minutes:  
from 10 am to 3 pm

Last Shuttle return at the Frasseta Departure from May to September: 20h00 (8 pm)

PRICE ROUND-TRIP TICKET  
JOURNEY: 4 EUROS  
FREE: KIDS - 8 YEARS OLD

