



## **CORSICA MADE, AN OUTDOOR PARADISE AS COTSWOLD OUTDOOR DISCOVER**

Whether you're hiking along some of the most beautiful footpaths in the world, mountain biking through unspoilt forests, horse riding on some of the island's 2,000 kilometres of bridle paths, or scuba-diving in coral reefs, you'll soon realise that Corsica is the perfect playground for adventurers and sports enthusiasts of all levels. And why Cotswold Outdoor retailers chose Corsica to shoot their Spring/ Summer catalogue 2017.

Above all, Corsica has unique landscapes waiting to be discovered – a single region boasting a multitude of treasures. From north to south, east to west and from the sea to the mountains, you'll be stunned by the island's varied landscapes, with smart coastal towns contrasting with secluded inland villages on this hugely diverse island. And although its beautiful natural scenery is its major attraction, Corsica offers much more than picture-postcard views and its inhabitants have made every effort to offer alternatives to simply lazing in the sun. Whether you're keen to explore on land, on sea or even underwater, the island has developed a whole host of leisure pursuits and outdoor activities to be enjoyed with all the family. Tree climbing, botanical walks, farm visits to meet the animals, taking a ride on a tourist train, and even visiting a turtle museum are just some of the land-based activities available.

“Corsica proved to be a stunning, diverse production location for us shooting the new Cotswold Outdoor Spring Summer '17 range. We had no idea how beautiful the locations were – from breathtaking, accessible mountain backdrops near Zonza, minutes from the

road-side; to waterfalls, rivers and tropical beaches in the south of the island. We are able to travel around the island with relative ease and in decent travel times, and visiting at the start of October meant we had pleasantly warm temperatures and sunshine". Commented a Cotswold Outdoor spokesperson.

In Corsica, enjoy beach activities, jet skiing, fun boarding or underwater fishing, and then at the end of the day go mountainbiking, horse riding, rafting or canyoning in one of the nearby river valleys. Or try your hand at paragliding or via ferrata. A whole host of activities are available on the island, including winter sports such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Options at sea are just as plentiful. The island's sailing clubs, which are dotted all around the coast, offer a warm welcome and a wide selection of activities for young and old – from beach activities and underwater adventures to learning all about Corsica's marine environment, the choice is almost endless. The scene is set and the options are limitless – for a truly unique holiday!

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