



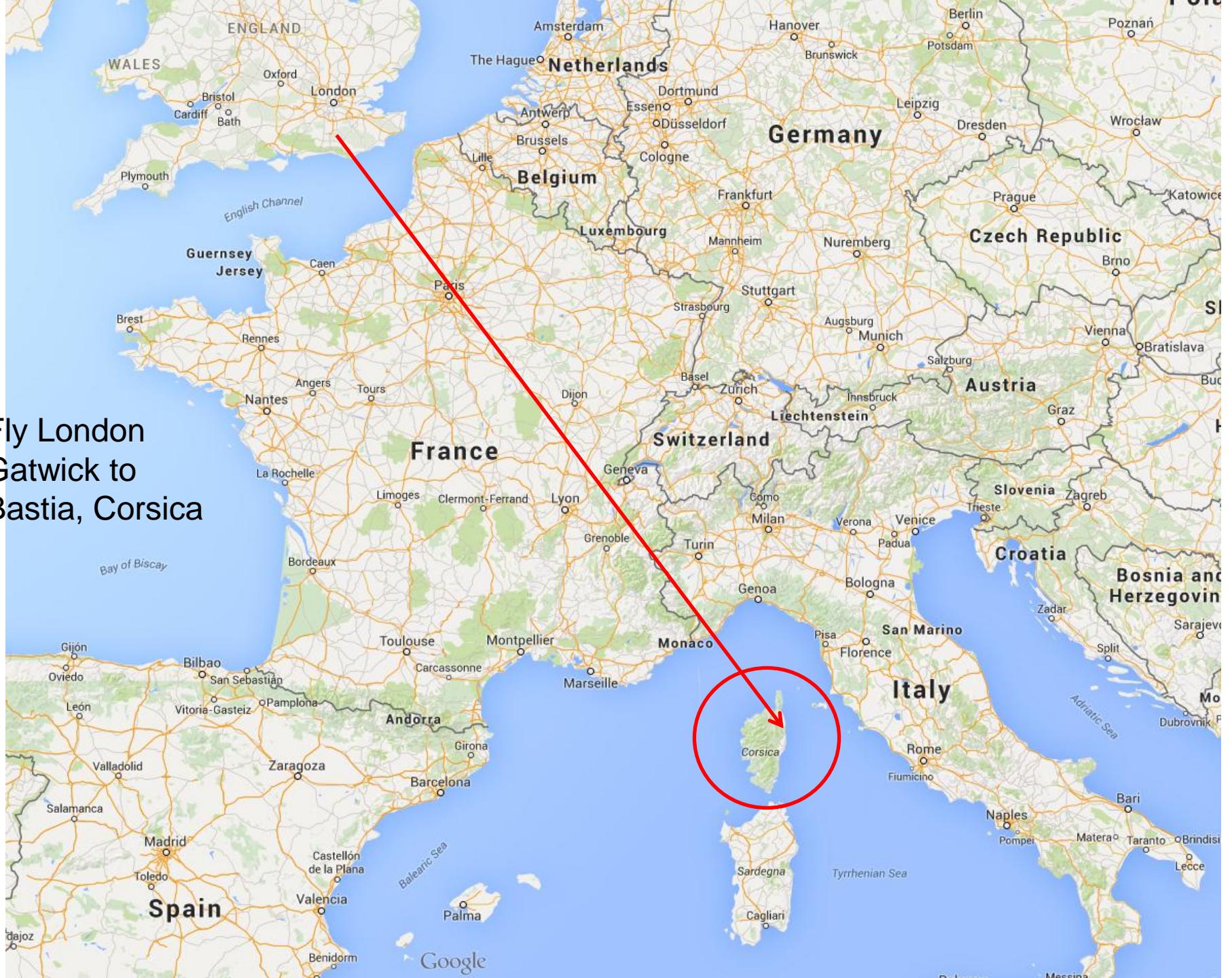
The GR 20, Corsica

Andy French. July-August 2015

Trip code COR



Fly London
Gatwick to
Bastia, Corsica





- Two weeks
Sun 19th July – Sun 2nd August 2015

- 180km of mountainous terrain up to 2300m altitude

- 12,000m of ascent and descent

- Haute route follows the granite spine of Corsica from *Calenzana to Conca**

- Camping / refuges / gites and occasionally hotels!

*Due to anticipated thunderstorms we finished at *Bavella*, and instead explored *La Trou de la Bombe* and climbed *Punta Velaco* instead of the final leg to *Conca*

The GR20 team

Pete

Lucy

Dan

Derek

Ewan



John

Steve

Andy

Paulin
(Guide)

Lee

Robert Levant
GRACES

EDONCA
environ 1 Km.



First view of the GR20 from *Hotel Les Arbousiers, Calvi*



Calvi beach



Citadel of *Calvi*



Calenzana, the start of the North-South GR20 route. Hopefully no need to go to bed with a towel full of ice cubes to keep cool from now on!

1500m of ascent nearly done!



Mammatus cloud, forming under the base of a *cumulonimbus* or *altocumulus*, indicating possible thunderstorms



Refuge *Ortu di u Piobbu*





John is mistaken for a sexy female horse



The Cirque de Bonifatu



Our maiden day "A lunch and a man on the edge..."
But no falling down!



Inspirational granite!



Contemplating a knee-jarring descent to refuge *Carrozu* via 'Bastard Hill' (!)





An early start... *Carrozu to Asco* via the *Col de Muvrella*



Mouflon!



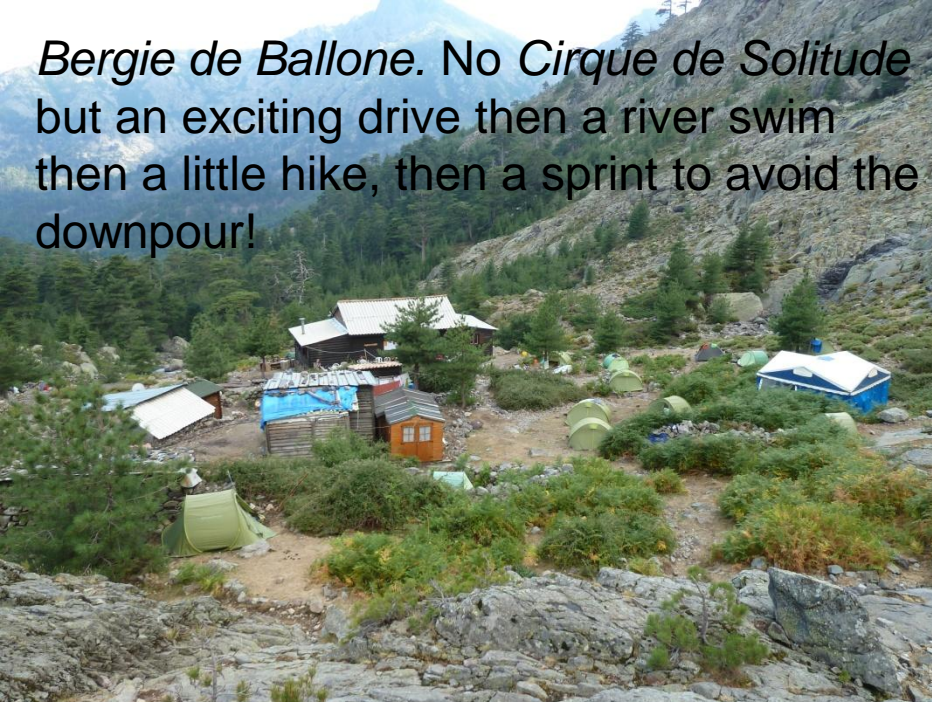








Bergie de Ballone. No Cirque de Solitude but an exciting drive then a river swim then a little hike, then a sprint to avoid the downpour!



The Cirque de Solitude alternative and Monte Cinto (2706m)



Refuge Tighiettu





Ciottolu di Mori



The highest refuge
on the GR20
(2000m)

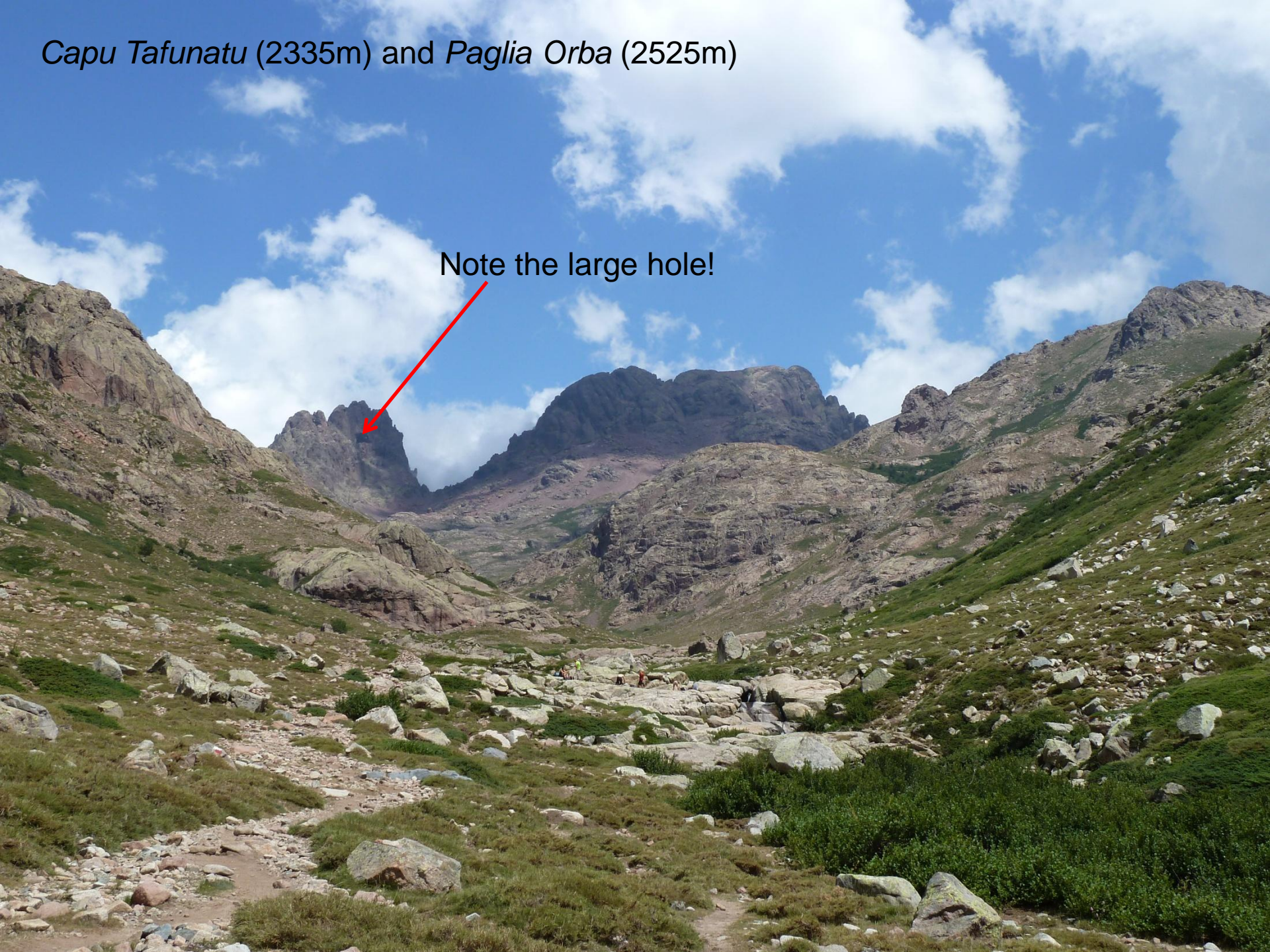


Capu Tafunatu and Paglia Orba



Capu Tafunatu (2335m) and Paglia Orba (2525m)

Note the large hole!







A welcome rest and chance to clean clothes at a ski hotel in *Castel di Vergio*





From *Castel di Vergio* to *Lac de Ninu*



Lac de Ninu





Refuge Manganu





Climbing from Refuge *Manganu* to *Breche de Capitellu*





Breche de Capitellu (2225m)





Glacial lakes *Capitelli* and *Melo*



Lac de Rinoso



Descending to Refuge L'Onda



Bed bugs bite!





To Col de Verde from
a gite in Vizzavona,
and emergency bed
bug treatment!





A low(ish) level walk to Refuge Croci



Monte Incudine (2134m)















Towards the *Aiguilles de Bavella*

Aiguilles de Bavella



John the Giant







Aiguilles de Bavella



Paulin and Melanie





La Trou de la Bombe



Punta Velaco





Punta Velaco

J'AVAIS DEMANDE DES PIEDS –
TU M'AS OFFERT DES AILES !

EN PENSÉE ET EN AMOUR NOUS REJOIGNONS
L'ALPINISTE LA PLUS INCROYABLE
QUE CE SOMMET AIT JAMAIS VU :

INGRID ANNI KOHLER

NÉE LE 7 AOUT 1918 ET QUI NOUS A QUITTÉS
LE 28 AVRIL 1987 POUR ALLER REJOINDRE DIEU

ELLE A REMPORTÉ UNE VICTOIRE SUR SA POLIO,
ELLE A REMPORTÉ UNE VICTOIRE SUR SON CANCER,
ET CE FUT SANS DOUTE UNE REVOLUTION LORSQU'ELLE
ARRIVA À FAIRE DE LA PUNTA VELACCI SA MONTAGNE
ET CE, LE 2 SEPTEMBRE 1985

PETER RUF-KOHLER, SON ÉPOUX
ANDREA RUF, SON ENFANT
AGATHE SESTER, SON AÏNÉ

NOUS NOUS RETROUVERONS !

LE 28 OCTOBRE 1987



The very last climb of the GR20!



La Trou de la Bombe



CONCA

*Arrivée du "G.R.20"
Vous voici au terme
de votre odysée.
Vous avez parcouru
environ 180 Km.
Bravo!*

Fin!

