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Duration: 3h · Type: Classic

This loop begins at the church in Pieve heading towards the ruins in Chiesa Nera. The bucolic trail passes through chestnut tree patches and the Corsican maquis (approximately one hour walk to the ruins). From there, you'll have a fantastic view of the Agriates and the faraway sea. The trail then descends about a mile to a beautiful path to the right taking you down to the vestiges of the Romanesque San Cesariu chapel. Surrounded by forest, the chapel has been partially restored and well preserved. This round-trip detour is truly worth the effort. The last leg back to Pieve offers great views of Saint-Florent and the surrounding villages. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of San Michele de Murato Church and the beautiful views from above. The chapel, built when Corsica was governed by the Republic of Pisa in the 11th century, boasts the traditional Pisan, bi-color style—alternating dark and light color stones assembled irregularly in checkerboard and striped patterns—much like famous structures found in Pisa and several churches throughout Tuscany. Enjoy a spuntinu snack (Corsican sausage and a glass of wine) as the shepherds once did. (Approximately 7 hours, 8 km/5 mi., approx. +400m/-400m (+1,640/-1,640 ft.) elevation gain).

PLEASE NOTE

- The order of the visits can change.
- Times are approximate.
- Good walking shoes are recommended.