

VIAS FERRATAS AND CLIFFS

of the province
of Belluno





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I have learned so much from you men...
I have learned that everybody wants to
live at the top of the mountain without
realizing that true happiness lies in the
way we climb the slope.

— **Gabriel Garcia Marquez**





VIA FERRATAS

What is a via ferrata?

It's a route, on a side of a mountain or inside a canyon, equipped with artificial facilities and gears to facilitate their approach and guarantee safety. It's a part of hiking and mountaineering that involves the use of steel cables, rope-ladders, iron rungs and sometimes suspension bridges, without which you would need mountaineering technique and skill to progress.

You need to have a specific set to use the artificial facilities, consisting of some technical equipment that guarantees individual protection along the way.



Progression on a via ferrata is an activity that can be done independently. But we absolutely don't recommend it: if you don't know how to use the via ferrata set, if you don't know your reactions to verticality and exposure and if you have doubts about your physical training, It's strongly recommended to approach a via ferrata for the first time with someone who has great experience on this kind of mountain routes.

The presence of an Alpine Guide is not compulsory, but we strongly advise it, because they are exactly the professionals, qualified by law, appropriate to accompany a beginner. For further information: www.guidealpineveneto.it collegio@guidealpineveneto.it telephone +39 3381056977. Another option is given by the CAI (Italian Alpine Club) provincial groups, that during summer organize group hikes on via ferratas. Some groups organize also courses to learn this activity. For further information: www.caiveneto.it/sezioni



The CAI Club Alpino Italiano (Italian Alpine Club)

Founded in Turin in 1863, the Italian Alpine Club is a “free national association whose purpose is the mountaineering in all its manifestations, the knowledge and the study of the mountains, especially the Italian ones, and the protection of their natural environment.” For that reason, besides accompanying hikers, it offers new methods of accompanying. In collaboration with Alpine Rescue and Guides, aware that going to the mountains causes accidents that in the majority of the cases are due to a lack of preparation of the hikers, the CAI realized an ambitious project: Montagna Amica e Sicura (Friendly and Safe Mountain). It is a wide awareness and information campaign, that you can see in the website <https://montagnamicaesicura.it>.

Consulting it, the hikers are oriented in their trails, both easy and hard, both in summer and in winter.

They are helped in the employment of the weather reports(www.arpa.veneto.it/bollettini/htm/meteo.asp), in the preparation of the equipment and in the correct evaluation of the difficulties.

The sections, thanks to the presence of instructors and escorts, organise hiking on via ferratas, basic and advanced courses about rock and ice climbing, alpine skiing and walk on via ferratas. To the youngest, they offer activities and courses about several subjects, that have as purpose the knowledge of the mountain environment through the exploration and the assumption of aware and responsible behaviours towards the landscape heritage.

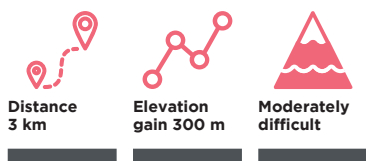
Those who want further information about activities and hikes can address the different sections in the province of Belluno: www.caiveneto.it/sezioni



GIANNI AGLIO

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Tofane

The via ferrata Gianni Aglio allows you to enjoy the majesty of the Ampezzo Dolomites. It's moderately difficult. Although short, the stretch on the eastern side of the Torre Aglio and, above all, the following exposed transverse are the most challenging parts of the route. All the equipped stretch develops from 2900 to 3100 metres: at this altitude the temperature can drop of many degrees and it can snow also during summer. For that reason, the journey must be done with stable weather and without fog on the ridges.



From Ra Valles to Dos de Tofan



AVERAU

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Averau

Short and pleasant well-equipped route that allows you to reach the summit of the Averau and enjoy a 360-degree view on the Dolomites. The route does not show exceptional difficulties and the approach is easily reachable from the Averau hut, served by a cable way. It is combined with the via ferrata Ra Gusela for the most experts, in a day trip on the Averau Nuvolau range.



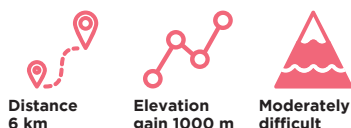
From the Averau hut through the via ferrata Averau



FRANCESCO BERTI

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Sorapiss

Circuit around the Sorapiss range. The technical difficulties are not exceptional, but the length is great and the environment requires moderate physical training. The via ferrata is long, challenging and exposed in some stretches, partially equipped with cables and ladders. The amazing circuit allows you to enjoy the beauty of the views: from its privileged position the sight extends from Cristallo to the Cadini di Misurina and the Tre Cime di Lavaredo.

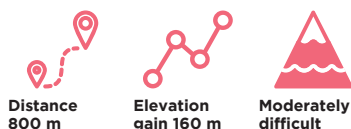


From the San Marco hut to the forcella "sora la cengia del Banco"



MARINO BIANCHI AND VARIANT

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Cortina d'Ampezzo

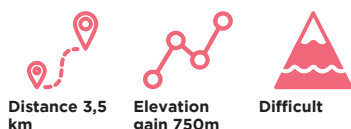


Starting point near the Lorenzi hut

Route on the ridge that is short but interesting and panoramic and that, at almost 3000 metres of altitude, leads from the forcella Staunies to the summit of the Cristallo di Mezzo. The route, equipped with fixed ropes and rungs, is very popular and can be ascended and descended. From here you can enjoy the magnificence of the Ampezzo basin. You need to consider though that the approach and the return became certainly more challenging after the closure of the cable way that led to the forcella Staunies.

GIANNI BOVERO

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Tofane



From Fianes through the path n° 408

The via ferrata Gianni Bovero is intense and extremely satisfying for the expert hikers, being also very exposed. Even if it's short, it's a nearly vertical ascent, with some interesting passages, among dhiedrons, chimneys and transverses, that must not be underestimated. The summit of the Col Rosà will reward the effort with its amazing view.

FANES WATERFALL

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Fanes

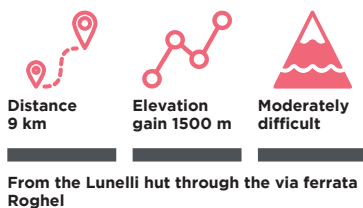
It's the classic first hike for those who want to approach the world of the via ferratas. It's an easy and short route in the Fanes valley, crossed by the river Boite, and can be easily done in half a day. Pay attention to some stretches where the rocks are wet and slippery. It's made up of three different stretches that can be done separately. The landscape under the waterfalls is wonderful.



CENGIA GABRIELLA

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Popera

The via ferrata Cengia Gabriella connects the Ciadin de Stalata to the Carducci hut in the Giralba Valley. It's the natural continuation of the via ferrata Roghel, that directly passes through the Guglie di Stalata and the Campanili di Popera. It's a via ferrata that unravels in a wonderful and lonely environment. Even if it doesn't show excessive elevation gains, the route has several rises and falls and the approach to the via ferrata implies a previous effort, that should be considered.

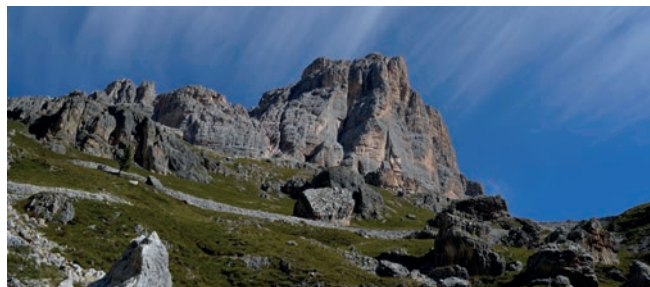


DEGLI ALPINI AL COL DEI BOS

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Lagazuoi

The via ferrata ascends the southern side of the Col dei Bos and has cables with just 2 or 3 rope-ladders. In the most critical points.

The route, created by Alpinos in 2007, is well designed: the technical difficulties are not exceptional and are essentially concentrated in the first stretch of the route, that has however some non-trivial passages during the progression. This route can be done also combined with the close Lagazuoi gallery: in that case, when you arrive at the forcella where the downhill path starts, just ignore this indication and continue along the neat track towards the uphill station of the Lagazuoi cable way.



Distance
1,6 km



Elevation
gain 500m



Moderately
difficult

From the Strobel Restaurant through the path
n° 423

PIETRO DE LUCA — JOSEPH DETTO SEPP INNERKOFLEK

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Paterno

It's a protected climbing route, probably one of the most suggestive of the entire Dolomite range of Sexten, which runs the majority of the shovel-shaped profile of the Mount Paterno. Here the epic duel between the Alpinist Pietro De Luca and the legendary guide Sepp Innerkofler, who was defeated, occurred. The route develops in a continuous succession of galleries, pinnacles, ledges and forcellas. The view on the Tre Cime di Lavaredo is amazing and you can enjoy it from the summit of the Mount Paterno as well as from some galleries and ledges. Here you can breathe the history of Italy and Europe.



Distance
6 km



Elevation
gain 450 m



Moderately
difficult

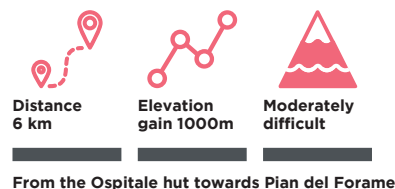
From the Auronzo hut to the Pian di Cengia hut



RENÉ DE POL

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Cristallo

It's a quite long route (or very long, if you choose to reconnect to the via ferrata Dibona) through the lonely environment of the Forame: a little-known and wild corner of the Dolomites. Although the proximity with more popular places, the chance to meet other hikers during all the route is very low. The protected climbing stretch does not show difficulties, but there are some unprotected passages (crossing the canyons, descending from the summit and on the ridge before the forcella Gialla) where it's essential not to suffer from vertigo and to be sure-footed. It descends then on path tracks to the source of the Rio Felizon and then through the Vallone del Felizon until meeting the uphill path.



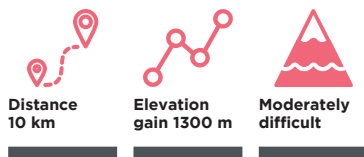
From the Ospitale hut towards Pian del Forame

DEL CAMOSCIO AL MONTE PALOMBINO

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Carniche occidentali



Moderately difficult route that leads from the Visdende Valley to the summit of the Mount Palombino, at the border of Italy and Austria. The via ferrata Camoscio, that ascends the south-eastern ridge of the Palombino, is quite easy, never too exposed, and is discontinuously protected with a cable, some rungs and the initial ladder. The sight extends from the Austrian mountains to the Dolomites, getting lost in the green of the beautiful Visdende Valley "Temple of God, Hymn to the Creator".



From the Visdende Valley to malga Dignas

IVANO DIBONA AND VARIANTS

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Cristallo

Wonderful hike on the ridge of the Cristallo range, that connects the forcella Staunies to the Col dei Strombi, in a route that has exposed stretches and is challenging for the overall development. This is the classical airy via ferrata, not recommended to those who suffer from vertigo. The suspension bridge is incredibly fascinating and was immortalized also in some international films. You are constantly accompanied by the beauty of the Ampezzo and Cadore Dolomites along the ridges.



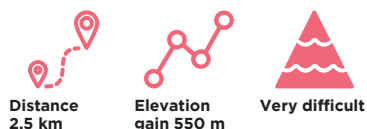
From the Son Forca hut through Graa de Staunies



FORCELLA DEL GHIACCIAIO

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Antelao

Very difficult, in a severe high mountain environment, the route leads to the forcella on the Glacier of the Mount Antelao, the King of the Dolomites. From the pass you can enjoy both the upper and lower part of the glacier. The itinerary is very challenging, but to those who can do it, it gives incredible glimpses on the underlying Val d'Oten and on the Marmarole, the mountains dear to Titian, one of the most famous sons of the Cadore area.



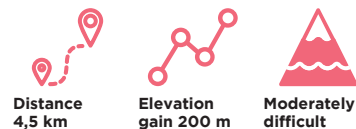
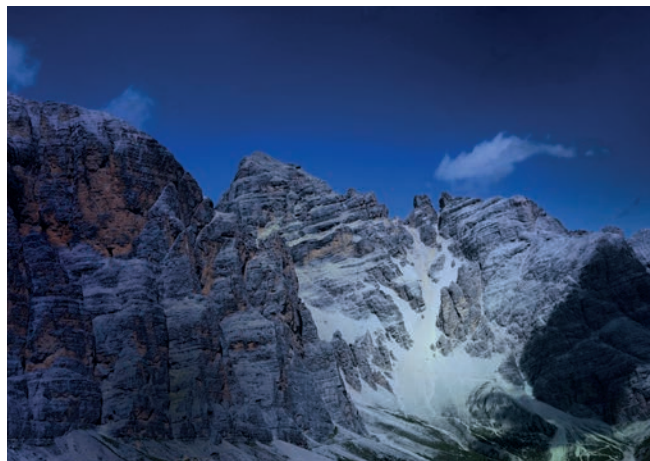
From the Galassi hut through the path n° 250



FORMENTON ALLE TOFANE DI DENTRO E DI MEZZO

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Tofane

Short via ferrata that connects Cima Tofana di Mezzo to Cima Tofana di Dentro, along a not difficult route, but in a severe high mountain environment, with views on all the groups that surround the Ampezzo basin. Among the three via ferratas in the Tofane – Olivieri, Lipella, Formenton – this is the easiest but you shouldn't underestimate it. You can ascend or descend it, but the classic route starts from the uphill station of the Tofana di Mezzo – Freccia del Cielo (Sky Arrow) – reaching then the middle station of Ra Valles.



Climb with the cable way from Ra Valles or in reverse from Ra Valles through the path n° 407.

GROTTA DELLA TOFANA

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Tofane



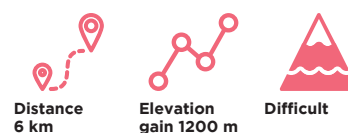
From the Dibona hut through the path n° 404

Short protected climbing route that allows, after having crossed an easy but exposed ledge, to visit the grotto of the Tofana di Rozes. The route has no technical difficulties, but you need a headlamp to visit the inside of the grotto. The glimpses on the Ampezzo basin from the grotto of the Tofana gave inspiration to famous photos.

GIOVANNI LIPELLA

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Tofane

Long and challenging route that develops on the eastern side of the Tofana di Rozes, allowing to reach its summit. The high mountain environment, majestic and panoramic, makes this hike not to be underestimated. To reach the popular pinnacles, called “Tre Dita” (Three Fingers) the via ferrata is easy, but then it becomes challenging, especially with wet weather. An amazing tour on the heart of the Dolomites, remembering the Great War, that here wrote some of the most tragic and legendary pages. The summit of the Tofana di Rozes gives one of the most extraordinary views on the Alps.



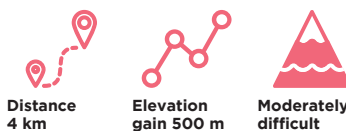
From the Dibona hut through the path n°404

FRANCESCO CORTE COL. MAZZETTA

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Popera



A little-frequented route with few difficulties, that develops in an isolated and severe environment. The protected climbing route that connects Padola to the bivouac Gera through the forcella Tacco is part of an amazing and hard hike in an isolated and wild landscape of the wonderful Popera group. The route is quite difficult, both for the length and for the elevation gain. Moreover, it's in an isolated and little-frequented area also in high season.

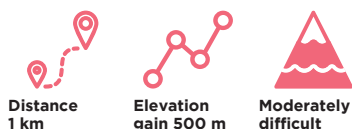


From the Col d'la Tenda hut through the path n°152

RUGGERO MERLONE

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico /
Cadini di Misurina

The vertical via ferrata Merlone is an exposed and hard route that from the Fonda Savio hut leads, through a long series of ladders, to the north-eastern summit of the Cadini di Misurina. The via ferrata is very challenging, in a severe and beautiful environment. The horizontal traverse with iron cable and maximum exposure is the most striking and demanding stretch of the route. The view on the jagged pinnacles gives the feeling to be in a rock castle.

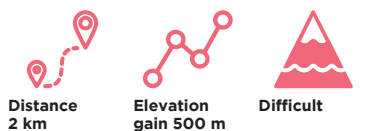


From the Fonda Savio hut through the path n° 112



GIUSEPPE OLIVIERI ALLA PUNTA ANNA

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Tofane



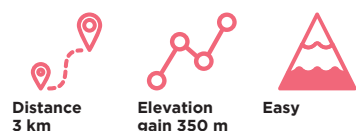
Starting point near the Pomedes hut.

Punta Anna is the first spur of the Tofana di Mezzo massif towards south-east. This shoulder-shaped rock spur has a summit of secondary importance compared to the remaining group of the Tofane, but that acquired some popularity during the years thanks to this amazing via ferrata that ascends the extraordinary southern edge. The climb is not easy, as it's steep and exposed.

RA GUSELA

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Nuvolau

The route develops along the southern side of the Nuvolau, without significant technical difficulties, and the short approach makes it suitable also for the beginners. The last passage before arriving at the Nuvolau hut is wonderful and overhanging. From here the sight extends on the Agordo, Ampezzo and Cadore Dolomites, in a succession of vertical sides, pyramids, peaks and pinnacles.

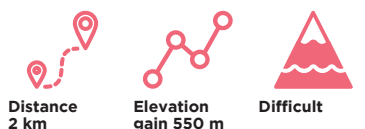


From the Giau pass through the path n°443

ALDO ROGHEL

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Popera

The via ferrata Roghel, athletic and technical in some stretches, leads to the forcella delle Guglie along the north-eastern side of the Mount Popera. It's the first connection stretch between Vallon Popera and the Carducci hut. It's a stimulating and great experience for well-trained and expert mountaineers thanks to the landscapes. The climb finishes at 2540 metres of altitude in the forcella, in an isolated environment.

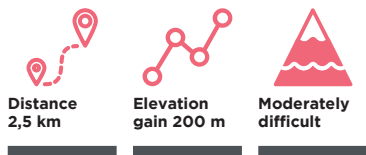


From the Berti al Popèra hut through the path n° 110



SCALA DEL MENEGHEL

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Tofane



From the forcella Col dei Bos through the path n° 4

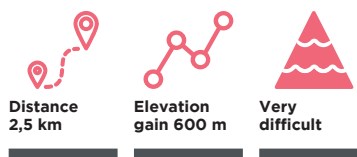
It's a short via ferrata that completes the tour of the Tofana di Rozes, developing on its northern side. Its structure, made of anchors fixed in the rock, requires focus but it's without technical difficulties. Just the peculiarity of the anchors, where you have to pay much attention when it's wet, makes this via ferrata unique. The glimpses on the Travenanzes Valley are wonderful.

SCI CLUB 18

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Faloria



Difficult route, athletic and exposed, suitable only for well-trained and expert hikers, that ascends the vertical sides of the Faloria. The via ferrata twists and turns along the Crepe di Faloria side, under the cable way that leads to the Mount Faloria, and it's one of the newest protected climbing routes in the Dolomites. The opening dates back to 2009. It was named after the Ski Club with the same name, founded in 1930 by eighteen young friends who wanted to raise awareness and promote skiing and the moral elevation of youth.

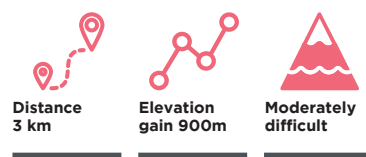


From the Lagusin restaurant through the path n° 210.

ALBINO MICHIELLI STROBEL

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Pomagagnon

This is a classic and very popular via ferrata that ascends the western side of the Punta Fiammes, in a well-designed route through wide ledges that crosses exposed but well-equipped stretches. The view on Cortina d'Ampezzo and on the Boite valley is incomparable. Although the city of Cortina d'Ampezzo is quite near, the significant elevation gain requires good training. The return is challenging and must be done with focus.

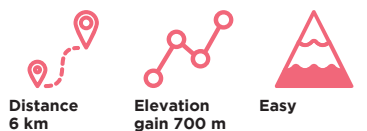


From Fiammes through the path n° 218.

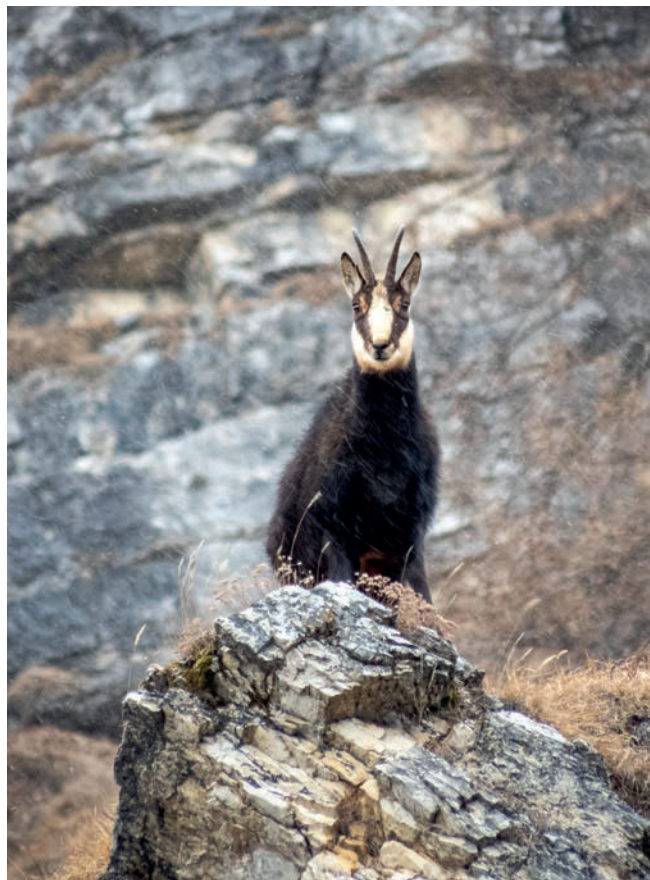
TERZA CENGIA DEL POMAGAGNON

**Ampezzo Cadore Comelico /
Pomagagnon**

Pomagagnon is the massive mountain range that rises in the north of Cortina d'Ampezzo. A true fossil cliff that can be completely crossed thanks to the presence of the Terza Cengia (ledge): a remarkable and exposed route, equipped in the airier stretches, that allows to reach Punta Erbing, giving a wonderful view on the Ampezzo basin and on the Dolomites that surround it.



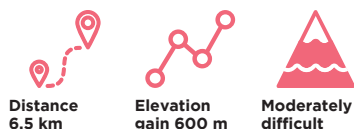
From the Mietres hut through the path n° 211.



CESCO TOMASELLI CENGIA LUIGI VERONESI

**Ampezzo Cadore Comelico /
Fanes—Lagazuoi**

Quite difficult and certainly exposed route, with an approach that must not be underestimated, that connects the forcella Granda to the forcella del Léch. The route, well-tracked and safe thanks to the presence of ropes in the most difficult stretches, requires firm foothold and lack of vertigo. The ledge is wide but it must not be underestimated because the exposure is significant. You must pay maximum attention also when descending.



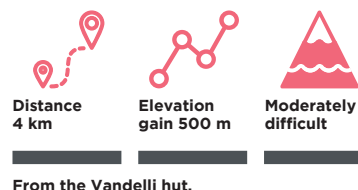
From the Lagazuoi hut through the paths n° 401, 20, 1020.



ALFONSO VANDELLI

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Sorapis

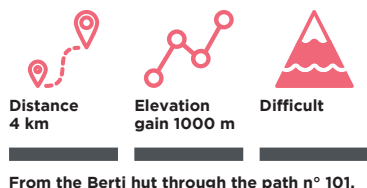
Moderately difficult route that connects the Vandelli hut to the Comici bivouac along the eastern side of Sorapis. The CAI path begins at 2020 metres of altitude from the Comici bivouac and allows to cross the ridge of the Croda del Fogo at 2400 metres of altitude to reach afterwards the glacial cirque of the Sorapis group. From here you can enjoy the view on the rock bastion and on the Mount Cristallo that rises beyond the Tre Croci pass. The via ferrata has not the difficulties of the first stretch, except in two passages: a partially equipped ledge that is interrupted by a rock spur and reaches 2567 metres of altitude, and a descent in the chimney between Croda del Fogo and Corno Sorelle, equipped with cables and ladders.



MARIO E GIULIANO ZANDONELLA

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Popera

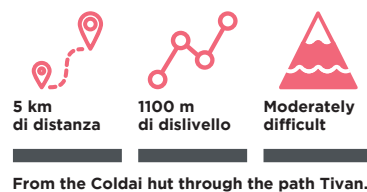
A wet ledge in the shade leads to an unstable basin, on the left of which there is a small wall. Climbed some rungs, you ascend first an almost vertical small channel and then an exposed step. Afterwards, you find yourselves on a beautiful ledge, marked but narrow, in front of a small fort embedded in the rock. The route continues on the right, but the left ledge deserves to be climbed just to enjoy the view towards the Vallon Popera. A last stretch with ropes leads to the path towards the top of the Croda Rossa di Sesto.



DEGLI ALLEGHESI

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Civetta

The via ferrata degli Alлегhesi is a route for trained hikers/mountaineers, that allows to reach the summit of the Civetta at 3218 metres of altitude, one of the most important peaks of the Dolomites. The route runs first on the eastern side until reaching the north-eastern ridge that you ascend to the summit. Overall, it's a very challenging route from a physical point of view, with significant elevation gain. Running the route on the ridge, you will be generously rewarded for the effort, with a truly unique 360-degree view.

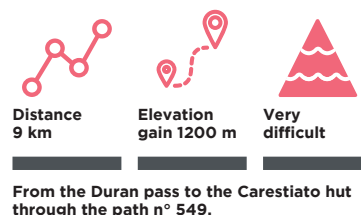


GIANNI COSTANTINI

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Moiazza



One of the most challenging via ferratas of all the Dolomites. The starting point is at the Carestiato hut and you run the circuit that leads to the southern summit of Moiazza, crossing also the forcella delle Nevere and the forcella delle Masenade. A very hard climb, with extremely technical and athletic stretches. To move past some passages, a good use of the arms is required. The descent is quite easy, but you need to pay attention to the fatigue that you can feel because of the extreme length of the route! The view towards the San Sebastiano is majestic.



DELLE TRINCEE

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Marmolada

Long and challenging historic route, that retraces the routes of the First World War on the ridge that divides Marmolada from the Sella group. The via ferrata delle Trincee is an interesting route, both from a sport and a landscape and an emotional point of view: leading through the tunnels and galleries of the Great War, it allows you to read the signs of the past and to think. The route on the ridge allows you to enjoy breathtaking views.



DELL'ORSA

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Pale di San Martino

Long and challenging route that leads to the forcella dell'Orsa through the d'Angheraz Valley. It's a route not to underestimate because of the severity of the environment and the significant elevation gain. You must focus also not to lose the red signs that mark the route. The surrounding landscape is lunar, for sure one of the wildest of the Agordo Dolomites. Besides having good legs, it's essential to know how to hike with ease and agility on a track that is not always simple. You need to take into consideration then that the long route does not offer footholds.



From Locanda col dei Prà through the d'Angheraz Valley.

FIAMME GIALLE

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Civetta

Certainly challenging route that from the high hamlets of Cencenighe Agordino leads to Cima Palaza Alta, in the Civetta—Moiazza group. Hiking the path n° 562 you can complete a circuit that leads back to the starting point. Get ready to sweat from start to finish! Once you reach the summit, the view is fabulous, on an expanse of mugo pines. The via ferrata is in good condition at the moment: some years ago it was renovated putting rope ladders in some hard points.

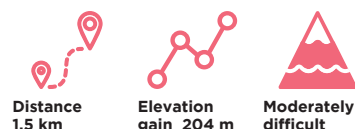


From Case Bricol through the path n° 562.

MARIO FUSETTI

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Sass di Stria

The new via ferrata, with starting point at Forte Tre Sassi in Valparola Pass, is a historical-cultural route dedicated to Second Lieutenant Mario Fusetti, hero of the Sasso di Stria, Medal of Honour for Military Valour. You follow the path that goes towards the Sass di Stria passing along the Goiginger gallery and the placement with the same name, and, walking about 800 metres, you reach the approach. The via ferrata does not show exceptional difficulties and it takes around 45 minutes to walk. To go back, you descend along the trenches arriving again at Forte Tre Sassi.

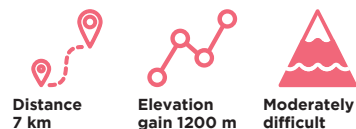


From Forte Tre Sassi at 2168 metres of altitude.

GABITTA D'IGNOTI

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Pale di San Martino

Short via ferrata that connects the Val Strutt pass to Cima Vezzana. The severe and wild landscape requires good skill and training. This short and easy via ferrata can be done in both directions, walking the beautiful circuit that from the Rosetta hut leads to Cima Vezzana. We recommend to previously get information about the conditions of the glacier of Val Strutt, because of the presence of snow and ice. The view on the plateau of the Pale di San Martino is amazing.

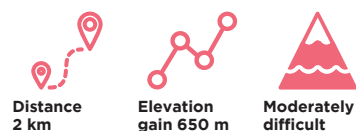


From the Rosetta hut through the path n° 703.

PAOLIN PICCOLIN

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Cime d'Auta

Moderately difficult route, but that requires decent training. It leads to the very panoramic Eastern Cima d'Auta, in a wild landscape. If you are lucky, the sight extends from the Marmolada group to the Pale di San Martino and towards the Sasso Vernale and Ombrettola. To do this via ferrata you need to pay maximum attention to the weather conditions. On the Cime d'Auta you can often see beautiful groups of steinbocks.

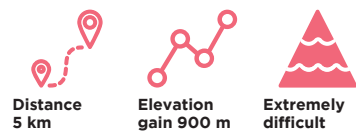


From Baita Giovanni Paolo I

CESARE PIAZZETTA

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Sella

The via ferrata Piazzetta leads to the Capanna Fassa hut through a very challenging route, both for technical difficulties and for the elevation gain: for that reason, you must be well-trained to do it. Especially in the first metres you need to have great arm resistance to climb the vertical side, that requires also a certain assurance with exposure. From the rock spur on the top, the sight extends in a 360-degree view on the fossil atoll of the Sella group.

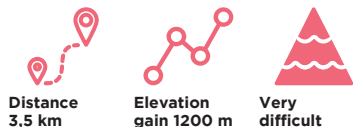


From the Pordoi pass through the path n° 626.

STELLA ALPINA

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Agner

Very long and difficult route, suitable for very experienced and trained hikers, that leads from the Scarpa hut to the Mount Agner. From here the sight extends on the Gosaldo basin, renowned especially for the tradition of the chair-makers, and opens to wonderful glimpses on the Belluno Dolomites.



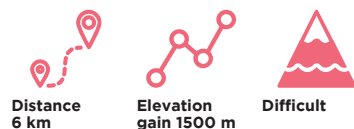
From the Scarpa hut through the path n° 709.



ATTILIO TISSI

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Civetta

Very challenging route, due also to the long path to reach the approach of the via ferrata, that requires great mountain experience and that leads, through the south-eastern ramparts, to the summit of the Civetta. You must pay maximum attention also for the presence of exposed passages. The glimpses on Torre Trieste, Torre Venezia and the ramparts of the Civetta are wonderful. The view on Van delle Sasse is exceptional.

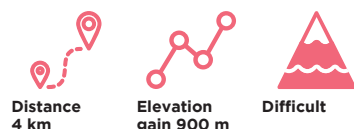


From malga Grava through the paths n° 557 and 558.

VIA ETERNA

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Marmolada

Historical route dedicated to the Brigata Cadore, that from the Fedaiia pass leads to Piz Serauta, through an absolutely long and varied route, suitable for well-trained hikers. The via ferrata Eterna, whose original name was exactly "Brigata Cadore", after a long closure was completely renovated, retracing the old track. The only exception is the approach, that was moved on the right, on solid plates that are less subject to fall of detritus. You find yourself in front of the Queen of the Dolomites, Marmolada, and the view that you can enjoy here during the days with clear sky arrives also to the Venice lagoon.



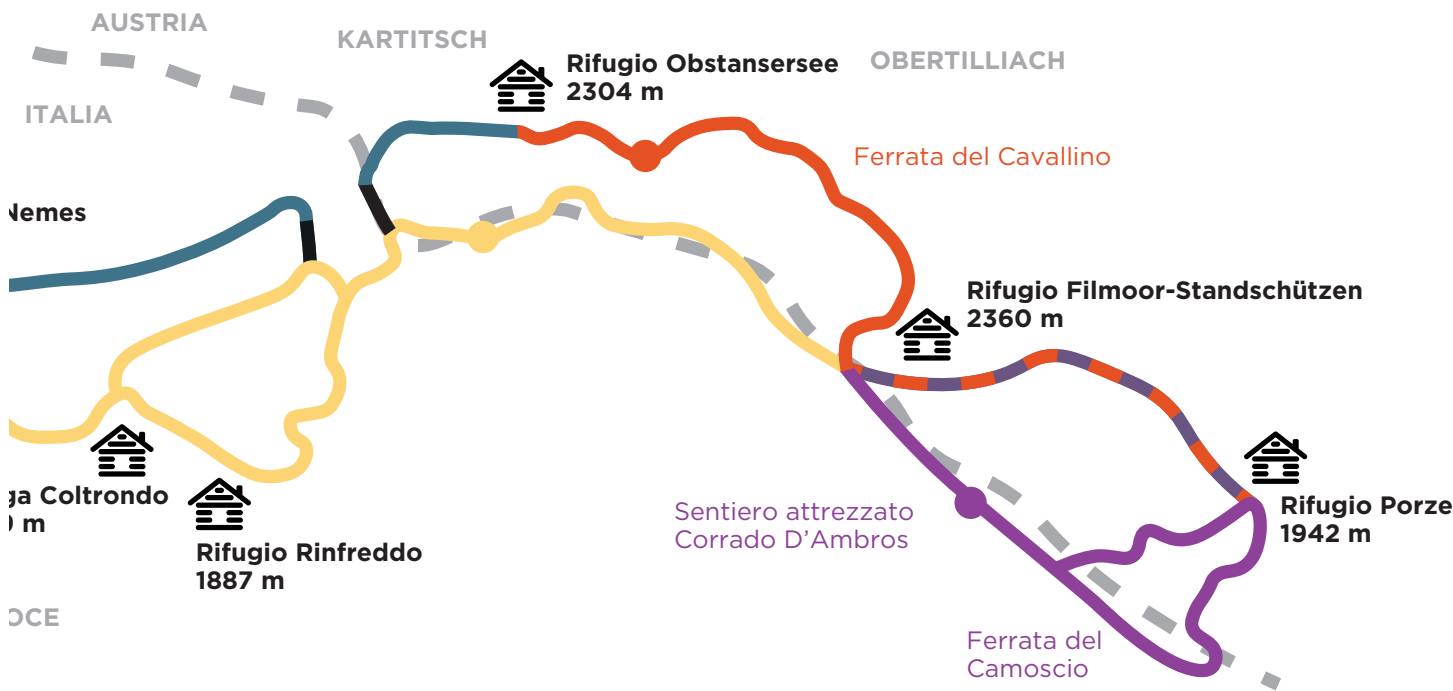
From the Passo Fedaiia hut.

DOLOMITES WITHOUT BORDERS



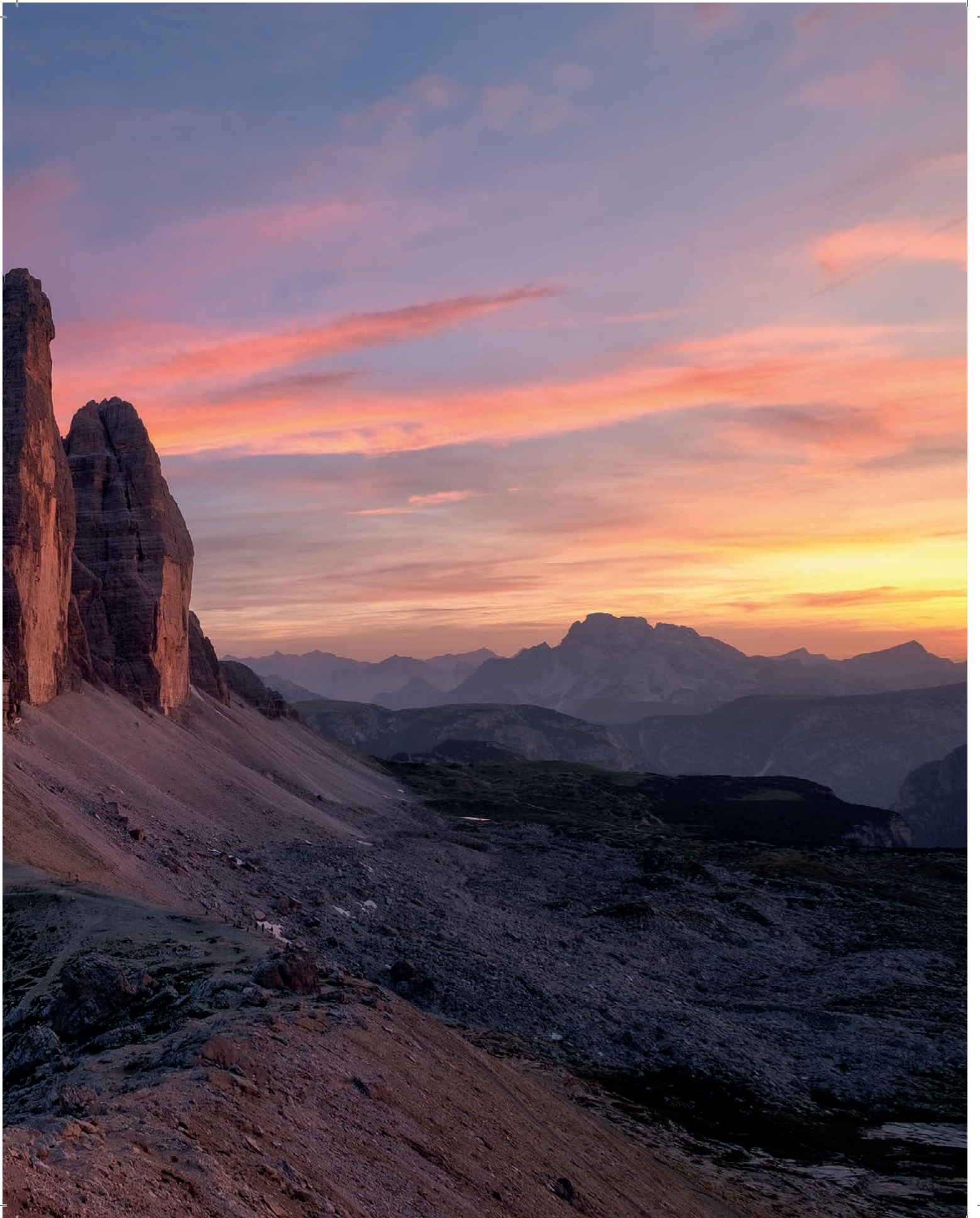
"DOLOMITES WITHOUT BORDERS" is a union of pre-existing routes, a project born from the dream that the Dolomites are no longer a barrier, but a place of interaction and friendship. It's an Alta Via (High Route) that connects 12 via ferratas, with a high mountaineering and historical value, that are between Italy and Austria, between the areas of Cadore and Puster, from the Tre Cime di Lavaredo to the Gail Valley. "Dolomites without borders" is a peace route through the places of the Great War, that twists and turns also along trenches and galleries: a great Alta Via where the mountain lovers from all over the world can meet on these mountains, once sadly marked by the war, to cultivate a friendship that now blooms quickly, has the colours of the rainbow and has a scent of future.





Strategic importance

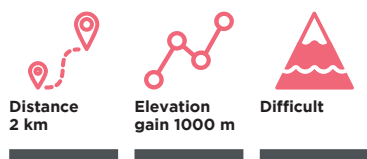
In the areas where these mountain passages are, marvellously united in this extraordinary "Super Alta Via", during the First World War the Italian and Austrian armies created some via ferratas on the Mount Paterno, Torre Toblin, Cima Undici, Croda Rossa di Sesto and the Mount Cavallino. Later, what was left of this work was changed in via ferratas with historical and landscape interest. And today you can enjoy a single high route, to be walked in daily stages, that unravels for 108 kilometres!



ANTONIO BERTI

Valbelluna Alpago Feltrino / Schiara

The via ferrata Berti, natural continuation of the protected climbing routes Zacchi and Sperti, leads to the summit of the Schiara along the western ridge. It's a route suitable for well-trained and expert hikers. Its exposure, together with fatigue, difficulty and the fact that it's part of a long itinerary that includes at least another via ferrata, makes it very difficult. From here, your eyes can get lost on the Valbelluna, from the peaks in the Alpago area to Feltre.



From the VII Alpini hut through the path n° 503 and via ferrata Zacchi.



MARINO GUARDIANO

Valbelluna Alpago Feltrino / Schiara

Challenging route, for elevation gain and development, that is the natural continuation of the via ferrata del Marmol, to reach the top of the Mount Pelf. Majestic, gentle and grassy on the south, wild and lonely in the north, the Mount Pelf rises just east of the Schiara. It's known locally as "Montagna del Fontanon" (Mountain of the Fountain), from the name of the waterfall that is at the foot of its northern side.



From the VII Alpini hut through the via ferrata del Marmol.



DELLA MEMORIA

Valbelluna Alpago Longaronese / Salta

The amazing via ferrata del Vajont, the "Ferrata della Memoria", is the latest of the via ferratas in the Belluno province. It's born from a brilliant idea of Fabio Bristot "Rufus", representative of the Dolomite Mountain Rescue, who wanted to remember the tragedy of the Vajont also through sport. The via ferrata, quite challenging and exposed in some stretches, allows you to wedge in the Vajont Valley and to enjoy the dam from a different angle. It's truly the place of memory, where to stop and think about this terrible tragedy that occurred in 1963.



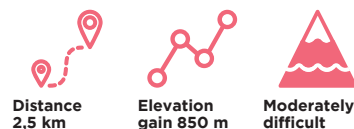
From the second to last hairpin turn of the state road 251 from Longarone to the Vajont Dam



PIERO ROSSI EX MARMOL

Valbelluna Alpago Feltrino / Schiara

This challenging route allows you to reach, starting from the VII Alpini hut, the forcella del Marmol, from which you can connect to other protected climbing routes. The via ferrata del Marmol is moderately difficult, even though you need to pay attention to the snow conditions that in certain gorges can make the route harder. The gully of the Marmol is very beautiful.



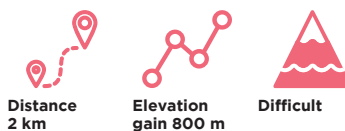
From the VII Alpini hut through the path n° 514.

GIANANGELO SPERTI

Valbelluna Alpage Feltrino / Schiara



Challenging route with a moderate development that leads to the forcella Sperti, from which you can reach then the Gusela del Vescovà, along the western side of the Schiara. The rampart, where the Dalla Bernardina bivouac is placed, is wonderful: from here you can enjoy an amazing landscape and a unique point of view on the beautiful icon of the City of Belluno, the needle of the bishop (Gusela del Vescovà).

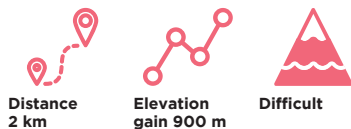


From the VII Alpini hut through the path n° 504.

LUIGI ZACCHI

Valbelluna Alpage Feltrino / Schiara

Challenging route that from the VII Alpini hut leads to the forcella della Gusela, through the southern side of the Schiara. Afterwards, you can continue along the via ferrata Berti to reach the summit. The fossil cliff of the Mount Schiara is amazing, the mount of Dino Buzzati, the great writer from Belluno who several times sang the praises of it. From here the valley of the creek Ardo, that reaches Belluno, is wonderful.



From the VII Alpini hut through the path n° 503.





CLIFFS

While in the mountains you deal with sides of hundreds of metres high, usually in the cliffs you hike for shorter ways. In the sport climbing the route to follow is clear and the protections are usually several and safe, with a hold that reaches 2500 kilos each: it's therefore possible "hanging" for a rest along the ascent and they are designed also for mistakes: the fall off a cliff, differently than from a mountain, is quite common. Sometimes, the routes are not always well-marked and on some parts the protections can't be enough or safe.

It's therefore essential to be equipped on the length of the route and able to evaluate the conditions of the anchors (spit, fix, climbing nails, etc.) to possibly integrate them with the tools that every mountaineer should always have with him/her, like friends or nuts, that is to say the portable protections.

Far from treating in this brochure the countless cliffs on the territory of the province of Belluno, that has more than some tens, the following pages want to give just some inspiration on the several opportunities to climb, in places that are easy to reach and interesting for the environment that surrounds them. For any detail and technical information please check the great bibliography on the subject, remembering that the climbing must always be done with after an appropriate physical training.



Mountain climbing requires an experience and a knowledge of all the matters linked to safety much deeper than those necessary to sport climbing, where you become independent after a relatively brief time.

Those who want to approach this practice can address to the Alpine Guides, professionals qualified to teach climbing both on the cliffs, for sport, and on the mountains. There are different types of courses, individually or in group, organised by several Alpine Guide associations.

For further information:

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Also the CAI - Italian Alpine Club offers formation courses for climbing, both at basic and advanced level. Contacting one of the section of the province of Belluno you can have more information about where the different courses are organised every year. For further information: www.caiveneto.it/sezioni



The Alpine Guides

As mountain professionals, the Alpine Guides and the Medium Mountain Escorts of the Veneto Regional College strongly believe in the importance, through our accompanying activity and the several physical and experience activities that we propose, to pass down the fundamental values of the mountain.

We wouldn't like to be seen as simple guides who guarantee safety, even if this is of primary importance: first of all, we would like to represent a kind of "tool" that allows people to connect with the most intimate part of the mountains, knowing the most renowned parts but also the hidden ones, meeting the people that live and work in the mountains to get to know their traditions, retracing the mountaineering history and the trips to discover those enchanting lands that are the Dolomites, recognised World Heritage by UNESCO. Our role is certainly to guarantee safety to people that go to the mountains: unfortunately the accidents that happen for the lack of adequate preparation or the employment of inappropriate equipment are more and more. For that reason, it's important to entrust to the Alpine Guides and the Middle Mountain Escorts both because as professionals we are able to guarantee safety and

because we can teach you the adequate techniques to discover then the Dolomites independently in the best way possible. To challenge a rock climbing way or a via ferrata together with an Alpine Guide is an exciting activity, allowing everyone to connect with Dolomite without concern. And for those who prefer hiking, it is greatly satisfying walking one of the Alta Vias of the Dolomites together with an Alpine Guide or a Middle Mountain Escort, who are responsible of your safety but who can also describe the natural and cultural peculiarities of the places that you visit.

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AJARNOLA

**Ampezzo Cadore Comelico /
Auronzo di Cadore**

Small cliff with ten ways, some very interesting and acrobatic, surely not ordinary. You walk Ajarnola street (follow the CAI sign to Ajarnola) to a crossroad. After having left the car in a small open space, you take the dirt road on the right, that ascends and then descends, for about five minutes. The place allows to enjoy all the magnificence of the Somadida forest that lies under and of the Dolomite ramparts.



BECCO D'AJAL

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Passo Giau



One of the biggest cliffs near Cortina, made of various blocks in the middle of the wood. The grades are high and the cliff is suitable for the most expert climbers. From Cortina you need to go towards the Falzarego pass and Giau pass, going up from Pocol. Crossed the village after about one kilometre, you park on the left, just before the field of the malga Peziè de Parù. Crossed the street, you take the path that leads to the Formin Valley. From here you can enjoy the amazing view on the Tofana di Rozes.

CINQUE TORRI

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Passo Falzarego

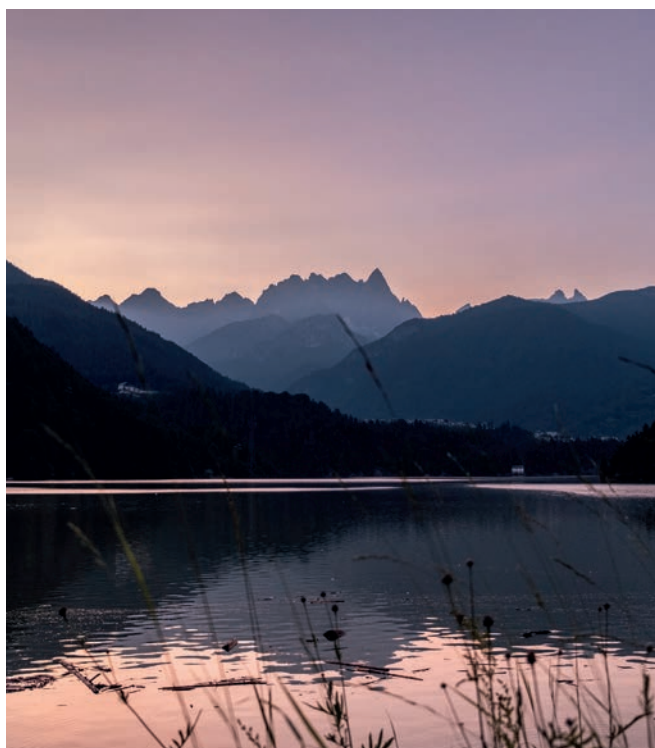
In an infinite variety of forms and pinnacles, the wonderful Cinque Torri ideally represent all the Dolomites. You can admire them from the city centre of Cortina, but their unmistakable shape must not mislead, because the towers that create their characteristic profile are not only five: jagged towers, pinnacles and rocks are scattered in all the area. This famous series of cliffs on the Falzarego pass consists of more than 150 sport and classic routes. It's probably the most iconic cliff of the province of Belluno. It's the climbers' real climbing wall, who here can have fun with different holds, enjoying an astonishing landscape, the one of the Ampezzo basin.



DOMEGGE DI CADORE

Ampezzo Cadore Comelico / Domegge di Cadore

This cliff differentiates from the others for the very easy access, because it's just on the road that goes from Domegge to Lago di Centro Cadore, towards Vallesella. Pay attention because the ease to reach the cliff must not mislead: the routes have difficulties that can be done only by expert climbers. Climbing these routes, the climbers can enjoy some wonderful views on the lake and on the Toro Valley.



CALEDA

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Passo Duran

Caleda is an amazing cliff, excellently equipped for climbing, placed on the side of the Duran pass towards Agordo. This Dolomite cliff is located in an astonishing natural environment, where also the climbers' eyes have great satisfaction. The near peaks of the Moiazza, the majestic Mount Agner and the wide plateau of the Pale di San Martino can be enjoyed by those who have the privilege to climb in this wonderful landscape.



GARES

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Garès

Just at the end of the wonderful Gares valley, there is a perfect horseshoe-shaped glacial cirque. Where the road ends, next to the Capanna Cima hut, a path starts that goes towards the famous Comelle waterfalls. The route develops in this amazing basin with high limestone walls, in four areas with well-distinguished characteristics: the "Massi a fondo valle" area, placed near the hut, the "Placca dei Fiori" area, on the left of the waterfalls, the "Abisso de Dea" area, on the right of the waterfalls, and, climbing again, the "Falesia Alta" area, a real jewel of the valley.



IGNE

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Igne

Igne is a historical cliff in the province of Belluno, whose access is clear in the town with the same name, not far away from Longarone. The cliff offers many routes of medium-high level with some astonishing stretches. The yellow-black rock is a good quality horizontally stratified limestone. On the right, under the roof, there are the short and difficult routes, but the cliff overall has some highest level routes. The characteristic of Igne is surely the great numbers of upside down and vertical holds, that here are more frequent than on other cliffs.



LASTE

Agordino Fodom Val Di Zoldo / Laste di Rocca Pietore

Laste is a wonderful and never banal summer cliff. The big limestone blocks where the climbers go are called: Sass De Ròcia, Sass De La Murada, Sass de La Gusela and Sass de l'Aghinèl. Except for the last rock, where you can find some overhanging routes, all the other ways require technique and ability to use the feet, so that also the lower level routes can be severe at first approach. The landscape is amazing, with a view on the north-western side of the Civetta and the opportunity to climb to the summit of the Sass de Ròcia, through the protected climbing route of the Pian de le Stelle bivouac.



VAL GALLINA

Valbelluna Alpago Feltrino / Soverzene

Easily reachable from the village of Soverzene, the climbing wall of the Gallina Valley was subject to recent rearrangement that led to the inauguration of a total renewed and safe place in 2019, with several rock ways distributed on three walls and three via ferratas. In addition to the suggestive beauty of the place and respecting the environment that keeps its wilderness, also thanks to the creek always full of water that crosses it, some picnic areas were created.



DOLADA

Valbelluna Alpago Feltrino / Alpago

The cliff, facing south at almost 1600 metres of altitude, is easily reachable in 15 minutes walk from the car park of the Dolada hut, coming up from the town of Pieve d'Alpago. The exposure and the altitude, that allow this practice all year, and the presence of easy pitches for less expert climbers together with long alpine routes, make this area a unique case in the province of Belluno. The view is enchanting and embraces all the Alpago basin. Climbing at 1600 metres of altitude, just few minutes from the cities, with a continuous view on the Santa Croce lake: the cliff of the Mount Dolada can give you all this.



PODENZOI

Valbelluna Alpago Feltrino /Podenzoi

Easily reachable from Castellavazzo or from the city centre of Longarone, climbing up towards the village of Podenzoi, it's certainly one of the historical cliffs of the province of Belluno. In the new millennium, also after a massif maintenance work and nailing of new routes, there has been a rediscovery of this place by old and new climbers. Located at 700 metres above sea level, it offers more than 60 routes with different levels on a great limestone: here there are some beautiful slabs with small notches, long tubes carved by water and some yellow overhang. This variety makes this cliff a very complete one, even if it's suitable mainly for expert climbers.

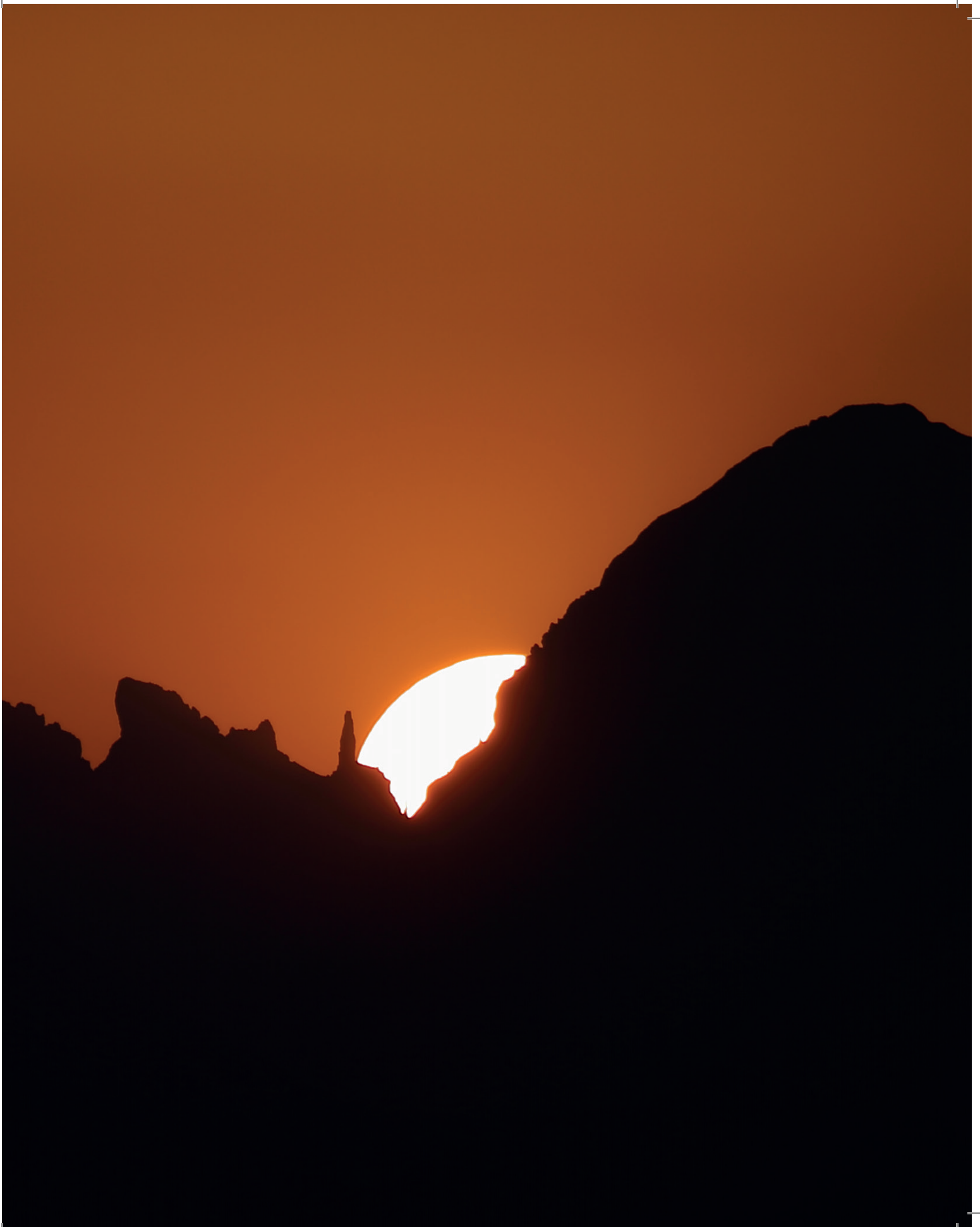


VALLE DI SCHIEVENIN

Valbelluna Alpago Feltrino / Quero

An amazing valley that offers the opportunity to climb near the car or surrounded by nature, that it's luxuriant in this area, thanks to its several routes. The best periods of the year are spring and autumn, but you can actually climb all year. The cliff of Schievenin on the Mount Grappa massif near Quero, is one of the most appreciated of the Veneto region, for the rock quality and the beauty of the landscape. There are more than 400 pitches in different parts where the climbers can have fun. The beauty and the green of the surrounding landscape frame this amazing climbing experience.







ADVENTURE PARKS

The Adventure Park is first of all an educational place. Considered often just an opportunity for fun and recreation, it has also a formation role for children, young people and students. But what is an Adventure Park?

It's a green area, arranged with aerial routes placed at different heights among the trees and made of catwalks, nets, pulleys, bridges, beams, cables and other structures that require dedication and have several difficulties, but always in complete safety: this is the main factor of an Adventure Park, so that the routes are always controlled by specialized staff.



The fundamental element of this sport activity and the educational message that conveys. Often the word adventure is associated with risk, danger, effort and certainly dealing with an adventure involves also these things. But among the purposes of an Adventure Park there is just the one to help younger people to recognise the difficulties and face them, because the same life is full of risks and dangers that have to be faced every day. In that way, thanks to fun, young people experience that efforts can't be erased from life and how the "shortcut culture" does nothing but defer everyday troubles, avoiding the growth of sane people. Through the sport activities that are proposed inside an Adventure Park, younger people are helped to build a sane culture of coexistence, respect for others and the rules, only not to be out of the game... also in life.

Surrounded by nature, the Adventure Parks are the ideal places to do healthy physical activity, far from smog and fine dust.

The province of Belluno and its wonderful adventure parks are waiting for you.

CIVETTA ADVENTURE PARK

Alleghe

In the wood of the Piani di Pezzè you can try the exciting experience to walk suspended in mid-air. The Civetta Adventure Park is completely built on trees and proposes four routes with different levels of difficulties that develop through wooden catwalks, logs, Tibetan bridges and lianes. Fun for all the family.

The park guarantees maximum safety: after having worn harness and helmet, there is a moment of initial formation. Afterwards, the crossing of the routes occurs always under the careful supervision of the instructors. The park can be reached from Alleghe through the cable way and during summertime is open all days from 10 to 18,30.



ADRENALIN CENTRE

Cortina d'Ampezzo

The Adrenalin Centre in Cortina is among the biggest adventure parks in Italy with 1300 metres made of passages from a tree and another, dealing with Tibetan bridges, pulleys, nets, cables, suspension bridges and leaps into the void, in complete safety and with greatest respect of nature.

They propose different types of routes:
Preparatory Route at limited height. Mini Routes (from 120 cm and 6 years old): height from the ground: from 2,5 to 7,5 m. Young and Adult Routes (from 140 cm, 6 years old, 20 kg): height from the ground from 2,5 to 16 m. Extra Routes (from 140 cm, 12 years old): height from the ground from 8 to 17 m. Junior Adventure Park: play-space for children from 3 years old and height less than 120 cm. For underage people is necessary the presence of an adult down on the ground or along the route.



TRE CIME ADVENTURE PARK

Auronzo di Cadore

The Tre Cime Adventure Park is literally nestled in the incomparable landscape that surrounds Auronzo di Cadore, the town of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo. Children will have the greatest fun with Tibetan bridges, pirate ladders, disks and catwalks, lianes and zip-lines, for a day of pure entertainment. The park proposes six aerial routes, at different heights, for the will of adventure of visitors of all ages. The youngest children (3–5 years old) can experience a dedicated game route in complete safety; youngsters and adults can choose among 5 different routes, that reach also 14 metres of height. For all the visitors, there is the opportunity to reach the panoramic platform of the park, at 20 metres from the ground, privileged observation point from where to enjoy the Tre Cime di Lavaredo.

PARCO AVVENTURA CARALTE

Belluno

If you are in Cadore, you absolutely must not miss the visit to the Caralte adventure park. This can be done in more than half a day, especially if you are with little children. The ideal period to live the experience in the park is summertime. The proposed routes are five, open to children from 3 years old and adults. For the youngest people, the Caralte adventure park offers several activities, as for example trampolines and the exciting walk on the water, inside a waterball.

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FUN BOB

The Fun Bob is the most appreciated and funny attraction of the summer in Auronzo di Cadore and the diamond tip of the ski area of the Mount Agudo. The railway starts just next to the mount station of the Taiarezze— Malòn chair lift, at the altitude of 1361 m. Once on the bobsleigh and secured by the operators of Auronzo d'Inverno, you just need to pull the lever forward and get carried away by fun. The route twists and turns among extraordinary straight lines, hairpin turns and turns, along the routes that during winter are the ski slopes.

Address

Località Taiarezze
Auronzo di Cadore (Belluno)
Starting point
Ski lift Mount Agudo



Inside the Caralte park you'll find also the funny crank boats, ideal for the youngest visitors. Adult and children can also enjoy, prior booking, a wide picnic area where to relax after a long morning spent among routes, games and other activities.

ZIPLINE SAN TOMASO

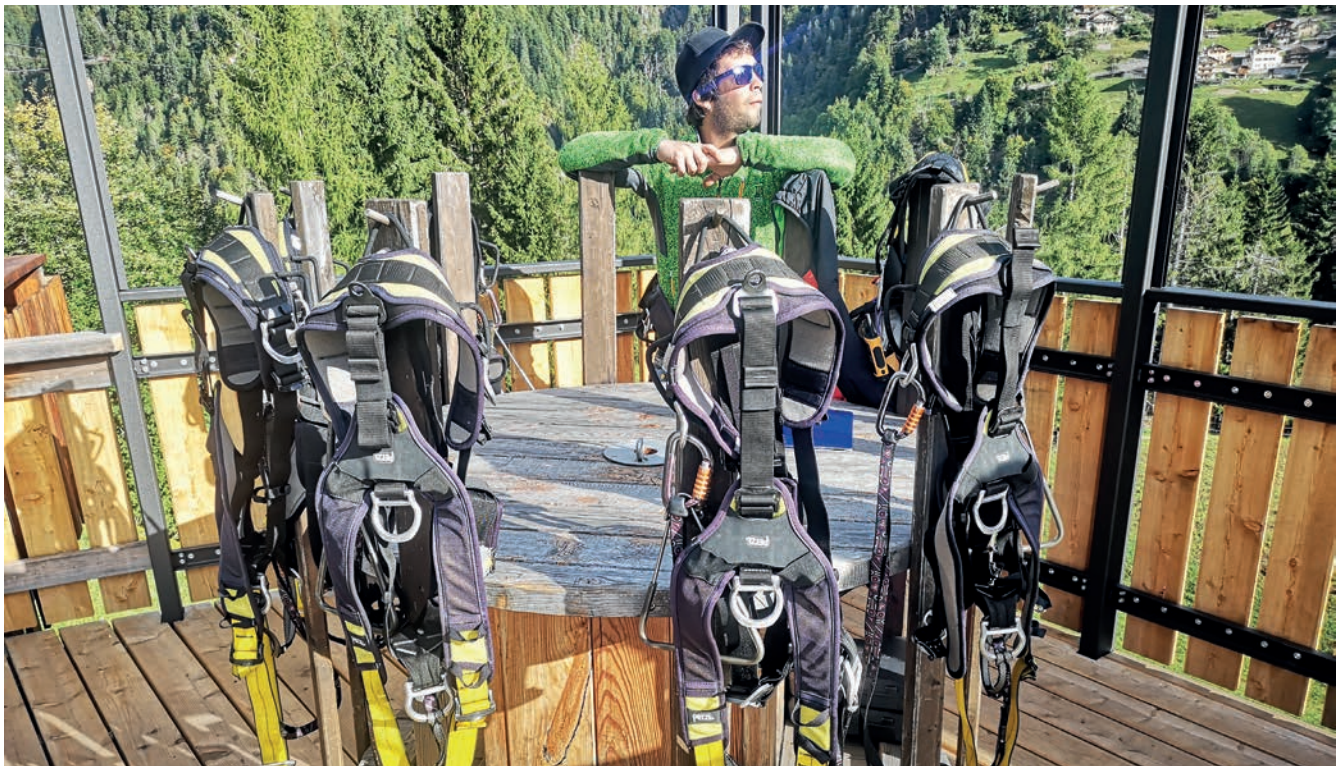
San Tomaso Agordino

A fast-paced experience, but suitable also for the less brave, thanks to the use of more and more advanced safety systems. The Civetta Zipline, the highest of the Dolomites, is formed by three pillars and two cables and covers the considerable distance of 1600 metres, with 260 metres of elevation gain, from the starting point in Canacede and the finish line in Celat. In the steepest point, the Civetta Zipline reaches the considerable speed of 80 kilometres per hour, always in complete safety, allowing to have a unique view on the majestic Mount Civetta, the Mount Pelsa and the beautiful town of San Tomaso Agordino, in the heart of the Dolomites, recognised World Heritage by UNESCO.

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Not to be missed, very close, the route of the Dolomites in miniature: the reproductions of our most amazing mountains, created by national and international artists, are exhibited along the 3 kilometres from Celat of San Tomaso Agordino to the church of Saint Simon. The route wants to make the children learn the shape of the mountains, completely carved from Dolomite rocks, and their beauty. You can enjoy also a “mini-enrosadira” (Alpenglow), the phenomenon that appears especially at sunrise and sundown and gives a reddish colour to the Dolomites that made them famous all over the world.







HOW TO GET THERE

TRAIN

The two railways that get to the province of Belluno are Venezia Santa Lucia - Belluno - Calalzo di Cadore P.C.C. And Padova Centrale - Feltre - Calalzo di Cadore P.C.C.

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A27 Venezia - Belluno motorway, exit Belluno and Pian di Vedioia

PLANE

The nearest airports are Venezia Marco Polo (95km), Treviso Antonio Canova (75 km), Verona Valerio Catullo (175 km), Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari (155 km), Milano Malpensa (360 km).

CRUISE

Regional port of Venice (110 km)



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