Fluaz

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Graubünden **Subregion:** Region Surselva **Town:** Pigniu		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a5 V	**Total time:** 7h35
Approachtime: 1h15	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 2330m	**Altitude exit:** 1450m	**Delta Altitude:** 880m
Canyon length: 2500m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 40
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 10.00km²
Season: October - November	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:** 8-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (3)	**Info:** ★ 1.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (3)

Specialities:
Glacier in drainage area,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Long tour with south-facing glacier, often only feasible a few days a year, and then with a fairly sporty water level.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Glacier that is in the sun from 7 a.m., several teams have already been surprised by strongly rising water levels at 12 noon.

Access: (machine translated)
You can buy a 3-day ticket to Alp Sura for 10 francs. There is a QR code for Twint next to the no-driving sign. The road up is not paved and gets quite steep towards the exit. It is best to take a shuttle between there and the parking lot at the reservoir.

Approach: (machine translated)
Start early! Ideally, start at Alp Sura just as the sun rises (7:00). Follow the hiking trail for an hour, cross Gavirolas, and then another 10 minutes to the start of Fluaz.

Tour: (machine translated)
Superiore :

Carries about half of the water. If you want to make inferiore, the part should probably already have ice, otherwise there is too much water at the bottom! Attention! As soon as there is sunlight, the rocks on the left and right thaw again and stones fall down, so superiore is not really recommended (do Gavirolas instead, which runs parallel).

Inferiore :

After the confluence it gets sporty, the gulches are occasionally interrupted by steep emergency exits. The first big rappel "The White Out" (about 50-55m) has very strong water pressure after 40m, but it flies over the last 6-8m. At 2024 you could then stand comfortably behind the beam in the pool below. So it's better to put more rope in the rappel than to make it too short, in the last third (except for the very last 5m) you can hardly see anything.

Return: (machine translated)
Along the lake, there are usually hikers who ask you what you are doing with your equipment.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.8478 9.0734
Canyon End 46.8355 9.0958
Parking at Exit 46.8239 9.1112
Parking at Entry 46.8237 9.0956

Reports:

2026-09-30 | Andreas Senn | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Long and not to be underestimated when combined with Gavirolas. One anchor replaced, instead of the hourglass position. Smaller steps have to be climbed, and that’s how it should stay...;) Reference photo: Start C50—if the water is already flowing on the right side, it gets challenging... The topographic view is incorrect; a small section is missing before and after C50 (machine translated)

2026-09-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fluaz Enchainement Gavirolas + Fluaz en gros à très gros débit selon les critères DC. Gavirolas eau laiteuse, Fluaz amont eau claire, eau laiteuse dans le reste de Fluaz, progression plus compliquée du coup, car on ne peut pas anticiper la profondeur des vasques. Nous avons ajouté 1 point pour remplacer un anneau de corde avant la C50. La C50 dans l'actif avec ce débit est super cool, c'est sportif! Il faut partir très tôt pour avoir le soleil tout le long des 2 canyons, les cascades finales de Fluaz perdent le soleil vers 12h30-13h. 4h45 dont 1h25 dans Gavirolas. Gros enchainement 850m de dénivelé en canyon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23551/observations.html)

2026-09-30 | Bernotom | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Gavirolas + Fluaz Combination (machine translated)

2025-09-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fluaz Vu en sortant d'Aua dil Mer, il était déboité... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23551/observations.html)

2024-11-08 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
2 dead frogs in the stream, twice as many as in the Aua dil Mer last week. (machine translated)

2023-10-23 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 |⚓ | |
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