

Torrente Novarza und Torrente Lumiei (Kurzversion)

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Ampezzo

Difficulty: a little difficult

Grading: v4 a3 IV

Total time: 5h20

Approachtime: 30min

Tourtime: 4h30

Returntime: 20min

Altitude entry: 950m

Altitude exit: 650m

Delta Altitude: 300m

Canyon length: m

Highest rapell: 35m

Amount rapells:

Transport: on Foot

Rock type:

drainage area: km²

Season:

Orientation:

Best Time:

Rating: ★ 3 (1)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)

Both canyons have a water drainage to the reservoir of Sauris, therefore usually little water flow; Info regarding the entry and the water quantities at the dam cottage to obtain; During the week you can call directly to the dam operator (only Italian) at the number +39043386018 to find out if a water release is planned. If the number does not work, you can also call the tourist office, which at least know how to reach the dam operator and who are also very helpful +39043386076 (English-speaking); 2.beautiful canyons that can also be walked individually, ascent with ascenders from the Lumiei to the Novarza possible; rockfall-prone alpine entry to the Novarza; exposed belay stations; many abseils; no emergency exit, day trip.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From Tolmezzo take the SS52 towards Villa Santina/Ampezzo --> in Villa Santina turn left at the traffic circle towards Froni di Sopra/ Ampezzo --> at the exit of Ampezzo turn right onto the SP73 towards Sauris --> after a few serpentine bends and several meters in altitude you will come to a small tunnel --> after a while there is a 2nd longer tunnel --> on the left there is a stone fountain --> park in the large gravel parking place opposite the fountain (approx. 830m).

Approach: (machine translated)

From the parking lot, follow the road through the tunnel and continue over the high Lumiei bridge. Before the 3rd tunnel, turn right. From here, follow the forest road (no driving sign). After about 15 minutes, the forest road leads to a tunnel. (Tip: put on neoprene and equipment at the tunnel.) To the right of the tunnel, a small sloping path leads to the 1st stand at the 2nd tunnel gate. Entry/descent to the canyon at approx. 950m.

Tour: (machine translated)

1: Torrente Novarza: From the 2nd belaystation, go via the 1st belaystation approx. 35m to the intermediate belaystation in the chute on the left. From this intermediate belaystation you reach a scree gully after another 35m, which you descend into the canyon (Caution! The entry or descent into the canyon is very rockfall-prone). The canyon begins with a short walking passage. Once you reach the first abseiling point, the route continues continuously until the end (except for a few short walking and downclimbs), via several rappels. Some of the belays are exposed and can only be reached with a rope traverse. As the canyon usually has little water due to the drainage, it is not too difficult, but should not be underestimated. The canyon is highly recommended even with little water and, in combination with the initial part of the Lumiei, makes for a beautiful day trip.

2: Torrente Lumiei: If you only want to do the interesting 1st part of the Torrente Lumiei, you have to do the Torrente Novarza at the end. (at the junction with Lumiei) a 20m long rope must be attached for the exit. To do this, go left through the tunnel at the exit of the Novarza (at approx. 650m). There are several bolts on the left where the ropes can be attached. After attaching the ropes, go back approx. 50m to exit the Novarza orographic right at the large rock with vegetation. Before the small suspension bridge, go right down the path to enter the Lumiei after about 5 minutes. The Lumiei begins with a small downclimb in a deep canyon. After a short walking passages, you reach another small step, which is mostly rappelled. This is followed by a very impressive section. 2 bolts on the right-hand side allow you to rope up to a large clamping block/stand. From here you rappel free-hanging approx. 20m (with only sparse light) into a large, deep pool (the last few meters can also be jumped). Swim past the large rock on the left. Swim past the large rock on the left before a narrow corridor leads to the light. After a few small slippery spots and pools, you reach the previously fixed exit rope (without this exit aid, you have to follow the canyon for approx. 1.5h without much difficulty. At approx. 570m you will find a path that leads up to the road).

Return: (machine translated)

After the ascent on the ropes, go back through the tunnel and up the Torrente Novarza for about 50m. At the large rock with vegetation (orgara fish right) you get out of the canyon. This time cross the small metal suspension bridge and follow the path steeply uphill through the forest to the road and shortly to the parking lot.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.4608 12.7670](#)

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