Aldiréi (superiore)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Riviera **Town:** Biasca

Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v6 a2 V	**Total time:** 10h25
Approachtime: 1h20	**Tourtime:** 8h20	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 1820m	**Altitude exit:** 630m	**Delta Altitude:** 1190m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 160m	**Amount rapells:** 52
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 90m

Summary: (machine translated)
VERY vertical canyon with excellent views.
Pure rappel canyon.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Often with little water. The best time to visit is after the snow has melted.

Access: (machine translated)
It is possible to drive up almost to Cabanna Cava (https://www.sac-cas.ch/de/huetten-und-touren/sac-tourenportal/capanna-cava-2147000058/). With a little persuasion, it is also possible to take a cab. It's not worth taking a shuttle because the journey takes almost an hour!

Approach: (machine translated)
Ideally with an overnight stay at Cabanna Cava. From there, ascend briefly to the Forcarella di Cava and then descend to the entry point (approx. 1h).

Tour: (machine translated)
The entire tour with inferiore has 66 rappels and is the tour with the most vertical meters in Switzerland. In spring-like conditions, there may still be snow in places!

Return: (machine translated)
It is best to do the inferior part as well, otherwise get off at the entry to Inferiore and take the hiking trail back to the car. If you want to do the last big waterfall at Inveriore, you need longer ropes than recommended!

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3428 9.0029
Canyon End 46.3389 8.9845
Parking at Exit 46.3564 8.9736
Parking at Entry 46.3598 8.9722
Parking at Entry 46.3602 9.0347
Parking at Exit 46.3408 8.9779

Reports:

2025-05-25 | Alex Arnold | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Access via Compiett hut with overnight stay. Fantastic. Canyon unfortunately got a few fat trees. Still ok though. 6 hours for four without dawdling... long part (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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