Duragno

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Lugano **Town:** Mezzovico-Vira

Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:** 7h10
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 1410m	**Altitude exit:** 700m	**Delta Altitude:** 710m
Canyon length: 1600m	**Highest rapell:** 40m	**Amount rapells:** 34
Transport: Cablecar	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 2.00km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 10-18 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary:
From the high-altitude pastures of Monte Tamaro begins this series of enjoyable waterfalls, sometimes confined between rock walls, and at other times open and panoramic.

Hydrology:
Flow assessment at the downstream parking from the bridge over the stream.

Access:
Downstream: reach the bridge over the stream on Via Loreto in Mezzovico-Vira. In front of the elementary school (Via Squardìn) there are some parking spots reserved for teachers, which can be used when the school is closed (46°05'32.3"N 8°55'05.2"E).

Upstream: from the school parking, head south, turn right onto Via Morengo, then right again onto Via Ai Ronchi. The road ascends with several switchbacks; follow it to the end and park in the large parking area (46°05'20.8"N 8°54'25"E).

At the cable car: return to the main road and head north towards Rivera. Park in front of the Monte Tamaro cable car, in the large Splash and Spa Tamaro parking area (5 CHF/day) (46°07'34.7"N 8°55'11.5"E).

Approach:
By cable car: from the Monte Tamaro cable car arrival at Alpe Foppa, take the trail south towards Alpe Duragno. The trail initially loses elevation to cross a small valley, then climbs over a ridge entering the Duragno basin. At Alpe Duragno, briefly follow the trail descending along the valley; when it crosses the stream at 1420 m, enter the side valley. The first waterfall is encountered shortly after (46°06'12"N 8°53'47.4"E). Approx. 50 minutes, +80 m elevation gain.

With shuttle: take the uphill trail from the upper parking. At the first junction, keep right towards Alpe Uggi. Continue north until reaching the Duragno stream bridge, cross it, and at subsequent junctions keep left following signs to Alpe Duragno. When the trail crosses the stream again at 1420 m, enter the side valley. Approx. 2h, +660 m elevation gain.

Without shuttle: from the school parking, head south, turn right onto Via Morengo, ignore Via Ai Ronchi, and turn right shortly after. Take the trail that initially cuts across the switchbacks of the paved road, then climbs steeply to Alpe Tortoi. Just above Alpe Tortoi, reach the Duragno stream bridge, then follow signs to Alpe Duragno as described in the shuttle approach. Approx. 3h, +1000 m elevation gain.

Tour:
01- C18 (nat sx)
02- C17 (nat sx)
03- C13 (1 dx + dev -4m)
04- C20 (1 sx)
05- C25 (1 dx)
06- C30 (nat dx)
07- C8 (1 dx)
08- C35 (2 dx)
09- C18 (nat sx)
10- C37 (nat sx)
11- C40 (2 dx)
12- C18 (nat sx)
13- C18 (nat sx)
14- C22 (1 sx)
15- C23 (1 dx)
16- C6 (1 sx)
17- C13 (nat sx)
18- C7 (1 sx)
19- C15 (1 dx)
20- C15 (1 dx)
21- C15 (1 sx)
22- C30 (nat dx)
23- C20 (nat dx)
24- C20 (1 sx)

Exit Ciadè (936 m)

25- C17 (1 dx)
26- C8 (nat dx)
27- C11 (nat dx)
28- C16 (nat sx)
29- C20 (1 dx)
30- C7 (1 sx)
31- C6 (nat sx)
32- C12 (1 dx)
33- C25 (MC 1dx + 2 dx)
34- C10 (nat dx)

Return:
Immediately after the last rappel, an aqueduct can be seen on the right bank near a resurgence/tributary. On the left bank, there is the access trail to the aqueduct, which can be used to exit the valley and return to the vehicles. A steel cable assists progression on the more exposed sections. Approximately 30 minutes for 250 m of descent (D-).

Coordinates:
Parking at Exit 46.0923 8.9181
Canyon Start 46.1033 8.8962
Canyon End 46.0970 8.9112
Alternative Canyon End 46.1020 8.9083
Parking Entry and Exit 46.0890 8.9069
Parking at Entry 46.1266 8.9199

Reports:

First descent: 13.11.2022 by Rospi GSV