Arzino (inferiore)

Arzino 0

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Pordenone **Town:** Pozzis		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v3 a5 II	**Total time:** 3h
Approachtime: 0min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 580m	**Altitude exit:** 460m	**Delta Altitude:** 120m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 28m	**Amount rapells:** 6
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - October	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (11)	**Info:** ★ 2.9 (9)	**Belay:** ★ 2.1 (9)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30

Summary: (machine translated)
A throw bag is recommended. Extremely powerful, cold, and crystal-clear water. Only for experienced canyoneers with whitewater experience and good rappelling skills. Before the precarious sections, you always have the option to turn back and get out; however, at the rappelling and jumping spots, you need to know exactly where to rappel and how to avoid contact with the whitewater in some cases. For water sports enthusiasts, this is certainly one of the highlights in Friuli, although the canyon itself is rather short and the long river walk at the end somewhat dampens the fun.
Sporty teams can start at Arzino Sup and combine both sections. In any case, the “Superiore” route is recommended for testing the “waters.” Be wary of hidden rocks or parts of the concave walls below the surface when jumping.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Karstic, with many springs, right at the top of the canyon.

Access: (machine translated)
In Tolmezzo turn onto the SR 512 in the direction of Verzegnis; Immediately after the large bridge over the Tagliamento turn right in the direction of Verzegnis onto the SP1; On the SP1 you now remain for 18.2 km: Here you go past Verzegnis relatively long uphill, over the "mountain pass" and then downhill again; after about 14km you come to some hairpin bends (village of Pozzis), then follows a grade through two small stone tunnels, before you after
18km you come to 2 hairpin bends. Immediately after the 2nd hairpin bend (50m) a forest road leaves to the right and leads to the bridge over the Arzino. Either drive down here and park the car directly at the bridge or drive about 100m further and park at the parking lot directly at the SP1. At the bridge is also the entry to the tour.
The shuttle car is parked about 1.3 km further down the SP1, directly after crossing the bridge of the Rio Rugoni. The Rio Rugoni is unmissable because it is a huge gravel field that flows into the Arzino.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the bridge over the Arzino you can go directly to the streambed of the Arzino river. If you want to go the canyon from the top, you go over the bridge and then go upstream for about 10min. But there is only one 5m jump and some downclimb. The topographic view here shows the Arzino from the bridge.

Tour: (machine translated)
Tour Description: approx. 2.5 hours
The Arzino is a relatively long river that drains a very large area; several hikeable canyons flow into it, and it ultimately empties into the Tagliamento. The Arzino is also navigable by kayak and is divided into parts 1–4. This part of the river was therefore named “Arzino 0” by the first explorers because it is located upstream of kayak part 1 (see Canyoning Wiki).

The Arzino 0 can really only be navigated after a long dry spell because it carries a great deal of water even during dry summers! The Arzino water level station closest to the canyoning route is called “Arzino, S. Francesco Idro.” During our descent, the water level was 79 cm, and at that level, the descent posed no problem.

The Arzino 0 should only be tackled by people who have both whitewater experience (due to the extremely turbulent pools and currents) as well as those who are very confident at rappelling, because in some sections you really have to be careful not to end up in the water—the water flow is enormous, and you cannot withstand the water pressure!

Immediately after the bridge at the entry point, there’s a short walking passage of about 100 meters before the river narrows and you come to a narrow channel with a strong current and whitewater. Here, there’s an anchor on the ortographic right side that you should use to safely lower yourself the 2 meters into the current.

Immediately after that comes the first challenging section: on the left side, there are 3 bolts for setting up a rope traverse so you can rappel the 10 meters from the last bolt.

If you’re already having trouble at this point or see that there’s too much water to continue through the canyon, you can exit after swimming through the pool.

Next comes a 5-meter jump into a turbulent, deep pool, followed by a swimming section and a 5-meter rappelling section that also leads into a turbulent pool.
After a short swim, the canyon opens up again, and you come to a spot with three small coniferous trees and a dry tributary on the ortographic left, above which you can see a bridge on the SP1. This is the next opportunity for an emergency exit.

One of the trees was used and described by the first ascenders for rappelling into the extremely turbulent channel. However, this spot seemed too dangerous to us, so during our descent, on the left side,
so that the channel can be bypassed and you can rappel directly into the turbulent pool. Those who enjoy jumping can rappel just 5 meters and then jump 5 meters into the pool from the rock ledge.
CAUTION, however, in the pool: Immediately after the pool comes the next abseil point ortographic left, but you have to reach it first! The current here is quite strong! If there were already problems with the current earlier on, the person rappelling into the pool must be belayed from above to prevent being swept over the steps and to ensure they can safely reach the belay station. Current + partially slippery section!
Once you’ve reached the belay station, there’s another 10-meter rappel and a swimming section. You can also jump here, but you should dive under the pool first; from the left, a rock ledge extends almost into the whitewater.

After a short walking passage comes the canyon’s most impressive highlight: a 28-meter rappel to the left of a tree—but be careful! From above, you can’t see directly where the rope ends or whether you’ll be able to pass by the waterfall or not. During our ascent, it wasn’t a problem; however, if the lead climber rappelling down realizes they cannot pass by the waterfall, they must immediately stop rappelling and climb back up! The waterfall creates incredible pressure here, and if you end up in the water, you’ll be in serious trouble. You have the option to abort the route during the walking passages before the 28-meter rappel.
If you’re able to rappel past the waterfall, you’ll find yourself at the most impressive spot on the route, where you can experience the sheer power of the water up close.

This is followed by a short swimming section and a 40-minute river walk, before you see the Riu Rugoni gravel field on your ortographic left and arrive directly at the bridge near the parking lot for the shuttle car.

Return: (machine translated)
Up the gravel field of the Riu Rugoni and you are directly at the parking lot of the shuttle car

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3438 12.9235
Parking at Entry 46.3420 12.9256
Parking at Exit 46.3339 12.9397
Canyon End 46.3344 12.9349

Reports:

2026-09-06 | TuL | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Completed the full descent under optimal flow conditions, with the San Francesco gauge reading 57 cm. Both sections were stunning; the water was cold (10°C at the start and 12°C at the exit). All anchors were in good condition. For those wishing to do the full run, we recommend walking the trail connecting the two sections in 45', instead of shuttling the cars from the top moving one to the start of the lower section and the other to the exit, which takes roughly the same amount of time.

2026-09-02 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Everything went smoothly today. (machine translated)

2026-08-16 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
We climbed both sections. An impressive canyon with good water flow. Conditions are currently excellent, and all sections are easily navigable. The canyon is well-equipped, and except for one rappel section, everyone stays out of the water flow. We liked the lower section better than the upper one. After the last rappel section, there’s a roughly 20-minute river walk to the exit. (machine translated)

2026-08-13 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything's great—it's a real aquatic blast right now (machine translated)

2026-08-12 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Doubled one anchor, removed loose and threatening rock on the abseil from the tree... Also noticed newly drilled m8 anchor where there was already a cementary of bolts. There is actually no need for this as 2 meter lower there is a well protected m10 (not visible) which is accessible by the two m10 bolts we have placed. Next time i will probably clean the anchor ruins and add the 2nd bolt below. The abseil from the tree could use a rebelay. A topography of the place would be interesting to have. Great combo with Arzino sup and some 30' walking (best done quickly) in between. Caution in Arzino inf as rocks are hiding below surface.

2026-08-06 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything’s going smoothly right now. With more water, it’d definitely be a wild ride. We added a rapid link at the last high rappel (oro on the left side of the tree). At this rappel, I’d think twice about jumping into the pool, since there’s probably an undercut at the back. (machine translated)

2026-07-21 | Elias Ladurner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
We did both parts yesterday. The second one, in particular, is beautiful. You can walk along the hiking trail between the two. The belay stations were good, except for the one mentioned. When the water level is low, you can rappel down there without any problems. When the water level is higher, a drill is recommended to reach the rear belay station. Our water level was 57 cm. (machine translated)

2026-07-09 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Doubled one old m8 and added a handline. Beautiful conditions with lots of light coming in. Next time is to plan the combo again as both parts are ready to go.

2026-05-25 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
Attention: Bringing a drill is strongly recommended! The anchors for the rope traverse were damaged and the stand was now too high to reach. We drilled a new belay (rappel directly in the waterline). Had to take the emergency exit orographic left due to an injury - therefore currently unclear what the condition of the anchors is from this point. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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Daten importiert von https://www.canyoning.or.at/index.php/liste-aller-canyons/476-arzino-0

Parts:
Arzino (superiore), v3 a4 II, 5min+2h30+25min
Arzino (inferiore), v3 a5 II, 0min+2h30+30min