Ambra (Inferiore)

Val d'Ambra inferiore,Rierna inf.

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Leventina **Town:** Personico		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 IV	**Total time:** 2h55
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 600m	**Altitude exit:** 340m	**Delta Altitude:** 260m
Canyon length: 600m	**Highest rapell:** 44m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

Specialities:
Dam (autom. flushing), § Proscription,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Forbidden because of the reservoir.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Bellinzona or from the Gotthard Pass to Biasca. From there, take the country road to the right of the highway in the direction of the Gotthard as far as Bodio. In Bodio turn left to Personico. Cross under the highway, then take the village road through Personico, then drive out of the village in the direction of Biasca, passing a grotto on the right after about 300 meters. Shortly after a workshop on the left, the road crosses the stream. Park one car there. Take the second car back to Personico and in the village, after a striking 90° bend to the right followed immediately by a left-hand bend between these two bends, turn left uphill at an acute angle. Follow this road up to the reservoir.

Approach: (machine translated)
In the middle of the dam, on the downstream side, you can see a tiny cottage. To the left of it there is a door in the wire fence. Here first on some steps down towards an old dilapidated stone bridge. To the left of it on the brick dam foundation to the exit of the foundation, then descend to the right over boulders to the deepest point. From here rope in.

Tour: (machine translated)
A relatively short canyon with beautiful rappelling spots. The problem is that even in the event of a malfunction at the power plant, the considerable amount of water from the upper Rierna is automatically diverted past the small reservoir and into the canyon. This poses a deadly and unpredictable danger.

Return: (machine translated)
After the last waterfall, swim across the pool and climb along the left rock wall. Return to the car along the path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3625 8.9238
Canyon End 46.3654 8.9252

Reports:

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The anchors are fine, but it's extremely slippery. Some jumps are possible. The canyon remains closed; if there are exceptions like today, the power plant will announce them in advance. (machine translated)

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Ticino – Ambra Inferiore On Thursday, September 3, 2026, one of the few time windows during which the Ambra Inferiore can be climbed under safe conditions will officially open. Entry is permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You must exit the canyon by 4:00 p.m. at the latest. It is mandatory to call the AET Infoline at +41 91 822 26 66 both before entry and after exit. Have a great trip and enjoy! (machine translated)

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Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Rierna inferiore, Wasserstand: "Hoch" Verankerungen: "Gut" 6.5 Steine (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1006-rierna-inferiore)

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Daten importiert von https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/AmbrainferioreCanyon.html

Parts:
Bri (superiore), v4 a3 V, ++
Bri (inferiore), v4 a3 IV, 1h40+2h30+45min
Ambra (superiore), v3 a4 IV, 1h+3h+10min
Ambra (Inferiore), v4 a3 IV, 15min+2h30+10min