

Arzino (superiore)

Cascate e pozze turchesi del Torrente Arzino

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Udine

Town: Preone

Difficulty: not as difficult

Grading: v3 a3 II

Total time: 3h

Approachtime: 5min

Tourtime: 2h30

Returntime: 25min

Altitude entry: 715m

Altitude exit: 655m

Delta Altitude: 60m

Canyon length: 250m

Highest rapell: 20m

Amount rapells: 14

Transport: on Foot

Rock type: dolomite

drainage area: km²

Season: May - October

Orientation: Northeast

Best Time: 11-14 o'clock

Rating: ★ 5 (1)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x20m

Summary:

'Arzino superiore' touristically known as 'Cascate e pozze turchesi del Torrente Arzino' is an original, dense and rather aquatic canyoning tour in a remote Dolomite valley of glacial origin. The descent is characterized by leaps, pools, potholes and clear water from its karstic source (recommended visit a few hundred meters upstream)

Hydrology:

Access:

Approach:

From the car park walk down to the waterfalls. Start of the obstacles is near the picnic bench.

Tour:

01 - natural anchor on the tourist trail, left bank, 10m from a tree to a ledge (exposed, 1p. only)

02 - 7m abseil, left bank, from a bolt on the ledge into a waterjet (impressive when source is active)

(01 & 02 are avoidable, but recommended to test the temperature and strength of waterflow)

03 - 8m abseil, from a natural anchor, right bank, 8m, into a little Niagara-pool

04 - 6m left bank, before the bridge, bolt

05 - 5m right bank, directly under the bridge, bolt

06 - 7m right bank, into a turbulent pool, bolt (possible jump, not verified)

07 - 9m left bank, into a pool with water movement, bolt + ring

Hanging pool with tourist viewpoint on the right (possible escape)

First option. Dry line to the left.

08 - downclimb, left bank, to a bolt + ring, followed by a 12m abseil

09 - To a bolt, left bank, 16m abseil

Second option. Aquatic line to the right:

08 - climb up, right bank, to a natural anchor, abseil 18m or 16 + 2m jump (not verified)

09 - 20m abseil, right bank, from a bolt, down the double waterfall

10 - downclimb the sloping right bank, 5m

11 - traverse up a ledge, to a bolt, left bank
(Or jump/slide into a small pool with water movement, not verified)

12 - Mc, from a bolt, to a bolt + ring (far, slightly ascending) left bank to avoid the small pool

13 - 5m abseil, left bank, from a bolt + ring, to avoid the small pool

Possible games in the small pool with water movement

14 - abseil from a bolt + ring, left bank, 15m across 2 small pools to the end of the canyon

Return:

Exit at beach, right bank, hike up to the little bridge and take the trail up, 25' to the car

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.3421 12.8914](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.3409 12.8879](#)

Canyon End [46.3472 12.9143](#)

Reports:

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Removed some wood from the canyon and opened a new aquatic line half way through the canyon. Conditions were perfect, a bit lower than the opening year 2021 (but higher than in 2022), it would seem the source depends on melting water (hence: more snow, late in the year = bigger flow, throughout summer)

Parts:

Arzino (superiore), v3 a3 II, 5min+2h30+25min

Arzino (inferiore), v3 a5 II, 0min+2h30+0min

First descent: 30.07.2021 by Jeroen Kirchner