

# Grotta Donini

Grotta La Donini, Donini, Grotta Luigi Donini

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<b>Country:</b> Italia / Italy <b>Region:</b> Sardegna <b>Subregion:</b> provincia dell'Ogliastra / Province of Ogliastra <b>Town:</b> Urzulei		
<b>Difficulty:</b> difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v5 a3 V	<b>Total time:</b> 3h15
<b>Approachtime:</b> 10min	<b>Tourtime:</b> 2h30	<b>Returntime:</b> 35min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 700m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 550m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 150m
<b>Canyon length:</b> 900m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 50m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 6
<b>Transport:</b> on Foot	<b>Rock type:</b>	<b>drainage area:</b> km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Season:</b>	<b>Orientation:</b> North	<b>Best Time:</b>
<b>Rating:</b> ★ 4.7 (6)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 3 (3)	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 3 (3)
<b>Warnings:</b> <i>Road to the entrance parking lot at least officially closed</i> According to the signs, the road to the entrance parking lot is closed to public traffic. This ban is apparently not controlled. During our visit, we were even approached by a vehicle from the Corpo Forestale dello Stato, which also ignored us in a friendly manner.		
<b>Specialities:</b>		
<b>Gear:</b> Ropes: 2x50m, 1x30m		
<b>Summary:</b> (machine translated) Secluded, scenic surroundings; Beautiful eroded limestone rocks inside the cave. Many beautiful sinterings (stalagmites, stalactites, basins); Counts among the top ten canyons of Sardinia. 50m final waterfall; Use good waterproof lamps and warm neoprene; Enter only in very stable weather; Can be combined with Cordula Orbisi (almost the same way back); Inox stances; Cold water; Some slippery places; Orientation not always easy. Exposure: North; stream from Grotta Donini flows into Rio Flumineddu like Cordula Orbisi.		
<b>Hydrology:</b>		

**Access:** (machine translated)

From Arbatax take the SS125 north (Olbia) to the town of Lozzorei; after the Esso gas station turn left onto the SP56 (Via Milano); follow the road for a long time; at the fork turn right towards Urzulei; follow the main road (SP37) for about 15 km, drive through Urzulei, up the mountain to Urzulei and then turn left onto the SS125 towards Dorgali. Now follow the mountain road until you reach the rock face that can be seen from afar (there is a prominent building on the right) - Turn left here. Follow the asphalt road for about 1 km (under the prominent rock wall around the mountain), then the road becomes an off-road track for 21 km (you are on a plateau) - from here it is about 40 min. (to the parking entry). At the first fork keep right and at the fork with signs (sprayed writing) keep left. After the fork, the road goes down, after two prominent bends, you will cross a crossing (dried streambed). After the crossing, follow the main course of the road through the wooded area (passing a house with a sign "Grotta Donini/Orbisi" ) for a long time until the exit of the paved road where there is a turnaround area with 2 trees in the middle. Park here (780m).

From Dorgali take the SS125 in the direction of Passo Genna Siliana. After the mountain pass continue for a few kilometers until, after several rockfall galleries, an asphalt road branches off to the right. Follow this road under rocky walls until you reach a plateau. Here keep right and drive north on a sand road. The road is just passable with normal vehicles - but the bottom plate should not be too deep. A destroyed bridge has to be bypassed in the streambed. After a few kilometers you will see a fenced off building on the right - Campos Bargios. Continue straight on for about 2km until you see an information board on the right about caves in the streambed of Codula Orbisi - parking for several cars. \nMan can also continue down until , if you are not afraid of the steepness of the paved road. Where the pavement then stops, large area to park the car - 2.5 km from Campos Bargios(782m above sea level).

**Approach:** (machine translated)

From the car park/turning point, go uphill a little on the right, past the fenced-in property with a striking round building with a wooden roof. Descend to the Cordula Orbisi stream, which you will reach shortly (750m). In the streambed, after about 5 minutes, look out on the right for the small entry hole (1x 1m) (during our climb under a fallen tree) (hourglass + 2 Inox glued anchors).

For the upper parking lot: follow the path marked with cairns and secured with ropes until you reach the dry streambed, then descend for about 15min in the streambed. After a wider passage, the streambed narrows somewhat - the very inconspicuous cave entrance is located on the orographic right side of the stream about 2m above the streambed below a large tree.\nFor the lower parking lot: Up the hollow in an easterly direction (left hand a sheepfold with the typ. On the left hand side a sheepfold with the typical dwelling of the shepherds, a kind of "Tiki" made of wood - Sedda Ar Baccas) and arrived at the top, follow the clear tracks beyond down into the streambed. Follow the creek for about 100m downhill to the left (about 5 min.), then you will reach the entrance to the cave described above.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

After the narrow, dry rappel into the cave (7m) DO NOT follow the red rope, but turn right through the small passage to the next dry 10m rappel. Now it is important not to lose your nerve but to follow the passage on the right, which first rises slightly and then quickly leads down into the narrow/low water channel. Now you come across some beautiful sinter pools. After a short time you can stand upright again. You come to a larger break where there is a fixed rope on the right. Use it until you reach the rappel anchors from where you rappel about 17m. (Note: It is possible to follow the fixed ropes further and visit the upper part of the cave - we did not go there). Rope descent in the pool. Once in the pool, there is a longer swimming passage (to the left). After that there are several pools and swimming passages interrupted by walking and downclimb passages (be careful, partly slippery). At the next break you have the possibility to build a removable rappel, with which you can get to the Inoxstand of the approx. 8m rappel. Note: Possibly also jumpable. Rope descent in the pool. After the pool (right) comes a hall with block chaos and downclimb. Shortly the grotto narrows and you are faced with another short drop of about 10m with beautiful washed out round pools. Once in the pool, you continue through a rock window (hole) into the cave. A few more swimming spots follow until you see daylight again. Here (at the exit of the cave) you meet two nice rappel points, once 3m jump not advisable -, followed by the highest rappel of the tour 50m in nice deep pools. Before the 50m abseil there is a fixed rope for ascent with ascenders, which we did not use. Last but not least, one ropes left from a tree about 15m into the last elongated pool before the tour ends at about 550m.

**Return:** (machine translated)

After the last pool, turn left over the small rocky ridge to the exit of the Cordula Orbisi. From the point left up over steep, easily climbable rock (marked cairn). Here the gravel field reached after a short time, follow right, slightly ascending (cairn) to the open ridge. Then continue to follow the ridge and the now increasingly visible path uphill. After about 20min you reach the gravel road that you follow past a fountain / watering hole to the starting point / parking lot.

**Coordinates:**

Parking at Entry [40.1651 9.4876](#)

Canyon Start [40.1669 9.4897](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [40.1632 9.4869](#)

Canyon End [40.1728 9.4913](#)

## Reports:

2024-10-22 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Donini Last pool and anchorages ok. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21721/observations.html>)

2024-07-08 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Donini Très beau - Fait à 2 en 5h, avec l'option rappel jusqu'en bas. Retour 1h30 (30 mn de descente pour rejoindre le bas de la vallée, puis montée en traversée sur la droite pour rejoindre le GR qui mène à la voiture - eau glaciale, mais retour très chaud il faisait 40° - bivouac possible à proximité). A noter plusieurs petits rappels non mentionnés dans les topos. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21721/observations.html>)

2024-05-31 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Donini Je pense que c'est le truc majeur de la Sardaigne , tout est juste ultime, on aurait jamais cru qu'il y ai autant d'eau sur une île aussi sèche .Bref à faire sans hésitation.Tout est ok niveau équipement , pensez au frontale et attention au retour , suivez bien le GR 502. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21721/observations.html>)

2024-05-28 | Andreas Gremmel |★★★★★|📖★★★★|📍★★★★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Entry easy to find - cairn marked Easy orientation in the cave Anchor well! Fantastically beautiful cave canyon (machine translated)

2024-05-15 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Donini Toujours aussi spectaculaire!!! :)Pour l'accès au trou, il faut être attentif à regarder la rive droite dans le lit de la rivière. Une plaquette + 2 anneaux marquent le début.La main courante a été changée (merci!) pour accéder à la première grande vasque. 2h15 dans le canyon/la grotte pour 4 personnes. 70m de corde suffise pour le dernier rappel si on le fait en 2 fois (il y a un ancrage au bout la vire pour faire un second rappel).Ca ne coule pas dans le dernier rappel. L'eau est froide dans la grotte. (gant néoprène recommandé) (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21721/observations.html>)

2024-05-10 | Clarissa Linder |★★★★★|📖★★★★|📍★★★★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Impressive cave canyon! Stands and fixed ropes in good condition. (machine translated)

2024-05-04 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Dry |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Donini Ne coule pas mais les vasques sont pleines d'une eau claire et glaciale. Vraiment très beau (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21721/observations.html>)

2024-04-28 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Donini Pour trouver l'entrée du canyon :Une fois garé, descendre dans la continuité de la piste sur moins de 100m jusqu'à aboutir sur une "placette" : à gauche, derrière une barrière, la piste descendante qui sera empruntée en montant au retour . En face des rochers. À droite en hauteur un enclos . Monter à droite en laissant l'enclos à main gauche. Sur la crête, basculer dans le talweg. Le descendre en surveillant en rive droite l'entrée 3m en hauteur, matérialisée par une corde.PS : au pied du premier rappel, aller dans le sens contraire de la flèche, c'est-à-dire à droite en lisant l'inscription. Canyon d'exception. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21721/observations.html>)

2024-04-27 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Donini Super canyon en speleo, l'intérieur est magnifique , départ acces facile ( aller dans le lit de la rivière qui est à sec , faire 300m et bien regarder à droite , on observe une corde qui descend ) eau très froide !! Et on arrive sur la C50 avec une vue incroyable ! Pour le retour descendre 300metres une fois en bas de la C50 et monter dans le croisement entre les deux rivières à sec a gauche , suivre la première crête on retrouve un chemin balisé au bout de 200m de monter . Incontournable de Sardaigne (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21721/observations.html>)

2024-04-24 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

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