

ACCESSIBLE VIEWPOINT - COL MARGHERITA



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description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Pelmo, Croda da Lago Marmolada Pale di San Martino, San Lucano, Dolomiti Bellunesi e Vette Feltrine
mountain group(s)	Catena di Bocche
UNESCO values	<p>Landscape: the Dolomites are the universal archetype for a specific mountain landscape that takes its name, "Dolomite landscape", from these very mountains. A number of key features define this particular landscape. Firstly the extremely complex topography, distinctive for the mountain ranges that, while separate, are juxtaposed in a particularly contained setting. Secondly, the uncommon variety of shapes, both vertical (cliffs, needles, spires, pinnacles, towers and jagged peaks) and horizontal (ledges, roofs, overhangs, crags, plateaux and high plains). First and foremost however, the Dolomites are famous for their exceptional varieties of colour and the extraordinary contrast between the soft lines of the pasturelands and the sudden vertical thrust of the stark, bare mountain peaks.</p> <p>The remarkable mountain landscape that we see today has changed very little since it formed millions of years ago. The unmistakable, familiar shapes of the Dolomite peaks are none other than the atolls and coral reefs of those ancient times, while the Alpine passes and inhabited valleys we see today correspond to the deep stretches of sea which originally separated them. This is the only example in the world of a fossil landscape that is as recognisable as this, a tropical archipelago that has transformed into extraordinary towering mountains.</p> <p>Geology: The Dolomites are one of the best conserved examples in the world</p>

of fossil reefs and tropical environments of the Mesozoic era. They preserve fossil evidence of the organisms which were instrumental in their formation around 250 million years ago. The sequence of rocks illustrates the resurgence and evolution of life following the greatest extinction event ever recorded in the history of geology that occurred between the Permian and Triassic eras and led to the disappearance of more than 90 % of living species. The interaction between the atolls and the coral reefs of the Triassic and the powerful volcanic eruptions which were a common occurrence in those distant times are clearly and spectacularly visible here. The lack of tectonic deformation, the impressive outcrops, the thick layers of accumulated sediment and the extensive lateral continuity of these mountains reveal the history of the Earth like in a giant rock book and allow us to physically explore the ancient geography of those seas and islands.

[source: UNESCO Dolomites Foundation, *UNESCO World Heritage Dolomites*, 2010]

description of the route

The accessible viewpoint of Col Margherita lies at an altitude of 2514 metres. This imposing rocky spur stretches out over the San Pellegrino Pass, offering one of the most spectacular views of the Dolomites in the Fassa Valley and the Agordino area.

The large Col Margherita promontory is accessed directly from the San Pellegrino Pass using the Col Margherita cableway. From the top, the panorama is enough to take your breath away: the Creste di Costabella, Cima Uomo and the Marmolada are in front of you; on your right are Sorapiss, Pelmo, Civetta and Moiazza; behind you are the Pale di San Martino and Pale di San Lucano as far as the splendid Agner tower; to the south lies the Lagorai porphyritic mountain chain, part of the enormous Athesian platform.

There are plenty of attractions at the summit: there is a fully accessible mountain hut with restaurant (InAlto) and a large panoramic terrace. There is also a theme park (Col Margherita Park) with installations and panoramic viewpoints (accessible on foot).

The ticket office and entrance to the cableway are both on flat ground, a level higher than the street, and there are no gaps between the boarding platform and the cabin. Once at the top of Col Margherita, exiting the cableway presents no particular problems.

advice

recommended period

In summer between July and September (opening times and periods: <https://www.skiareasanpellegrino.it>)

recommended gear

Wear layers, warm clothes and comfortable boots. It is important to take something to eat and drink along the way, sunscreen, a change of clothes should it rain and a hat.

recommended equipment

Outside the uphill station, the disembarkation area and the paths to the mountain huts are untarmacked and the terrain is packed and even. Hiking pushchairs and electric assist wheelchairs suitable for outdoor excursions are therefore recommended, with tyres with deep treads and off-road wheels.


recommendations

Always travel with others, so they can help you deal with any difficulties you may encounter. In bad weather, contact the cableway before setting out to make sure it is open (e.g. if there is strong wind): tel. (+39) 0437 599641.

N.B.

The ski lift is accessible; tickets can be purchased from the lift ticket offices.

info

altitude	1900 – 2500 m a.s.l.
starting point	Valley station of the Col Margherita cableway, Sen Pelegrin, 32, 38035 Moena TN GPS coordinates: 46.377568, 11.802217 Altitude: 1874 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Uphill station – Col Margherita 2514 m a.s.l. GPS coordinates: 46.367532, 11.793716 Altitude: 2514 m a.s.l.
distance	1395 m
overall difference in height	639 m
incline	51.5 %
minimum width	Negligible
terrain	Outside, near the uphill station: even terrain with gravel and dirt track
obstacles	None
exposed stretches	None
facilities	
access	There is a ramp to access the cableway boarding platform; the ticket office is on the same level as boarding
restrictions	None. For the cableway times, consult the website: https://www.skiareasanpellegrino.it/
car park	Large free car park at the valley station, San Pellegrino Pass
accessible toilets	<u>Downhill</u> : at the valley cableway station <u>Uphill</u> : at the uphill cableway station and the InAlto mountain hut
refreshments	<u>Downhill</u> : Bar Col Margherita (only open in the winter) <u>Uphill</u> : InAlto mountain hut, completely accessible
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Good
GPS mapping	Negligible
street view	Valley station: https://www.google.com/maps/@46.3778327,11.8022785,3a,75y,211.84h,90.5t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipPinhCKRI5CcoC6Xf1x1SM2Xhj-HfOyInbJnpjk!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2F5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipPinhCKRI5CcoC6Xf1x1SM2Xhj-HfOyInbJnpjk%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pi-o-ya154.52744-r00-fo100!7i8704!8i4352?hl=it At the summit: https://www.google.com/maps/@46.3666086,11.7919707,3a,75y,137.48h,85.65t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sQdUWr64-ibmtLh6vyul-Jw!2e0!7i13312!8i6656?hl=it
signs along the route	Information boards at the valley and uphill cableway stations
UNESCO info points	None
guides	None
rental services	None
reductions	Details about reductions are available by either calling (+39) 0437 599641 or asking directly at the ticket office
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number
contacts	
contact for info	https://www.skiareasanpellegrino.it/contacts/
information provided by and	 SKI AREA SAN PELLEGRINO DOLOMITI

itinerary checked by	https://www.skiareasanpellegrino.it/
route mapped on	20/09/2019
responsibility	<p>The contents of this information sheet do not exempt hikers from responsible behaviour.</p> <p>The weather in the mountains can change very quickly and the degree of difficulty of the itineraries depends on a number of factors which often cannot be foreseen, including the conditions of the route, how fit you are and your equipment. Before starting out, always check the weather forecast and contact the local tourist board for an update on the conditions of the route.</p> <p>Weather: https://www.meteotrentino.it/#!/home</p> <p>Local tourist board: https://www.passosanpellegrino.it/it/</p> <p>Lift opening times and periods: https://www.skiareasanpellegrino.it/</p>