

ACCESSIBLE VIEWPOINT - COL DEI ROSSI/COL DI ROSC



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description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Marmolada
mountain group(s)	Col dei Rossi
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 of fossil reefs and tropical environments of the Mesozoic era. They preserve</p>


	<p>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.</p> <p>[source: UNESCO Dolomites Foundation, <i>UNESCO World Heritage Dolomites</i>, 2010]</p>
description of the route	<p>The accessible viewpoint of Col dei Rossi lies at an altitude of 2377 metres and offers an unparalleled view of the mighty Marmolada and the glacier on its north face. The <i>Viel dal Pan</i> crosses the summit of Col dei Rossi, an ancient "bread path" which connects the Pordoi Pass with the Fedaiia Pass and was used in Medieval times onwards to trade flour between the Fassa Valley and the Agordino area. It is one of the most famous and scenic hikes in the Dolomites and runs halfway up the ridge, through the lush meadows which carpet the volcanic and sedimentary coverings.</p> <p>Col dei Rossi is accessed directly from Alba near Canazei by the ski lift (fully accessible and with a single section). The valley station has a large car park with reserved spaces.</p> <p>When you get to the summit, the vast plateau around the uphill station allows you to fully appreciate the views in the open air. Just a short distance from the station (approx. 430 m with an incline of 9%) along a downhill path, you get to the Belvedere mountain hut, the nearest place which serves food.</p> <p>From here you can follow the <i>Viel dal Pan</i> which leads to the Fredarola mountain hut along a lovely, almost flat path (average incline of 7%).</p> <p>Col dei Rossi is one of the most panoramic places in the valley, with visible evidence of the coverings of volcanic and sedimentary rock associated with the Dolomite formations that have made these mountains so famous throughout the world.</p>
advice	
recommended period	From June to September and from December to April (opening times and periods: www.valdifassalift.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) 0462 608811.
N.B.	The cableway is completely accessible

info

altitude	1500 – 2380 m a.s.l.
starting point	Valley station of the Alba-Col dei Rossi cableway, Via de Contrin, 38032 Alba di Canazei - TN GPS coordinates: lat. 46.4577750 lon. 11.7890560. Altitude: 1495 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Uphill station – Col dei Rossi GPS coordinates: lat. 46.4741189 lon. 11.8018168. Altitude: 2377 m a.s.l.
distance	2064 m
overall difference in height	882 m
incline	Average incline = 42.7 %
minimum width	Negligible
terrain	The surface in the cableway stations is paved; outside the paths are dirt tracks with gravel.
obstacles	The cableway stations have no architectural barriers. Outside some narrow channels cross the path
exposed stretches	Some sections outside the cableway have no guards or railings

facilities

access	<u>Private transport</u> : the valley station of the Alba-Col dei Rossi cableway can be reached by car <u>Public transport</u> : Trentino Trasporti and SAD buses; info about times: https://www.fassa.com/index.asp?l=en
restrictions	None. For the cableway times, consult the website https://www.valdifassalift.it/en/winter/your-way-to-the-dolomites
car park	Large car park with reserved spaces for the disabled
accessible toilets	Accessible and equipped bathrooms at the valley and uphill cableway stations
refreshments	The first place with refreshments is about 430 metres from the uphill station. To get there, there is a dirt track with gravel (average incline of 9 %).
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Free wi-fi – uphill station
GPS mapping	Negligible
street view	Panoramic photo Col dei Rossi (valley station): https://www.google.com/maps/@46.4582724,11.7893331,3a,75y,217.49h,80.45t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sGbjt1Z5LLXCqAX3wakF6rw!2e0!7i13312!8i6656 Panoramic photo Col dei Rossi (uphill station): https://www.google.com/maps/@46.4744438,11.8031003,3a,75y,291.57h,80.23t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipNDED5mrm-P1VhrK_QrA6UU-iiPsTv3XYEmqOUm!2e10!3e11!6shhttps:%2F%2Flh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipNDED5mrm-P1VhrK_QrA6UU-iiPsTv3XYEmqOUm%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pi-o-ya2.4691143-ro-o-fo100!7i5660!8i2830 Panoramic photo along Viel del Pan: https://www.google.com/maps/@46.4770074,11.8097583,3a,75y,179.03h,85.23t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipNiiKsQwfhEN9LzCwF8xTVQqXFT5WvNrpFeX6uU!2e10!3e11!6shhttps:%2F%2Flh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipNiiKsQwfhEN9LzCwF8xTVQqXFT5WvNrpFeX6uU%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pio-ya343.70035-ro-o-fo100!7i8704!8i4352

signs along the route	There are information boards at the departure of the cableway and on the panoramic terrace. The ticket office also has leaflets and maps of the area. All the literature is in three languages: Italian, English and German.
UNESCO info points	None
guides	None
rental services	E-bikes can be rented near the valley station
reductions	Details about reductions are available by either calling+ 39 0462 608811 or asking directly at the ticket office
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number
contacts	
contact for info	e-mail: info@canazei.org / tel: +39 0462 608811
information provided by and itinerary checked by	 https://www.sitcanazei.it/
route mapped on	25/09/2019
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 Local tourist board: https://www.fassa.com/ Lift opening times and periods: www.valdifassalift.it</p>