

## ACCESSIBLE VIEWPOINT - MOUNT FALORIA



### description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Dolomiti Settentrionali
mountain group(s)	Sorapiss
UNESCO values	<p><b>Landscape:</b> 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><b>Geology:</b> 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>

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 minimal tectonic deformation, the majestic outcrops, the great depth of the 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 explore in person 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 Mount Faloria, which lies at an altitude of 2123 metres, is an imposing rock spur that stretches out over the Ampezzo valley and offers a spectacular view of Cortina d'Ampezzo and the most famous peaks of the World Heritage Site. It is the ideal location to admire the stunning mountains surrounding Cortina: the Cristallo range, Croda Rossa, Pomagagnon, Tofane, Croda da Lago and Becco di Mezzodi, as well as peaks further in the distance - Pelmo, Civetta, Marmolada, the Sennes group and even the Tre Cime di Lavaredo. This magnificent natural terrace is accessed directly from the centre of Cortina d'Ampezzo by the Faloria cableway.

The lift consists of a cableway in two sections with a middle station in Mandres, at an altitude of 1500 metres. The first Cortina-Mandres section has a moderate gradient and goes through the woods on the slopes around Cortina. The second section, Mandres-Faloria, makes its way up the rocky spur at a dizzying incline, the climb in itself a thrilling experience. At the summit, which lies at 2120 metres, the view from the natural terrace is stunning and you can have something to eat at the Faloria mountain hut (fully accessible) where, from winter 2020 onwards, you will also be able to stay overnight.

#### advice

##### recommended period

Summer: June-October

Winter: December-March

Always check opening times and periods: <https://faloriacristallo.it/apertura-impianti/>

##### recommended gear

Wear comfortable clothes in layers and hiking boots if you wish to go outside the stations. Always take some heavy clothing with you (even in the summer) and protection from the rain. It is advisable to take sunscreen and a hat to protect you from the sun

##### recommended equipment

No special equipment is needed when visiting the panoramic terrace (if you stay inside the stations and follow the paths to the restaurants). In the other areas, the surface may be uneven, inaccessible or dangerous.

##### recommendations


Always travel with others, so they can help you deal with any difficulties you may encounter. In bad weather, contact the cableway on +39 0436.2517 before setting out to make sure it is open (e.g. if there is strong wind).

##### N.B.

In the summer of 2020, the cableway will be open from the end of July due to maintenance and refurbishment work

#### info

altitude	1200-2100 m a.s.l.
starting point	Valley station of the Faloria cableway, Via Ria de Zeto, 10 - 32043 Cortina d'Ampezzo (BL) GPS coordinates: 46.537930, 12.140540 Altitude: 1224 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Uphill station of the Faloria cableway, Mount Faloria GPS coordinates: 46.532384, 12.172987 Altitude: 2120 m a.s.l.
distance	2750 m. Cableway with two sections and a middle station in Mandres (1500 m) with 4 cabins.
overall difference in height	896 m
incline	Average: 32 %; Max: 70%
minimum width	Negligible
terrain	Paved surface if you remain inside the stations and mountain hut; compact terrain with gravel and dirt track in the area outside
obstacles	None
exposed stretches	The exposed stretches of the natural promontory have guards and railings
<b>facilities</b>	
access	Access ramp to the boarding level is outside on Via Ria de Zeto
restrictions	None
car park	Given the central position of the valley station, there are no car parks for the cableway. You can leave your car in the various car parks in the town near the station. The closest and largest one is the paying car park "Ex Ferrovia" (with reserved spaces for the disabled)
accessible toilets	<u>Downhill</u> : at the valley cableway station <u>Uphill</u> : at the uphill station and Faloria mountain hut
refreshments	<u>Downhill</u> : various options in the centre of Cortina <u>Uphill</u> : Faloria mountain hut (fully accessible) N.B.: The mountain hut has recently been renovated. Work will be completed for the 2020/2021 winter season and you will also be able to stay overnight
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Coverage provided by main mobile phone operators, free wi-fi in the area
GPS mapping	Negligible
street view	<b>Panoramic photo valley station (Cortina):</b> <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@46.5379891,12.1404383,3a,75y,78.92h,84.19t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sMIIQkEmKHjhiZYiJhZH35g!2e0!7i13312!8i6656?hl=it">https://www.google.com/maps/@46.5379891,12.1404383,3a,75y,78.92h,84.19t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sMIIQkEmKHjhiZYiJhZH35g!2e0!7i13312!8i6656?hl=it</a> <b>Panoramic photo terrace at Faloria mountain hut:</b> <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@46.5322745,12.172675,3a,75y,260.43h,81.07t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipNAQTSlinAYFPIbbxrlPJ4DaAF-oEPMn5MGw_Hf!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Ff1h5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipNAQTSlinAYFPIbbxrlPJ4DaAF-oEPMn5MGw_Hf%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pio-ya83.921684-roo-fo100!7i9000!8i4500?hl=it">https://www.google.com/maps/@46.5322745,12.172675,3a,75y,260.43h,81.07t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipNAQTSlinAYFPIbbxrlPJ4DaAF-oEPMn5MGw_Hf!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Ff1h5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipNAQTSlinAYFPIbbxrlPJ4DaAF-oEPMn5MGw_Hf%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pio-ya83.921684-roo-fo100!7i9000!8i4500?hl=it</a> <b>Panoramic photo path along the ridge:</b> <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@46.5317875,12.1708295,3a,75y,7.11h,79.04t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipMKINagY9_vpb85WggKdWU-4uWo6Mll2djOQmMq!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Ff1h5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipMKINagY9_vpb85WggKdWU-">https://www.google.com/maps/@46.5317875,12.1708295,3a,75y,7.11h,79.04t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipMKINagY9_vpb85WggKdWU-4uWo6Mll2djOQmMq!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Ff1h5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipMKINagY9_vpb85WggKdWU-</a>

	<a href="https://www.visitdolomites.com/it/itinerari/4uWo6Mll2djOQmMq%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pio-ya195.4738-roo-fo100!7i9000!8i4500?hl=it">4uWo6Mll2djOQmMq%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pio-ya195.4738-roo-fo100!7i9000!8i4500?hl=it</a>
signs along the route	Information boards at the valley and uphill stations
UNESCO info points	Pending
assistance	There are no assistants on the lifts but drivers and staff are available to help if necessary
rental services	In close proximity to the valley cableway station: mountain bike (summer), ski (winter) rental
reductions	Details about reductions are available by either calling (+39) 0436.2517 or asking directly at the ticket office
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number 118 Italian emergency telephone number
<b>contacts</b>	
contact for info	<a href="https://faloriacristallo.it/parliamoci/">https://faloriacristallo.it/parliamoci/</a> +39.0436.2517
information provided by and itinerary checked by	 <a href="https://faloriacristallo.it/">https://faloriacristallo.it/</a>
route mapped on	25/10/2019
<b>responsibility</b>	<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><b>Weather:</b> <a href="http://www.arpa.veneto.it/previsioni/it/html/meteo_dolomiti.php">http://www.arpa.veneto.it/previsioni/it/html/meteo_dolomiti.php</a>  <b>Local tourist board:</b> <a href="https://www.dolomiti.org/it/cortina">https://www.dolomiti.org/it/cortina</a>  <b>Lift opening times and periods:</b> <a href="https://faloriacristallo.it/prezzi-e-orari-estivi/">https://faloriacristallo.it/prezzi-e-orari-estivi/</a></p>