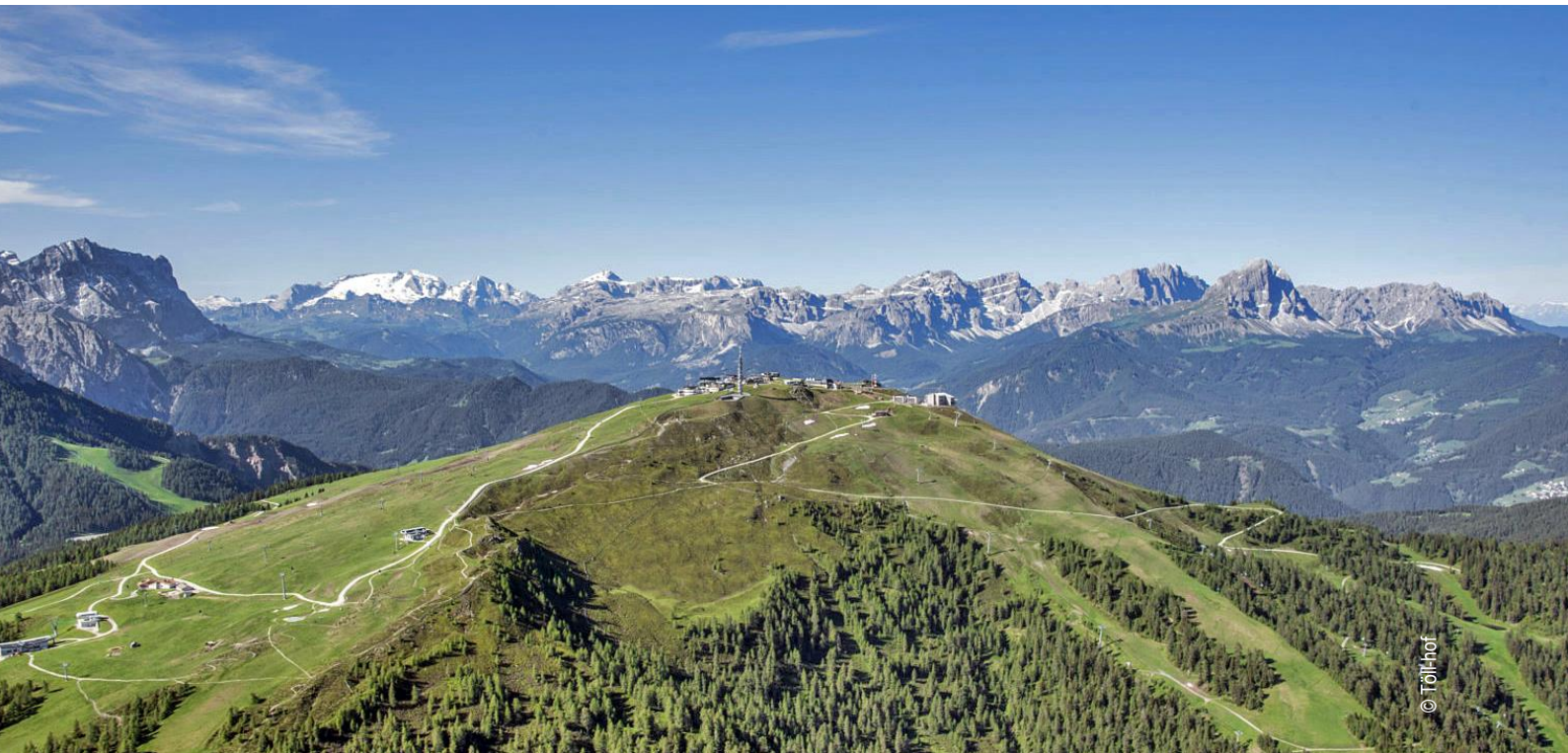


## ACCESSIBLE VIEWPOINT - PLAN DE CORONES / KRONPLATZ



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### description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Dolomiti Settentrionali
mountain group(s)	Braies
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>

	<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. [source: UNESCO Dolomites Foundation, <i>UNESCO World Heritage Dolomites</i>, 2010]</p>
description of the route	<p>The accessible viewpoint of Plan de Corones / Kronplatz lies at an altitude of 2275 metres and tourists flock here due to its exceptionally panoramic location. It is a cone-shaped mountain of volcanic origin which stands alone, separating the Pusteria valley from the Marebbe valley. The panorama from the top is truly spectacular. It has a 360° view over the World Heritage peaks: Sass de la Crusc, Marmolada, Sella, Puez-Odle, Sass de Putia, Fanes Sennes Braies and Croda del Becco, as well as the Brunico valley and the Vedrette in the Aurina valley.</p> <p>The summit is flat and has many amenities: it can be reached from both the Pusteria valley and the Marebbe valley using one of the many ski lifts, there are two mountain huts and three restaurants, public toilets and plenty of sports (freeriding course) and recreational (kids' playground and the giant Skyscraper swing) activities. There are also several interesting cultural places to visit including the Concordia 2000 Peace Bell, the <i>Schützenkapelle</i> chapel dedicated to Saint Sebastian, the Messner Mountain Museum Corones which explores the world of mountaineering and LUMEN, the museum of mountain photography.</p> <p>The ski lifts which carry passengers to the summit in the summer include the Ruis cable car which, while not having any accessible toilets, has accessible cabins.</p> <p>The entrance to the cable car is on flat ground and there are no significant gaps between the boarding platform and the cabin. To make more room for wheelchair users and mountain bikes, the iron supports in some cabins have been removed, creating a space of approx. 80 x 80 cm. Once at Plan de Corones, exiting the cable car presents no particular problems, but there is a small step to enter the uphill station. The toilets are only accessible with assistance because the door is only 60 cm wide, whereas the bathroom in the valley station is not accessible. A short gravel path leads to the nearby Ristorante Monte Corones. [information about accessibility provided by the independent L. cooperative, Merano: <a href="https://www.altoadigeper tutti.it/it/poi/cabinovia_ruis">https://www.altoadigeper tutti.it/it/poi/cabinovia_ruis</a>]</p>
advice	
recommended period	<p>From June to October and from November to March (opening times and periods: <a href="https://www.trecime.com/it/prezzi-info/in-estate/orari-d-apertura-estate.html">https://www.trecime.com/it/prezzi-info/in-estate/orari-d-apertura-estate.html</a>)</p>
recommended gear	<p>Wear layers, warm clothes and comfortable boots. It is important to take</p>

	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 cable car before setting out to make sure it is open (e.g. if there is strong wind): tel. (+39) 0474 710355.
N.B.	None
<b>info</b>	
altitude	1700 – 2300 m a.s.l.
starting point	Valley station of the Ruis cable car - Strada Furcia no. 27 - 39030 San Vigilio di Marebbe, BZ GPS coordinates: 46.724694, 11.964201 Altitude: 1747 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Uphill station – Plan de Corones/Kronplatz 2272 m a.s.l. GPS coordinates: 46.737686, 11.957328 Altitude: 2272 m a.s.l.
distance	1574 m
overall difference in height	525 m
incline	Average incline = 35.3 %
minimum width	Negligible
terrain	Outside the uphill station: even terrain with gravel and dirt track
obstacles	Some narrow channels cross the path
exposed stretches	None
<b>facilities</b>	
access	From the disabled car park near the entrance, there is a short gravel path to the ticket office and the cable car boarding platform, where it is possible to buy tickets (the 15-cm high step at the ticket office can be avoided)
restrictions	None. For the lift times, consult the website <a href="https://www.kronplatz.com/it/pianificare-prenotare/impianti-di-risalita">https://www.kronplatz.com/it/pianificare-prenotare/impianti-di-risalita</a>
car park	As well as the large car park near the Furcia Pass, the valley station in Ruis has a few spaces by the entrance and there is also a car park for the disabled (clearly signposted)
accessible toilets	<u>Downhill</u> : accessible bathrooms at the restaurants in the Furcia Pass (approx. 300 m from the departure of the cable car) <u>Uphill</u> : accessible bathrooms at the restaurants
refreshments	<u>Downhill</u> : Furcia Center Restaurant and Alpenhotel Jù Furcia (both accessible) <u>Uphill</u> : several options which are reached along almost level dirt tracks with gravel
recharging stations for electric batteries	In the villages in the valley
network coverage	Good
GPS mapping	Negligible
street view	<b>Panoramic photo (uphill station):</b> <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@46.7377642,11.9571821,3a,75y,123.98h,81.43t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipM6V1U-">https://www.google.com/maps/@46.7377642,11.9571821,3a,75y,123.98h,81.43t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipM6V1U-</a>



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signs along the route	Information boards at the valley and uphill cable car stations
UNESCO info points	None
guides	None
rental services	Bikes can be rented in all the villages of the Plan de Corones area. Info: <a href="https://www.kronplatz.com/it/estate/bici/noleggi">https://www.kronplatz.com/it/estate/bici/noleggi</a>
reductions	Details about reductions are available by either calling (+39) 0474 501131 or asking directly at the ticket office Reductions at MMM Corones ( <a href="http://www.messner-mountain-museum.it/it/corones/visita/">http://www.messner-mountain-museum.it/it/corones/visita/</a> ); reductions at the LUMEN museum ( <a href="https://www.lumenmuseum.it/plan-your-visit">https://www.lumenmuseum.it/plan-your-visit</a> )
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number
<b>contacts</b>	
contact for info	<a href="https://www.kronplatz.com/it/pianificare-prenotare/contatto">https://www.kronplatz.com/it/pianificare-prenotare/contatto</a>
information provided by and itinerary checked by	 <p><a href="https://www.independent.it/it/index">https://www.independent.it/it/index</a></p>
route mapped on	15/09/2019
<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://meteo.provincia.bz.it/default.asp">http://meteo.provincia.bz.it/default.asp</a></p> <p><b>Local tourist board:</b> <a href="https://www.plancorones.it/associazioni-turistiche/">https://www.plancorones.it/associazioni-turistiche/</a></p> <p><b>Lift opening times and periods:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.dolomitisuperski.com/it/SuperSummer/Scopri/Valli/Plan-de-Corones/Impianti">https://www.dolomitisuperski.com/it/SuperSummer/Scopri/Valli/Plan-de-Corones/Impianti</a></p>