

ACCESSIBLE VIEWPOINT SASS PORDOI




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description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Marmolada, Sciliar-Catinaccio, Latemar
mountain group(s)	Sella
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 Sass Pordoi, which lies at an altitude of 2945 metres, is an exceptionally scenic overlook of the World Heritage Site and has rightly earned itself the title of <i>Terrace of the Dolomites</i>. This large rocky balcony stretching out over the valley gives a commanding high-altitude view of the fossil atolls that formed the original coral archipelago: from the Marmolada to the Pale di San Martino, from the Catinaccio group to the Sassolungo range and from the Ampezzo valley to the southernmost tip of the Brenta Dolomites. The horizon stretches even further, though, and the Ortles and Cevedale ranges, as well as the Swiss and Austrian Alps, can be seen in the distance.</p> <p>The Terrace of the Dolomites is accessed directly from the Pordoi Pass (approx. 12 km from Canazei) by the cableway of the same name.</p> <p>The large car park at the pass (at 2240 m) has reserved spaces opposite the entrance to the valley station. There is just one section of cableway, with no changes, so the journey to the summit is quick and easy.</p> <p>At the top (2950 m), you can have something to eat at the Maria mountain hut (bar and accessible restaurant) or explore the large rocky plateau, following a scenic circular route that takes about 20 minutes. This route is suitable for people of all ages and wheelchair users too.</p> <p>At the valley station, you can visit the Museum of the Great War and the photograph gallery which tells the history of the cableway.</p>
advice	
recommended period	From May to October and from December to April (opening times and periods: www.valdifassalift.it).
recommended gear	If you decide to stay near the uphill station, we recommend you wear layers, warm clothes and comfortable boots. If you go on an excursion, 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	The terrain outside the uphill station and the terrace of the Maria mountain hut is rocky, so appropriate equipment must be used. Only the circular route around the station is suitable for everyone, but wheelchairs for outdoor excursions (with off-road wheels) are still recommended.
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): (+39) 0462 601525

N.B.	The ski lift is completely accessible
info	
altitude	2240 – 2945 m a.s.l.
starting point	Valley station of the cableway, Pordoi Pass – 38032 – Canazei (TN) GPS coordinates: lat. 46.4886277 lon. 11.8106628. Altitude: 2240 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Uphill station of the cableway, Sass Pordoi – 38032 – Canazei (TN) GPS coordinates: lat. 46.5003430 lon. 11.8078015. Altitude: 2945 m a.s.l.
distance	1487 m
overall difference in height	705 m
incline	Average incline 54% Maximum incline 77%
minimum width	Negligible
terrain	The surface inside the cableway buildings is paved. Outdoors the terrain is rocky, except for the circular route which is a dirt track
obstacles	None. The two stations have no architectural barriers. There is a stairlift for the steps at the entrance
exposed stretches	None inside the cableway buildings. Outside there are guards and railings, but there is no protection along the circular route
facilities	
access	<u>Private transport</u> : the valley station of the Pordoi cableway can be reached by car <u>Public transport</u> : (in summer) SAD buses; info about times: https://www.fassa.com/it/Come-arrivare/
restrictions	Check cableway opening times on the website www.valdifassalift.it
car park	Large free car park at the Pordoi Pass with reserved spaces for the disabled opposite the cableway entrance
accessible toilets	In the valley station and at the Maria mountain hut at the summit
refreshments	Maria mountain hut, bar and self-service restaurant near the Sass Pordoi uphill cableway station. No overnight stays
recharging stations for electric batteries	At the valley station of the Sass Pordoi cableway
network coverage	Free wi-fi at the summit
GPS mapping	Negligible
street view	Panoramic photo Sass Pordoi: https://www.google.com/maps/@46.5004351,11.8080816,3a,75y,27.77h,82.7t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipM9f6pgxaRZbfjG2wPCC4EGoXZPKRBBV4NSykLO!2e10!3e11!6shttps://www.googleusercontent.com/fp/faf1QipM9f6pgxaRZbfjG2wPCC4EGoXZPKRBBV4NSykLO%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pio-ya35.66049-ro-o-fo100!7i9728!8i3992?hl=it Panoramic photo Sass Pordoi: https://www.google.com/maps/@46.5006084,11.8083832,3a,75y,141.84h,81.88t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipOXuu07xb6SQ2z5MHZ3iZ_KBnIJCp-qY_itNBWv!2e10!3e11!6shttps://www.googleusercontent.com/fp/af1QipOXuu07xb6SQ2z5MHZ3iZ_KBnIJCp-qY_itNBWv%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pi-o-ya170.95998-roo-fo100!7i8704!8i4352?hl=it
signs along the route	There are information boards at the departure of the cableway and on the

	panoramic terrace, where there are also panoramic panels. The ticket office also has leaflets and maps of the area. At the Pordoi Pass there is an information board about the Great War. All information is in three languages: Italian, English and German
UNESCO info points	None
guides	Fassa Valley Alpine guides: http://guidealpinevaldifassa.it/it/homepage/
rental services	None
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number
contacts	
contact for info	e-mail: info@canazei.org / tel: +39 0462 608896
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>