

# Cortesell

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**Country:** Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Verzasca

**Difficulty:** a little difficult

**Grading:** v4 a3 III

**Total time:** 4h30

**Approachtime:** 2h

**Tourtime:** 1h30

**Returntime:** 1h

**Altitude entry:** 1250m

**Altitude exit:** 1000m

**Delta Altitude:** 250m

**Canyon length:** m

**Highest rapell:** 45m

**Amount rapells:**

**Transport:**

**Rock type:**

**Drainage area:** km<sup>2</sup>

**Season:**

**Orientation:** South

**Best Time:**

**Rating:** ★ 4 (1)

**Info:** ★ 1 (1)

**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**

Ropes: 2x 50m

**Summary:** (machine translated)

Beautiful sunny open rapel canyon with a few slides in the upper part.

**Hydrology:**

**Access:** (machine translated)

The approach is through the Verzasca Valley to Brione. There you park right next to the playground in the village center.

**Approach:** (machine translated)

Then follow the initially paved, later gravel road westwards along the Torrente Osola.

At its exit at the material cable car, you first cross a bridge over the Cortesell. Directly after this bridge, a path branches off upwards. Follow this up to an altitude of about 1300m (past the first house), then leave the path and descend slightly, more to the east, through the bushes more or less directly down to the stream.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

After the first rapel, there is a slightly longer walking passage. This is followed by rapel after rapel. First over flat, open terrain. Later, the stream is cut into a little and is no longer so beautifully polished.

The stream exits directly at the bridge we crossed on the access.

**Return:** (machine translated)

Follow the road back to the car.

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [46.3147 8.7460](#)

Canyon End [46.3103 8.7436](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.2971 8.7911](#)

**Reports:**

2024-09-14 | Jens Römer | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★ | 📍 ★★ ★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍌 Completed

All anchors ok. Access down into the canyon from Cortesell a bit tedious - possibly descended too early (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | 📖 | 📍 | |

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