

# Orasso

Rio di Orasso, Torrente di Orasso

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<b>Country:</b> Italia / Italy	<b>Region:</b> Piemonte	<b>Subregion:</b> Verbano-Cusio-Ossola	<b>Town:</b> Orasso
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<b>Difficulty:</b> a little difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v3 a4 III	<b>Total time:</b> 3h25
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<b>Approach time:</b> 30min	<b>Tour time:</b> 2h30	<b>Return time:</b> 25min
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<b>Altitude entry:</b> 680m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 550m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 130m
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<b>Canyon length:</b> 1450m	<b>Highest rappel:</b> 25m	<b>Amount rappels:</b> 6
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<b>Transport:</b> Car optional	<b>Rock type:</b>	<b>Drainage area:</b> km <sup>2</sup>
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<b>Season:</b>	<b>Orientation:</b> South	<b>Best Time:</b>
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<b>Rating:</b> ★ 2.8 (2)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 0 ()	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 0 ()
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**Specialities:****Gear:**

Ropes: 2x30m

**Summary:** (machine translated)

rappel canyon

**Hydrology:****Access:** (machine translated)

From Cannobio on Lake Maggiore up the Cannobino valley towards Malesco. After 14 km and shortly after some serpentines you reach the turnoff (turn right and continue for about 300 m) to the village of Orasso. Here ample parking in front of the historic center.

**Approach:** (machine translated)

From Orasso (700 m a.s.l.) take the footpath in the direction of Bugnago. Contrary to van Duin's description of the ascent, do not cross the right side stream of the Rio Orasso, but after about 15 minutes turn right at a fork onto a path that continues horizontally. What is striking about the fork is that all the signs are oriented to the main path, but none to the path going straight ahead, which we now follow. It leads us to a stone storehouse and seems to end here. Passing by the west side of the house, it continues in an inconspicuous form and crosses the orographic right slope of the Orasso, sloping slightly. Then it begins to descend, a "bad step" is provisionally secured with wire rope. We reach a streambed where the path beyond leads back up to a stone house. However, we follow the tracks that lead downhill to the right before the streambed, then cross the possibly dry streambed to continue steeply down into the riverbed of the Rio Orasso.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

At the beginning attractive 25 m rappel into a cauldron, then again and again smaller bottlenecks; emergency exit almost always possible.

Duin probably repeats in his book an approach description from a [[[http://freeweb.supereva.com/euforione/Rio di Orasso/rio\\_di\\_orasso.htm](http://freeweb.supereva.com/euforione/Rio di Orasso/rio_di_orasso.htm)]] website that can no longer be accessed today. Since on the access description there is noted, it would probably not be optimal, we have searched for a better access - and found.

**Return:** (machine translated)

Before the road bridge, turn left onto the footpath, then left again, crossing first a stone bridge over the Rio Orasso and then going up to the village of Orasso.

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [46.1030 8.5964](#)

Canyon End [46.0964 8.5949](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.0948 8.5853](#)

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2025-07-01 | System User |   |  Normal |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orasso For the approach, like the comment from 2022: at the bifurcation, don't take the horizontal path, take the signposted one to Bignuga. The horizontal path leads to nowhere (we learned the hard way ;-)). When you reach an affluent with a bridge over it, descend it. Today, it had quite a bit of running water. For the canyon: equipment is minimal but sufficient. Do not trust the ropes in place above the c25! They need changing (as does the rope connecting the 3 points of the anchor), unfortunately we didn't bring any spare rope. A lot of marching over boulders in the river, punctuated by a couple of very beautiful étroitures and the beautiful c25. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22503/observations.html>)

2024-08-13 | System User |   |  Normal |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orasso Belle surprise ! Belle C25 et rando aquatique sympa. Equipment RAS. Parking au pont de la route (4 places). Approche en 40 minutes : remonter la route sur 200 m puis au niveau d'un chemin de l'autre côté de la route monter à droite dans la pente (mode sanglier mais ce n'est pas très long, le sentier est pointé sur les cartes suisses) pour rejoindre le sentier principal qui mène à Orasso. Puis suivre la sente vers Bugnago qui permet de rejoindre un affluent au niveau d'un pont. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22503/observations.html>)

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