Iragna (superiore)

Val d'Iragna superiore

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Riviera **Town:** Bezirk Riviera		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 IV	**Total time:** 3h40
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 730m	**Altitude exit:** 420m	**Delta Altitude:** 310m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 36m	**Amount rapells:** 17
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (15)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (10)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (15)

Warnings:
inactive: *Avoid disturbance through mass canyoning* (11.08.25 - 31.08.25)
After RIC 2025 big groups have been reported that caused litter at the parking sites, occupied private property, partied loud after canyoning and parked without considering access by local inhabitants. Local communities are already pissed! In order to avoid negative consequences and regulations please make sure that you act considering the environment and local communities. Please us every car completey to avoid congestions at the parkings, use alternative parking, be quiet, restict whistle use in the canyon to a minimum, respect local catholic culture by not undressing visibly and use clothing for ascent. Do not party after canyoning in the parking spots and remove your litter please!

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 40

Summary: (machine translated)
Technically challenging, beautiful, aquatic canyon with crystal-clear water and deep pools; many possible jumps; several rope traverses allow you to avoid dangerous spots, but problematic at high water levels.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Biasca go through the village of Iragna --> continue towards Lodrino --> in the village of Rodaglio turn right at the little church and go up the mountain road until the first bend --> here turn right --> follow the road until the village of "Citt" (bend in the serpentine) --> parking is before or after the bend in the serpentine (do not park in the bend; only for locals).

Approach: (machine translated)
By car the access is shortened to 20min --> from the parking lot you go back to the serpentine curve and continue the slightly sloping path through the mountain village "Citt" --> at the signpost continue to the left in the direction of Pön --> after a few minutes there is another fork --> here right down to the stone bridge --> entry at about 730Hm. If you do not have a shuttle car, you can take the footpath from the village of Iragna, which leads up to the entry in about 1.5 hours.

Tour: (machine translated)
The Iragna superiore is one of the most beautiful canyons in Ticino --> the upper part can be well combined with the intermedio --> the water level should be checked before the very aquatic canyon, absolutely --> below the bridge is r the first and highest abseil (36m) which leads directly in the water course, into the breathtaking scenic landscape --> technically demanding rappels alternate with jumps and short walking passages --> a rope traverse is often needed to safely reach the exposed belay stations (there are plenty of pitons for this purpose)--> most of the jumps require a good jumping technique and control of the water depth in the pools --> the current should not be underestimated --> at the trickiest points, it is usually possible to rappel outside of the water flow --> if you only want to walk the Iragna superiore, look for the exit at approx. 510Hm left the exit over the slope (open canyon section before the next rock face and downclimb) --> in most cases, however, the Iragna intermedio is done at the same time (short part) --> if you also decide for a part or the whole Iragna inferiore, time and equipment should be considered!

Return: (machine translated)
At the exit of the "superiore" at 510Hm li the exit over the embankment (open gorge section before the next rock face and downclimb) onto the hiking trail. Follow this into the valley.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3267 8.9482
Parking at Entry 46.3222 8.9573
Parking at Exit 46.3279 8.9682
Canyon End 46.3276 8.9578

Reports:

2025-08-12 | Michele Dini | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
Integral (machine translated)

2025-07-19 | Stephan Gehringer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
Everything was super... the one or other impact anchor is loose... But everything goes without a hitch (machine translated)

2025-07-07 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
This canyon just needs another 50,000 years, and it'll be five stars. Numerous tantalising slides that just didn't quite seem worth it today - so close to being okay, but worth the risk? For someone, for sure!!! The anchoring in here is pretty random. There are a lot for singles, that should be doubles... I'm surprised they aren't given the quality of the canyon, and the location. It is slippery. You only need a 60m rope.

2025-06-28 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
A little slippery but beautiful (machine translated)

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2025-06-19 | Patrik Bartel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | High | 👍 Completed
All usual jumps possible. (machine translated)

2024-09-18 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything fits, superiore tour, great jumps. (machine translated)

2024-09-11 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
In a team of 4 we did all 3 parts; well flushed by rain 2 days before it was a lot of fun. Everything OK (machine translated)

2024-09-07 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything perfect. Superiore+Intermedio+Inferiore combined. (machine translated)

2024-08-25 | Massimo Loriato | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Quite slippery, all anchors in order, clear water with good/low level. Superiore + intermedio + inferiore in 4h30 in a group of 9.

2024-08-24 | Patrik Bartel | | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
Not very slippery, very warm water! (machine translated)

2024-08-16 | Waldemar Engelhardt | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
All good (machine translated)

2024-08-04 | Patoche67 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Perfect conditions. Not slippery. (machine translated)

2024-07-26 | Daniela Rossi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
Everything top Slippery in places. (machine translated)

2023-09-05 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Awesome canyon Action throughout , narrow , beautiful , clear water and moderately little access with two cars
My favorite of the valley (all three parts) (machine translated)

2023-04-03 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Coordinates and description adjusted. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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Parts:
Iragna (superiore), v5 a4 IV, 20min+3h+20min
Iragna (Intermedio), v4 a4 IV, 40min+2h+20min
Iragna (Inferiore), v4 a4 II, 20min+2h30+5min
Camana, v? a? ?, ++