Cuestis

Rio Cuestis

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Roveredo		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 IV	**Total time:** 6h35
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 770m	**Altitude exit:** 340m	**Delta Altitude:** 430m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 60m	**Amount rapells:** 19
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:** 13-18 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.5 (23)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (22)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (22)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
One of the most beautiful rappel canyons in Friuli; mostly grippy limestone; clean water; siphon in the middle part; many walking and climbing passages in the upper part; high rappels in the lower part; beautiful view; no known emergency exit; only with small groups.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Tarvisio take the main road (SS13) south to Chiusaforte --> pass Villach and continue towards Italy --> in Italy take the Tarvisio exit --> continue on the main road (SS13) south to Chiusaforte --> after the village (approx. 3.5 km) turn right (signposted Roveredo, Ovedasso) --> approx. 50 m after the exit there is a parking space on the left.

Approach: (machine translated)
Arrived at the parking lot, you can already see the last rappels of the Rio Cuestis and the amount of water to judge --> from the parking lot (350Hm) you follow the road for about 500m towards Roveredo --> after the railroad bridge, but still just before the road bridge (which goes over the Rio Simon) you take the trail 425a rh, which goes steeply up. --> at 650Hm you meet a ruin on the right --> after that it becomes flatter --> after a few meters of altitude you meet a second ruin with a fork in the path (770Hm) --> here take the path on the right --> this leads slightly downhill in a few minutes to the stream (entry 750Hm).

Tour: (machine translated)
From the stone wall at the entry at 750Hm, the first passages are bypassed and downclimbed --> in the first third are between the short abseils again and again longer walking and climbing passages (a short rope can often be helpful here) -->before the middle part with the narrow section begins could be on the right an emergency exit (only conjecture) --> further on through the very beautiful cut part of the canyon (mostly climbable parts) --> after the cut part there are several abseils with only short walking passages in between --> the abseils continuously increase in height --> special caution should be taken in medium and steep terrain>special care should be taken at medium and high water level at the place with the siphon (closed circle or rope traverse) --> the last third consists of the highest rappelling places where the belays are well placed and can be easily reached by rope traverses --> here shows who has mastered the 1x1 of rope technique because of the height and exposure, this tour is reserved only for the well-versed canyoneers --> an eye should also always be placed on a good rope retrival because already one or the other had to struggle --> on the whole, the Rio Cuestis is a perfect canyon with beautiful views for experienced canyoneers.

Return: (machine translated)
After the last rappel and the small climbing passage you stand under the railroad bridge --> either get off before the road bridge (left) or more comfortably after the road bridge right over the gravel path to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4045 13.2743
Parking at Exit 46.3985 13.2634
Canyon End 46.3964 13.2712
Parking at Exit 46.3963 13.2712
Waypoint 46.3978 13.2644

Reports:

2026-02-08 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. Super water level and superiore conditions. (machine translated)

2025-09-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cuestis Equipement au top, débit parfait. Superbe (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22007/observations.html)

2025-09-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cuestis Very nice water level to enjoy this beautiful canyon. Excellent equipment. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22007/observations.html)

2025-08-31 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Inspection together with Italian friends, including the coordinator for canyoning rescue in Friuli. We have attached a new chain at the intermediate level of the first high cascade (SOS 6) and have adapted the SOS badges from SOS 6 to the current conditions. The topographic view has been updated for the canyoning rescue and also the GPS points. (machine translated)

2025-08-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cuestis Très belle descente.Equipement : parfait. Broches et relais avec chaînes inox.Nous n'avons pas eu besoin d'utiliser les déviations car le débit était confortable. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22007/observations.html)

2025-08-16 | Sandor Zsolt | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
!!Ropes left in canyon!! At the top anchor if the second big drop (65m) (70m+54m ropes are rigged, safe to climb or descend but made a mistake the joining is on the wrong side thus the ropes cannot be pulled through) If you retrieve it please contact me (Salty- sandorzsolt.vik@gmail.com, +36309293128) huge thanks! First time in Cuestis, first section super easy, second section is for more experienced people. At the first big pitch the middle anchor for rebelay can be easily found in the path of the water (~15m) then there are two deviations, recommended to use both of them. There was water in the entire canyon (except the middle walking section) but not deep/safe for jumping. Anchors are mostly good. Missing information: exits, pit lenghts.

2025-07-19 | Martin Jasek | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Little water, few jumps in the upper part possible, in the middle walking passage there were several places without water, but when canyons started to cut, there was everything tip top and we enjoyed all that extreme rappels.

2025-07-10 | Barbora Kohout | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Perfect days in Cuestis ♡, everything is OK.

2025-06-09 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Superiore water level The canyon is simply a dream Many jumps, slides, narrow gorge, high rappels - offers simply everything At 15 the flap is missing / but can be downclimbed (machine translated)

2025-01-11 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything was tip top. The lower 60 was really nice and icy. It's unusual for the Cuestis to have water at this time of year and at these temperatures. All the better the surprise (machine translated)

2024-09-30 | Manuel Reindl | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Top conditions in the canyon. Not too little water - just right. Stands tip top! (machine translated)

2024-08-08 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything ok (machine translated)

2024-08-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cuestis Superbe !!!!! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22007/observations.html)

2024-07-29 | Moosi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Everything in order (machine translated)