Val Clusa

Clusa,Val Crusa,Rio Muda

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Veneto **Subregion:** Belluno **Town:** Agordo		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v4 a5 VI	**Total time:** 8h5
Approachtime: 1h50	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 960m	**Altitude exit:** 470m	**Delta Altitude:** 490m
Canyon length: 3500m	**Highest rapell:** 36m	**Amount rapells:** 36
Transport:	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (7)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (5)

Specialities:
Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40

Summary: (machine translated)
The extreme classic. Narrowly cut aquatic canyon of great demand and length. Very scenic and remote. Only a few emergency exits possible.
There is the upper part and the lower part that starts at the dam. The dam is connected to Lago del Mis and is used when there are problems in the side valley. I.e. you should only go into the canyon when the weather is stable and especially do not spend too much time in the lower part to reduce possible danger.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Coming from Belluno on the SS 203 towards Agordo through the Cordevole valley. Parking lot in the La Muda area, after the suspension bridge over the Torrente Cordevole. (Tip: Here you are just outside the national park, i.e. you have no problem spending the night here and directly opposite there is a bar / restaurant where you can eat in the evening or which is open from 6:30 - 7:00 for breakfast.

Approach: (machine translated)
Orographically right along marked trail no. 546 uphill, initially steep through forest. After about half an hour you come to the turnoff to the dam for the lower part. For the upper part, follow the path uphill. At about 940 m there is a barely visible turnoff to path 545, but here you stay along the course of the gorge on path 546 (path arrow Val Clusa path 546). From now on you go without much loss of altitude always along the path until at 960Hm you come closer and closer to the stream and can enter without major problems (see coordinates).

The path is generally clearly visible, there is no more damage from the forest fire. At one point there is a possible risk of falling, but this is well secured with steel ropes.

Tour: (machine translated)
The upper section (from 1490 m) was opened on June 21, 2020 and has 28 equipped runs. The maximum descent length is 40 meters (a cable car is required in strong currents).

At the beginning, Val Clusa is still a relatively open forest gorge. However, this changes after the first 6 rappels, where the canyon becomes visibly narrower and deeper. In general, there are only a few ways out of the canyon during the tour.
After approx. 18 rappels or 27 rappels in the upper part, you will find a way ortographic right out of the canyon.
After approx. 29 rappels there are yellow signs and the path leads out to the right where you reach the dam. This path should not be overlooked, because if the dam is active and water is dammed, it may be that you can no longer get out of the reservoir, because the ladders are in a shaft that is only accessible when the dam is empty.
For the upper part you should plan about 4h-5h.

If you miss the signs and jump into the pool, there is another rappel before you reach the reservoir and stand in front of the dam. During our ascent (15.8.2023) we were lucky that the dam was open, i.e. you could easily go through the dam and get to the lower part or use the ladder in the shaft for a possible exit.
The dam is automatically controlled and is also connected to the Lago del Mis as an overflow, i.e. you should generally not dawdle in the lower part, as even if the reservoir is open and the water is ok due to a technical fault etc., water is fed into the Clusa. water is fed into the Clusa.

The lower part is a little more aquatic than the upper part but very nicely incised. The lower part has a total of 7 rappels, the highest being 30m.
You should plan about 1.5 hours for the lower part.

The border of the national park (where canyoning is prohibited) is exactly on the southern bank of the Clusa - the ascent of the Val Clusa is permitted.

Return: (machine translated)
Go under the bridge of SR203 until Torrente Cordevole and turn right (in the direction of Torrente Cordevole) for about 50m. Here up the embankment to the road and return by the road to the parking lot (about 15 min).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2590 12.1186
Parking at Entry 46.2468 12.0985
Canyon End 46.2442 12.1054
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2766 12.1331
Parking at Entry 46.2828 12.1230
Waypoint 46.2756 12.1265

Reports:

2025-09-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa Marche d'approche très régulière jusqu'à l'embranchement à droite. Là, il est dit que ça descend mais il reste encore du dénivelé ! Eau froide jusqu'à la confluence de Pezze qui lui est encore plus froid ! À partir de là ça glisse pas mal.Pas de difficulté majeure dans les obstacles qui s'enchaînent sans discontinuer ! DC+Équipement bon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2025-08-19 | Daniel Gilbert | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Spectacular canyon! All anchors were ok, some mono bolts higher up in the canyon. Rock was very slippery and we all feel over many times. Water levels were low so the lower section was easy and didn't have any hydraulics.

2025-08-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa Part sup until the dam. DC+. Installations ok. The further down, the more slippery. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2025-06-25 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
We entered at the dam, after following the metal railing down to it. The dam was nearly spilling, however the water flowing out was minimal, maybe 1m2. This was the slipperiest canyon we have ever been down. All the rocks are covered in alge. The anchors were adequate, however you would be stupid to go down without some material to replace a couple of helpful threads. At this flow, all the anchoring was sufficient. Some abseils have both dry and wet lines. I think if it wasn't so slippery, there would have been numerous opportunities to jump. However, we were not very confident with the take-off spots given the lack of friction.

2024-10-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa Gros débit pour le sup, très gros sous la prise d'eau.Cette dernière est toujours ouverte a cause du tronc.Nous avons sauté dans les 2 vasques en amont.Équipement excelent dans tout le canyon.Très grande course beaucoup plus exigeante et technique que soffia...Beaucoup de sauts possibles ou rappels trop courts. :) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2024-08-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa Flusso forte e molto freddo dalla confluenza del Canton dei Pez. Tutto il resto ok. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2024-08-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa DC+Nous n'avons pas fait la partie inférieure à cause du débit sous la prise d'eau (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2024-07-27 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
All good, still quite a lot of water. Got out in front of the dam. (machine translated)

2024-07-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa We made it through the army of ticks. Lot of water in the superior part. We made it through the hard parts and we used unverified exit. It was not easy. Dont recommend the exit. As the flow was really high dont want to imagine how much water was there after intake from neighbor canyon. We spend 7 hours in the canyon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2024-06-22 | Madie Ga | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Does not look doable, water changed from blue to brown overnight, and 4 times the flow

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2023-08-13 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | | 👍 Completed
Canyon information completely revised and adapted to current conditions. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten,

First descent: 15.08.1987 by Agosto 1987, GP. Biancucci, S. Matteoli, M. Menicucci, I. Panicucci, M. Sivelli