Brinta - Volarja

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Country: Slovenija / Slovenia **Region:** Zahodna Slovenija / Western Slovenia **Subregion:** goriška statistična regija **Town:** Volarje		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 III	**Total time:** 5h
Approachtime: 0min	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 730m	**Altitude exit:** 200m	**Delta Altitude:** 530m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 70m	**Amount rapells:** 17
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (2)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x70m

Summary: (machine translated)
Only after the confluence of the "Brinta" and "Malenscek" streams is the stream called "Volarja".
Most of the rappels are placed in such a way that it is mandatory to rappel in the water, sometimes with considerable water pressure. The highlight is a 100m waterfall, which is divided with a maximum rappel of 70m.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Large catchment area, but you can always get out of the canyon to safety.

Access: (machine translated)
From Bovec to Kobarid, always stay on road 203. Once you have passed Kobarid on road 203, you come to a traffic circle where you take the 3rd exit in the direction of Tolmin and Nova Gorica (road 102). Stay on road 102 for approx. 6.1 km until you reach the junction for Kamno. Turn left here towards Kamno and drive over the Soca bridge. In Kamno, drive past the church, keep right and then come to a larger road where you turn off again towards Tolmin. When you pass the exit from Kamno, stay on the road for 1.4 km until you reach the bridge over the Volarja (park a shuttle car here). (N46.213051,E13.656092)

Take the 2nd car back to Kamno and stay on the main road. Before you pass through Kamno, take the turn-off to Vrsno. The small road goes uphill until you reach the village of Vrsno after about 4 km. Continue along the road and after 700m you come to the bridge over the Malenscek stream, after another 1.5km you cross another small bridge with a right-hand bend until you reach the bridge at the Brinta stream after another 600m. You can park here both before and after the bridge. (N46.23354,E13.660991)

It takes a good 15 minutes to move the vehicle.

Approach: (machine translated)
Cross the bridge and follow the forest path on the ortographic left for about 230m. Then comes the first small abseiling point.

Tour: (machine translated)
Once you have reached the streambed, you come to the first small rappel point C7 (right), before you have to rappel 25m directly into the water jet. This is followed by 3 smaller abseils, 2 of which can also be jumped. This is followed by a downclimb (approx. 10 m), which is also secured with a fixed rope ortographic right. This is followed by another 25m rappel directly in the water, before a walking passages (approx. 430m).
Then you come to a point where you can reach the abseil point on the ortographic right via a rope traverse (this point could also be slid after a previous check). After 2 more rappels you come to a place that can also be abseiled or jumped (C9 right or S7). After another small rappel you come to the vertical highlight of the tour.

This is followed by a rappel of approx. 100m, which cannot be rappelled in the water due to the water pressure. There are fixed ropes there because you come to an intermediate belay along the wall ortographic right and have to avoid a pendulum fall at all costs. Therefore, take the fixed ropes for the self-arrest and traverse for about 15m ortographic right to the intermediate belay, which can be quite challenging because the rock quality is not ideal and stones come loose.
After the 15m traverse you come to another abseil belay - an intermediate belay. If possible, it is advisable for the entire group to come together at this intermediate belay before the first person rappels the remaining 8m to the main belay. The reason for this is that stones come loose on the 15m traverse (watch out for falling rocks!!!), which then fall in the direction of the main belay. After you have rappelled the 8m from the intermediate belaystation to the main belaystation, the highest rappel of the tour follows at 70m.
The traverse before this means that you hardly come into contact with the water, which makes sense, as the waterfall - 100m high in total - pools the water and you don't want to get into it.

After the 70m rappel, there are 3 more beautiful rappels in the water before you have a 45-minute strenuous walk and climb in the blocked stream ahead of you. After 45 minutes, the "Mrzli Potok" stream flows in from the ortographic left and after a further 10 minutes you arrive at the dam wall, which you have already seen from the exit bridge.
Here you either leave the stream ortographic right or, if the dam wall is jumpable, you have one last jump here and leave the stream also ortographic right under the road bridge.

Return: (machine translated)
You come out directly at the parking lot at the bridge over the "Volarja".

Coordinates:
Parking at Entry 46.2335 13.6610
Canyon Start 46.2335 13.6610
Parking at Exit 46.2131 13.6561
Canyon End 46.2335 13.6610

Reports:

2024-01-27 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
The stream is called Volarja after the confluence of the Brinta and Malenscek rivers. Beautiful but challenging tour (rappel directly in the water, difficult rappel at the 100m waterfall). We drilled 2 new rings at the 70m rappel. The entry for this canyon was made on the basis of this ascent. The other Volarja entry refers to the start via Malenscek. (machine translated)

2023-07-07 | Martin Jasek | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Interesting canyon full of rappels in water course, last waterfall can be issue with higher water level, because of the water pressure in lower part. Also didn't hit return path and spend 1 hour walking in river, while we reach car. Be careful that you are in the right stream, many sources have confusion with the starting point and lead to Malenscek, for the first time we did Malenscek instead of Volarja !!!