

# Luvana

La Luvana

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**Country:** France **Region:** Corse / Corsica Island **Subregion:** Corse-du-Sud / South Corsica **Town:** Chisa

**Difficulty:** a little difficult

**Grading:** v4 a4 III

**Total time:** 9h45

**Approachtime:** 1h35

**Tourtime:** 7h

**Returntime:** 1h10

**Altitude entry:** 810m

**Altitude exit:** 395m

**Delta Altitude:** 415m

**Canyon length:** 0m

**Highest rapell:** 35m

**Amount rapells:**

**Transport:**

**Rock type:**

**Drainage area:** km<sup>2</sup>

**Season:**

**Orientation:**

**Best Time:**

**Rating:** ★ 3.6 (1)

**Info:** ★ 0 ()

**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

**Specialities:**

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**Gear:**

**Summary:** (machine translated)

Relatively long and aquatic canyon in granite.

**Hydrology:**

**Access:** (machine translated)

From Solenzara a few km on the N198 we come across the river Travo, then turn west on the D45 In the direction of Chisa and before reaching the airfield access road on the right. After 7.6 km (from N198), always along the river, we cross the Travo, by now on the D645. 4.2 km further on, we drive in a narrow right loop over de Ruisseau de Coda Vacca. 1.5 km further on we come to Pont de Bura (about 2 km before reaching the village of Chisa). Park the car here.

**Approach:** (machine translated)

First we walk along the road towards the bridge over the Travo in the direction of Chisa. Then, before reaching the bridge, we take the old mule track up to the left (information board on permitted and prohibited water use). Now about 50 minutes slightly uphill, then we cross the Lama. Another 45 minutes or so, then after a striking left turn of the path we descend pathlessly to the right down to the stream. See google sketch in photos for access.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

See video and photos (also the Lama Luvana video from 3:40 min.). Some narrows can be bypassed. Repeated opportunities to get out of the canyon (preferably to the right). A then subsequent eventual search of the approach route is likely to be arduous.

**Return:** (machine translated)

The easiest and first possibility for an exit (to the approach trail) is at the confluence with the Lama coming from the right (480m old). In its streambed or on the edge about 130 meters up to the path. The last step is easy to negotiate on a rocky rib.

The second option opens up before the first mega slide with subsequent free fall over 4m. The IGN map shows a path here that crosses the stream at an altitude of around 470m. It is questionable whether it is still recognizable today. Here too, turn right up to the approach path.

The third exit option is after the step with the pithy slide in the upper part. Going downstream, we look for a suitable place to leave the streambed to the right (about 425m old). The trail then climbs partly over formerly terraced terrain through the "Niederwald" until we reach the approach path. This ascent on the steep western slope has the significant advantage that the terrain is largely free of maquis (verified by the author).

The last exit point is at the confluence with the Arinella (395m alt.). On its last few meters, also pathless, ascend the slope in a fairly straight line in a NNW direction until you come to a path, which you follow to the right to a path to Chisa. Here, there is more than 140 vertical meters of maquis and, once you reach the top, you have the opportunity to refresh yourself at the Fontaine de Petralata.

In the IGN guide "Corse" and at <http://corse-sauvage.com/canyoning/canyons/lamaluvanaarinella.html>, another exit option is presented: at the confluence of the Luvana and Arinella rivers, walk up the latter against the direction of flow and, after a few hundred meters, get off to the right (orographic. left), where an inconspicuous path leads up to the Bergerie de Purcaricciola. This path also joins the path that leads past the spring to Chisa. In 1997 we tried to take this exit, but failed because the first step in the Arinella (seen from below) seemed insurmountable, see also Google sketch in photos for possible exit points and paths.

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [41.9023 9.2288](#)

Canyon End [41.9064 9.2436](#)

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