Santa Lucia I (Superiore)

Rio Santa Lucia

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Liguria **Subregion:** Imperia **Town:** Ponti di Pornassio		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 3h20
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 2h45	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 830m	**Altitude exit:** 640m	**Delta Altitude:** 190m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 12
Transport:	**Rock type:** slate	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 1.4 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Slippery forest canyon, hardly worth the effort (primarily for "collectors"). Can be connected with the lower part (see Santa Lucia inferiore).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Leave the A 10 highway (Genoa - Ventimiglia) at the Imperia - Ost ("Imperia-Est") exit and head north on the SS 28 towards Pieve di Teco (Colle di Nava; Turino). After a good 23 km we reach Pieve di Teco and 2 km after the village we turn left off the SS 28 onto the provincial road towards Mendatica/Monesi. After a further 2.5 km (junction), the road leads us over the river Aroscia (immediately after the bridge on the left is a good parking area for motorhomes). After another kilometer, we enter the village of Ponti di Parnassio. If you are approaching from the Genoa area on the A 10, turn right at the "Albenga" exit onto the SS 582 towards Albenga and then immediately turn right again onto the SS 453. After around 26 km, you will reach Pieve di Teco. Continue as above.\nWe now drive through Ponti di Pornassio, cross the Rio Santa Lucia and turn left onto a dirt road 300m further on. It leads directly to a large clearing with chestnut trees. If you want to save your car, park here (also a good place to spend the night).
The author drove further up the slope. After about 2 km you pass the access to the lower parts of the Rio Santa Lucia and about a good km further on you come to a prominent rightward haipin bend, where a forest road joins from the left (southwest). Park your car here (possibly the lower one).
With a second vehicle - or on foot - continue up the previous track, past a dilapidated estate, until you come to a house on the right of the path in the hamlet of Pian Soprano. Park the second vehicle here.

Approach: (machine translated)
Even if you walk from the bottom (in about 1.5 hours), turn left at this house across the meadows (south-east direction), passing a chestnut tree on the left (photo 1). Over a small embankment you come to a grassy slope, which you follow to the right until you reach the signs on the tree (photo 2). Do not continue uphill here (!), but now turn left slightly downhill without a path, always following the white-marked trees. After a while you come to a stone slab leaning against the foot of a tree with an arrow and the number "12". Here you descend directly into the streambed.
Access is also possible at 1085m, see aic link.

Tour: (machine translated)
Sequence of rough rappels, hardly ever a jump. See photos and video

Return: (machine translated)
Before the bridge, turn left onto the forest path, which joins the access road at the bends.
Alternatively, you can also "append" the ascent of the lower parts of the Rio Santa Lucia. However, the access from the slope marked by PROCanyon to the 2nd part is only a few hundred meters below the bridge and this intermediate part was not climbed by the author, as he preferred to get out onto the slope and then take the PROCanyon access further down. However, the intermediate section had already been climbed earlier because the access to the lower part was originally at the bridge, where the ascent of the upper part exits.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.0511 7.8471
Canyon End 44.0554 7.8469

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