

TREKKING: CIRCULAR TOURALTA VIA DI FORNI FROM THE **DOLOMITES TO THE CARNIC ALPS**





⇒ self-guided tour



Hike



o² 00-00 km



Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

DESCRIPTION

This five-day trek through true wilderness completes a circular route around the beautiful basin of Forni di Sopra, offering a continuous and fascinating succession of natural, geological, and cultural landscapes. The itinerary includes multiple variants of varying levels of difficulty. The starting and ending point is either the hamlet of Andrazza or the town center of Forni di Sopra. Bring a sheet sleeping bag or sleeping bag, pillowcase, and slippers. For this hutto-hut trekking, good physical fitness is required to tackle the 1,000 meters of elevation gain in a single day while carrying your backpack. The proposed route doesn't require climbing or via ferrata equipment, but you should feel confident navigating rocky terrain and narrow, rough paths (easier route variants are available).

DETAILED ROUTES

P Day 1: Forni di Sopra

Individual arrival in Forni di Sopra.

Pay 3: Forni di Sopra - Rifugio Flaiban Pacherini

(Ascent to Rifugio Flaiban-Pacherini (1587 m) via Val di Suola on the direct trail – approx. 2.5 hours, CAI trail no.362; or via the longer variant through Val Rovadia and Passo di Suola, CAI trails no. 368 and 363 – approx. 5 hours.)

After breakfast, transfer to the Andrazza area to begin the trekking route. The direct route climbs through Val di Suola, introducing hikers to the characteristic Dolomitic landscape of the Friulian Dolomites Park, where the forest gives way to long scree slopes beneath dramatic cliffs. Alternatively, the Val Rovadia route offers a wilder and more fascinating setting, with beautiful waterfalls and stunning suspended meadows below Passo di Suola (1994 m). It's also common to spot ibexes along the rocky slopes of Monte Pramaggiore. From the pass, an optional 30- minute detour leads to Cima del Rifugio (2100 m), an easy and panoramic peak. Dinner and overnight stay at the mountain hut.

Oay 3: Rifugio Pacherini - Rifugio Giaf

(From Rifugio Pacherini to Rifugio Giaf (1400 m) along the "Truoi dai Sclops", CAI trails no. 362-369-361 – approx. 6 hours.)

The Forni dialect expression "Truói dai Sclops" means "Trail of the Gentians". This spectacular path is a true showcase of the most fascinating botanical and scenic features of the Friulian Dolomites. It offers an unforgettable experience, with a diverse mix of landscapes and environments, crossing three high mountain passes and the bucolic meadows of Camporosso. About halfway through the trail, there's an option to rest and enjoy refreshments at the Casera Valmenon, a staffed mountain shelter. Dinner and overnight stay at the mountain hut.

Pay 4: Rifugio Giaf - Casera Tartoi

(From Rifugio Giaf to Casera Tartoi (1711 m) via Passo della Mauria, Casera Lavazeit, and Malga Varmost CAI trails no. 341 - 207 - 243 - approx. 6-7 hours.)

This is an incredibly varied stage, which begins along the gravelly slopes of the Tor mountains, then leaves the dramatic Dolomitic scenery behind to enter the Arcadian, though still wild, southern slopes of the Carnic Alps. A long traverse leads from the charming alpine huts (tabià) of Stabie, through forests along the Rio Purone, and up to the beautiful balcony of Casera Lavazeit, where you'll enjoy stunning views back over the ridges you've just crossed. After passing Malga Varmost, you'll reach the pastures of Casera Tartoi, set in a magical natural amphitheater at the foot of Monte Tiarfin. Dinner and overnight stay at the Casera. (Optional variant: cable car ascent to Malga Varmost.)

P Day 5: Casera Tartoi - Casera Tragonia

(From Casera Tartoi to Casera Tragonia via Forca Rossa CAI trails no. 208 - 224 - 209 - approx. 5 hours.)

From Tartoi, you will circle around Monte Tiarfin, ascending into the Agons di Tiarfin, where in spring a beautiful, crystal-clear turquoise lake forms as the snow melts. Along the way, you'll admire the blooming meadows of the small valley known as Busas di Tiarfin, before reaching Forca Rossa (nearly 2300 m), which offers exceptional panoramic views stretching from the Carnic Alps to the Belluno Dolomites and even the Austrian glaciers. The descent leads steeply down the opposite side to the Risumiela Pass (also known as Croce di Tragonia, 1973 m),

with its picturesque alpine lake, and finally to the historic Casera Tragonia. Dinner and overnight stay at the Casera.

P Day 6: Casera Tragonia - Forni di Sopra

(From Casera Tragonia to Malga Montemaggiore and descent to Andrazza CAI trails no. 211 - 210 — approx. 4-5 hours.)

The final stage is part of the historic "Via delle Malghe", known in the local dialect as "Truoi da las mons". You'll skirt around Monte Lagna, passing the humid meadows of Plan di Plaron (1839 m), where, according to local legends, witches' gatherings once took place. The descent continues through alpine pastures and streams to Malga Montemaggiore (1729 m), near the cozy Francescutto shelter, before the final descent to the valley. For those wanting to crown their trek, there's the option to climb Monte Clapsavon (2462 m)—a beautiful and not particularly difficult ascent, which can also be combined with Monte Bivera. The climb is possible either from Malga Montemaggiore or directly from Casera Tragonia via Casera and Forcella Chiansaveit. Hotel accommodation, dinner, and overnight stay in Forni di Sopra

P Day 7: Forni di Sopra

After breakfast, departure to your home destinations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

• Classification: self-guided tour

• Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

• Distance: ca. 00-00 km

• Starting point: Forni di Sopra

• Arrival:

By plane: airport Treviso, Trieste or Venice

By train: By train (train station Calalzo or Carnia - see on: www.trenitalia.com).

By car: directly to Forni di Sopra

Accomodation:

3-stars hotel, mountain huts and alpine farmhouses (shared dormitory or small room with shared facilities)

Attention: Tourist tax - if requested - has to be paid on the spot!

• Parking:

Parking at the starting hotel; cannot be booked at the moment of reservation of the tour; to be paid directly on the spot.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in 3-stars hotel, mountain huts and alpine farmhouses (shared dormitory or small room with shared facilities)
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Dinner

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival at the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- · Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch
- · Not mentioned entries
- Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"

STARTING DATES



PRICES

Standard		
Package price in a double room with half board	from 15/06/2025 to 15/09/2025	715 €
Package price high season	from 01/07/2025 to 31/08/2025	955€
Single room surcharge		210 €
Additional services		
no bike		0€