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Package 3b - Rope - lined trails

In search of the most exclusive corners of the Dolomites.

*The Dolomites are unequalled in the number and beauty of their rope-lined trails offering not only strong emotions but more. Some of the routes go through the places of the **Great War**, which on the mountains of Cortina left some of the most tragic and memorable legacies.*

The choice is infinitely varied, from the shortest and least demanding of the rope-lined trails to the most difficult ones, which require a more thorough level of physical fitness.

And now you can test yourself on one of our rope-lined trails, to be able to look at the world from on high and to achieve, with your own strength, the "loftiness" of climbers.

Main features

Level: difficult rope-lined walks, for those who are fit. The walks last from 7 to 9 hours.

Type of accommodation: in double rooms or dormitories according to availability.

Meals: half board including breakfast and evening meal, drinks not included. Lunch is in the high altitude refuges.

Duration: 4 days and 4 nights, from Thursday evening to Monday morning included.

Guide: complete assistance by professional mountain guides.

Transport: transfer to the refuges by shuttle bus or, where necessary, by cable car or chair lift.

Transport of luggage from one refuge to another: insured and included in the package.

Return transfer: depending on times.

Description of the days' activities:

- **Thursday – Introduction to Cortina d’Ampezzo, the “Pearl of the Dolomites”**
Arrival at Cortina - welcome by the mountain guide and distribution of informational material - You will then have 2 hours free to visit the town centre and do some shopping – During your free time, you can leave your luggage in safety at a deposit – Transfer to Giau Pass – Introduction to trekking by the guide and overnight stay at your chosen refuge.

- **Friday – The rope-lined trails of the Nuvolau, Averau and Piccolo Lagazuoi.**
- Departure from the Giau Pass - Ascent by easy rope-lined trail - Descent to the pass and ascent to Monte Averau, then descent to the refuge of the same name - Descent to the Falzarego Pass and ascent to the Lagazuoi refuge along the pathway of the *Kaiserjaeger*. Overnight stay.

Description: Total change in altitude 1225 m. Duration around 9 hours (total change in altitude for those taking the cable car 300 m.). The first day involves the ascent of three peaks along extremely simple rope-lined stretches. You begin with the Nuvolau; once you reach the refuge of the same name, you will enjoy an all-round view from the terrace that is indescribable. The Nuvolau refuge is the oldest refuge in Cortina, and has undergone very few changes in the last hundred years. Going into it is like going back to the time of the mountaineers at the turn of the twentieth century. From here along a short rope-lined trail you go up to the top of Monte Averau. Once you have signed the book at the top, you go down again by the same way and you arrive at Falzarego Pass. From the pass, if you are tired you can take the cable car to the Lagazuoi refuge; otherwise, you go up along the pathway of the *Kaiserjaeger*, utilised by the Austrians to reach the Piccolo Lagazuoi from the west, hidden from the view of the enemy. The most exposed stretch is characterised by a suspension bridge over a gully followed by a rope-lined stretch on a narrow ridge.

- **Saturday – The Tomaselli and Veronesi rope-lined trails**

-Departure from the refuge – A concatenation of two rope-lined trails takes you to the *Cime di Fanes*. Descent to the Alpina hut and return by shuttle bus to the refuge where you will be staying overnight.

Description: Total change in altitude 300 m. Duration around 7 hours. The itinerary proposed is a concatenation of two magnificent rope-lined trails. The better known is without doubt the Tomaselli trail, on account of the difficulties that characterise it, classifying it as the most demanding trail of Cortina. Ascending to the south peak of the *Torre Fanes*, after a pause to admire the breathtaking view you descend by the north face as far as the *Forcella dei Quaire*, where you enter the glacial basin of Fanes. Very few mountaineers descend from this pass to the *Ciadin di Fanes*. Skirting the upper part of an old glacier and climbing for around twenty metres, you will reach the entrance to a tunnel that goes through the entire mountain. Dug by the Austrians for military purposes, it enabled the soldiers to get quickly from one side of the mountain to the other according to necessity; in fact, in an instant you find yourself on the sunny west side. From the exit of the tunnel, you go along the Veronesi rope-lined trail, a spectacular ledge overlooking the Badia Valley. When you reach the top, you go down, first to the lake of the same name – At the end of the walk, you take the shuttle bus back to the refuge for your overnight stay.

- **Sunday - Lipella rope-lined trail**

- Departure from the refuge – Ascent to the pass of the *Col dei Bos* – Arrival at the Cannon and *Castelletto* tunnel – After going through the tunnel, you go along the Lipella rope-lined trail – when you reach the peak of the Tofana di Rozes, you then descend to the Dibona refuge, from where a shuttle bus will take you to the refuge where you will be spending the night.

Description: Total change in altitude 1200 m. Duration around 9 hours. This rope-lined trail is an extremely varied route, characterised by the crossing of the majestic west face of the *Tofana di Rozes* by means of the numerous ridges. The first part is steeped in testimonies to the Great War, since you go up to Monte Castelletto through the long Italian tunnel that enabled the conquest of the peak. At the base of the Castelletto you can visit another tunnel, where an original cannon of those times is preserved. Leaving the Castelletto you embark on the rope-lined trail, which, by making use of the ridges – natural balconies – crosses the face of the Tofana, with its sheer drop to the fascinating Val Travenanzes. Leaving the peak, you go down along the normal road to the Dibona refuge, from where you take the shuttle bus back to the village. This itinerary is very steep and requires good physical fitness.

Rate include:

- Transfer from Cortina centre to mountain hut for the overnight of the first day. Transfer back to Cortina centre on the last day.
- 4 overnights in mountain hut, with half board arrangement starting from dinner on Thursday night, ending with breakfast on Monday morning.

- 3 days trekking as described in the programme above.
- Guide and assistance of an expert mountain guide for the 3 days of trekking described in the programme above.
- Cable-car or chari-lift one-way ticket where needed.
- Medical insurance.

Rate does NOT include

- Transfer to arrive in Cortina
- Drinks
- Lunches
- Anything else not mentioned in “Rate include”

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MINIMO 4 PAX €784.00 P.P.

MINIMO 5 PAX €778.00 P.P.

MINIMO 7 (MAX 8) PAX €758 .00 P.P