

Via Ferrata Giuseppe Olivieri + Ferrata Gianni Aglio

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Area: Dolomites, Group: Tofane, Peak: Punta Anna , Height: 2731m



This ascent, almost entirely equipped with cables, follows the steep southern arête up Punta Anna, the large outcrop that looks onto the Tofana di Mezzo. Without a doubt one of the most interesting and beautiful via ferrata in the Dolomites, its steepness, exposure and beauty render it immensely satisfying, and the view onto the imposing south face of the Tofana di Rozes is unforgettable. The ferrata can be extended by combining it with others close by, including the ascent of the Tofana di Mezzo.

GETTING THERE

By car: from Cortina take the road towards Passo Falzarego. Near a little church after Pocol, a signed track (signposted Rifugio Dibona) leads off to the right. Turn left at the next fork and continue to Rifugio Dibona.
By chairlift: from Cortina take the road towards Passo Falzarego. Just outside Cortina turn right following signs for restaurant Pietofana. From here take the chairlift first to Rifugio Duca d'Aosta and then to Rifugio Pomedes.

ACCESS

From Rifugio Dibona take path no.421 to Rifugio Pomedes. From Rifugio Pomedes follow the signposted path away from the top of the chairlift to the scree slope and then leftwards to the start of the ferrata beneath the east face of Punta Anna.

ROUTE

The steep and exposed ascent follows a line through the east face, then briefly onto the SW Face, before continuing on Punta Anna's steep southern arête. Airy sections up extremely solid rock lead in about 1 hour to the beneath Punta Anna (2731m). From here there are two options. Either

- 1) follow the equipped ledges leftwards (signposted Giussani) to the scree slope that leads down from Bus de Tofana and enjoy the scree run down to path no. 403. This links Rif. Giussani to Rif. Dibona and leads gently back down to the starting point – recommended). Or
- 2) continue up the crest towards the Terza Torre Pomedes, via cables and easy slabs, to reach the Doss de Tofana and the descent path. Alternatively, continue from the Doss de Tofana to the summit of Tofana di Mezzo along the Via Ferrata Gianni Aglio.

DESCENT

- 1) Descent along the Bus de Tofana scree slope: reach path no. 403 and descend to Rif. Dibona. Continue along path no. 421 to Rif. Pomedes if the starting point was at restaurant Pietofana.
- 2) Descent from the Doss di Tofana: follow the path towards the Ra Valles cable car station and then turn off right down Sentiero Giuseppe Olivieri. Equipped in the steepest sections, this leads swiftly to Rif. Pomedes.

GEAR

Normal via ferrata kit.

DIFFICULTY

Exposed and airy, this ferrata is recommended for experts only.

MAPS/BIBLIOGRAPHY

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BEAUTY



PERIOD

From June to October, depending on the snow condition

POPULARITY

high

TIME

3.30 hrs. Complete 5 hrs

DIFFICULTY

Difficult

FACE

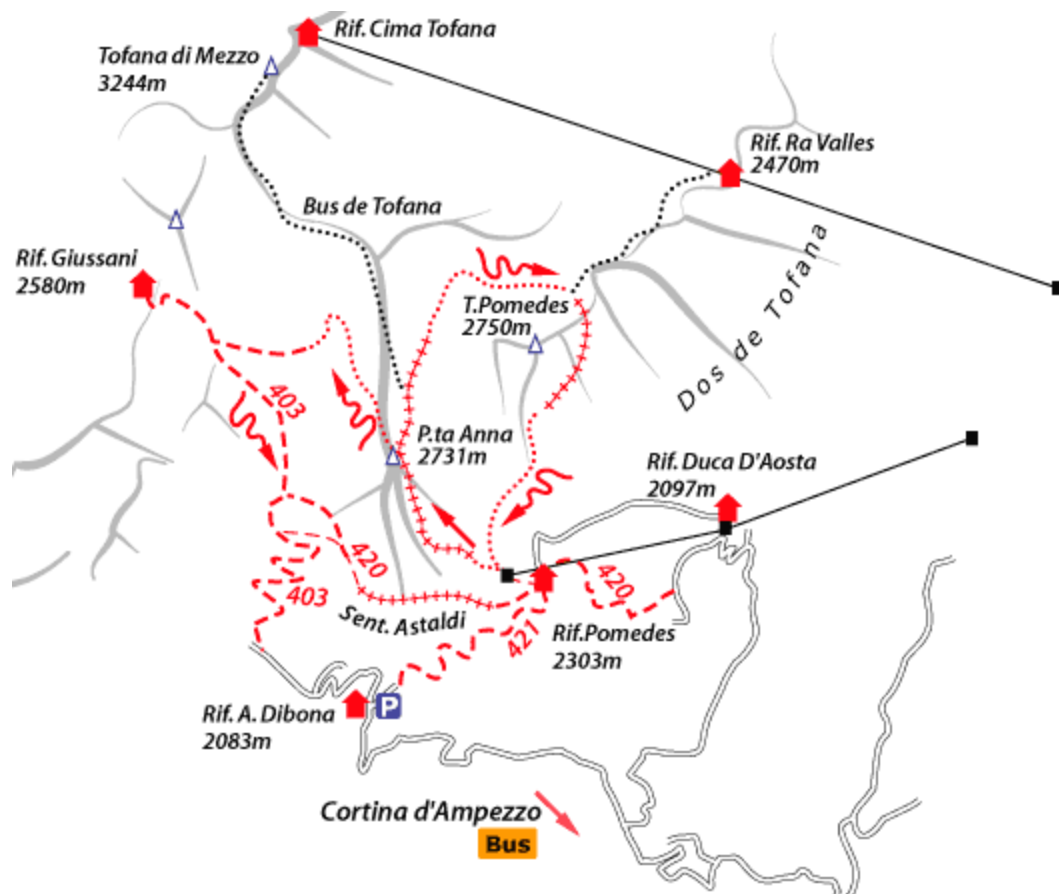
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ASCENT HEIGHT DIFFERENCE

648m

FERRATA HEIGHT DIFFERENCE

440m



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ZOOM ++

The ferrata leads up the highest of the three Tofane. When joined to the Giuseppe Olivieri ferrata at Punta Anna (see related itinerary) it makes up a long and difficult, but highly satisfying traverse for the well-trained. Even though the route is made easier by the cable car which leads to the summit, because of its height and the possibility of bad weather it shouldn't be taken lightly.

GETTING THERE

From Cortina take the "Freccia nel Cielo" cable car as far as the second station of Rif. Ra Valles.

ACCESS

The starting point, unless coming from the G. Olivieri Ferrata or the Sentiero attrezzato G. Olivieri, is the middle station of the Ra Valles cable car. From here, ignore signs for the "Olivieri" and Punta Anna, and ascend (SW) along the marked path to the Doss de Tofana, where the ferrata begins (2900m).

ROUTE

From the Doss de Tofana, after some steps and a vertical drop, equipped with a ladder, the itinerary leads onto the SW face and along ledges to the Torre Gianni Aglio gorge. Use the fixed cables to traverse the east face of the Torre (difficult and exposed, keep rope tight). After another airy traverse on the north face, reach the large Bus de Tofane "window" at 2920m up steps and rubble. It is possible to descend the scree slope from here to path no. 403, which links to Rifugio Giussani and Rifugio Dibona. For the summit, however, continue up slopes (at times snowy) and, after a ramp with avalanche barriers and two vertical drops equipped with ladders, follow the marked rocky path to the cross at the summit.

DESCENT

Descend to the Rifugio Cima Tofana and the cable car station.

N.B. the last descent is at 16.00!

GEAR

Normal via ferrata kit.

DIFFICULTY

Not particularly difficult except on the exposed Torre Aglio traverse. The descent in the cable car considerably reduces the general effort required. Be careful at the beginning of the season as there may be still be snow and ice along the route.

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TIME

3.30 hours

DIFFICULTY

Difficult

FACE

Southwest

ASCENT HEIGHT DIFFERENCE

800m

FERRATA HEIGHT DIFFERENCE

350m

