# Ferrata Brigata Tridentina

#### AREA

Dolomites - Sella

#### PEAK

Exnerturm

### FACE

North

#### ALTITUDE

2585m

## DIFFICULTY

Medium

#### Тімі

3 hours

#### **BEAUTY**

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#### **DESCRIPTION OF DIFFICULTY**

Experience necessary. This ferrata suffers from overcrowding and is best avoided on weekends.

#### TOTAL ASCENT

700 m

#### **FERRATA ASCENT**

500 m

#### **PERIOD**

July - September

#### **POPULARITY**

High

#### GEAR

Normal via ferrata kit.

#### INTRODUCTION

This is justifiably a highly popular ferrata. One of the main reasons is the natural beauty of the Sella walls which, combined



with the exposure, make the ascent up to the Torre Exner a highly satisfying outing. Other factors include its easy access, the possibility of cutting the itinerary short in bad weather, Rifugio Cavazza, the option of climbing up to Pissadù and, last but not least, the

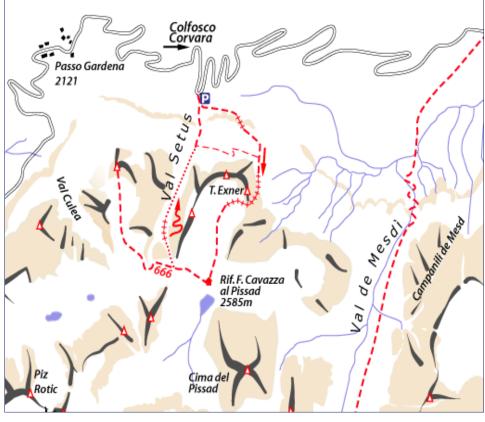
famous suspension bridge. Try to avoid the weekend crowds so as to get the most of this fantastic outing.

#### **GETTING THERE**

Take the road to Passo Gardena and the car park and disused quarry at 1956m, six hairpin bends beneath the Pass towards Val Badia.

# Access

From the car park at 1956m follow the marked path to the base of the ferrata. Alternatively, from Passo Gardena take path no. 666 for about 30 mins to join the



ferrata slightly above the start.

#### ASCENT

Start by climbing up the first vertical face using the metal cables to reach a terrace and the path that leads in from Passo Gardena. Continue to beneath the east face of Torre Exner and follow the well-equipped ferrata up and leftwards. A variation leads off through the wide gully at about 2350m to the Masores plateau and Rifugio Cavazza. The ferrata however continues steeply up the east face to reach a series of ladders shortly beneath the summit, to then traverse leftwards across the suspension bridge which spans the deep gap. Once on the Masores terrace, stride across to Rifugio Cavazza and lake Pissadù just a stone's throw away.

# DESCENT

Take path no. 666 northwest down Val Setùs. Cables have been fixed on the steepest sections and snow patches may still be present in late August. The path joins up with the one that coasts beneath Torre Brunico and leads back down to the car park.

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