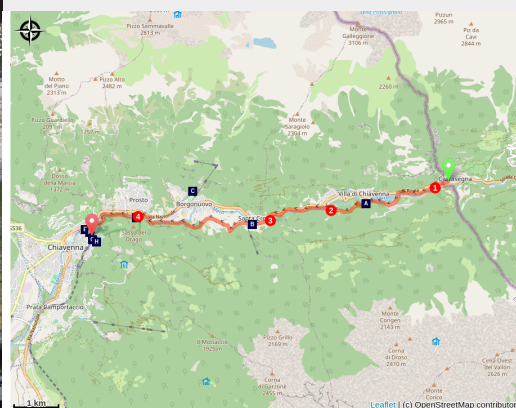


Castasegna to Chiavenna

Italy - Lombardia



Village de montagne (Amis St Colombar)



After climbing and steep descent of the Septimer pass, flat hike at the bottom of the valley at the side of the Mera river and surrounded by perched villages.

Border crossing between Switzerland and Italy, which also marks a cultural change between the canton of Graubünden and the province of Sondrio. A very small transition step to enjoy Switzerland or discover Italy.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h

Length : 10.5 km

Trek ascent : 260 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Step

Themes : Geology, Water

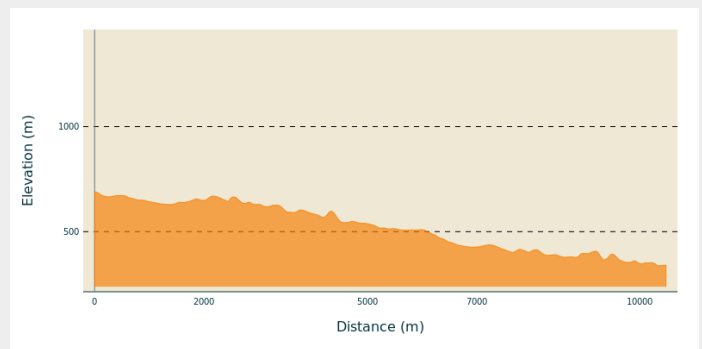
Trek

Departure : San Giovanni Church, Main street village, 7608 Castasegna (Suisse)

Arrival : Basilica of San Lorenzo, Piazza Don Pietro Bormetti 3, 23022 Chiavenna (Italy)

Cities : 1. Lombardia

Altimetric profile

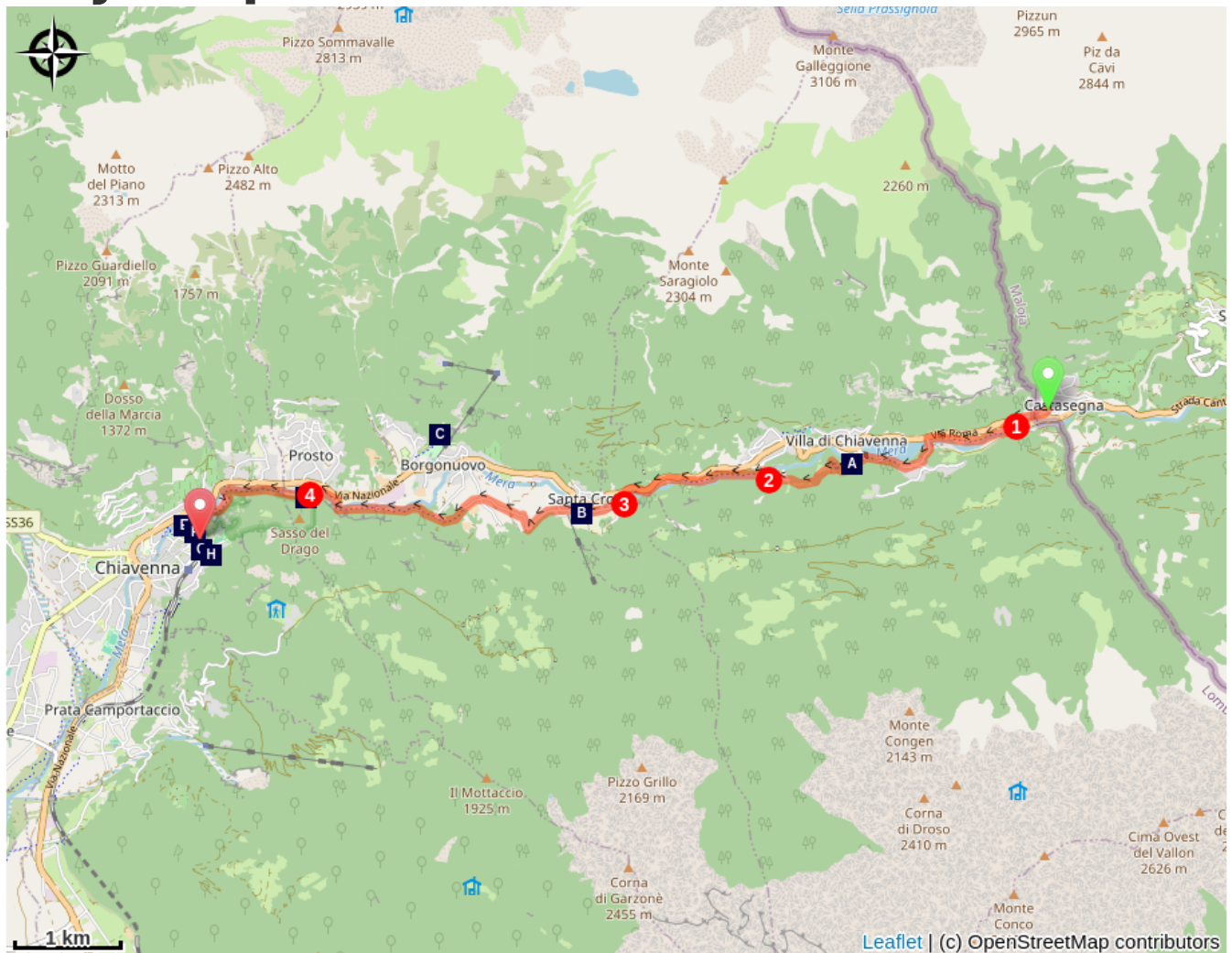










Min elevation 338 m Max elevation 689 m

Join the cycle path that follows the river Mera to Chiavenna:

1. After the Lovero torrent which marks the border, continue along the Via Dogana until you reach the car park marking the junction with the state road or Strada Statale SS37. Turn left and follow the path that crosses the state road, descends towards the river Mera and then follows the right bank until you reach the Ponte della Vigna. Cross the bridge and then follow the left bank of the Mera along the San Barnaba path, which climbs through the forest and then descends to cross the Mera again and reach the Santa Croce Ponteggio cycle path.
2. Cross the Mera to return on the right bank to the next footbridge.
3. Cross the Mera to the left bank. Continue straight on the cycle path until you reach the footbridge at the cemetery of the village of Prosto. Cross the Mera again.
4. Take the road bridge on the left and turn right at the church opposite the bridge. Following this bank, reach Chiavenna via Maurizio Quadrio. Turn left into via don Giovanni Battista Picchi to reach the Basilica of San Lorenzo.

On your path...



-  Lake Mera (A)
-  Waterfall (C)
-  Museum Mill of Bottonera (E)
-  Collegiate Church of San Lorenzo (G)
-  Church of San Martino in Aurogo (B)
-  Church of the Blessed Virgin of the Assumption (D)
-  Palace Balbiani (F)
-  Crotti, regional originality (H)

All useful information

How to come ?

Transports

Bus:

St Moritz-Chiavenna: line 4
sbb.ch

Villa di Chiavenna:

Stps, bus line A5 connections to Chiavenna, tel 0342-51.12.12, info@stps.it, stps.it.

Train:

Chiavenna and Verceia:

Trenord, line R11 Colico-Chiavenna,
tel 02-72.49.49.49, trenord.it

Stazione Ferroviaria Chiavenna, Piazza Caduti per la Libertà, 23022 Chiavenna SO, Italy

On your path...



⬅ Lake Mera (A)

Water retention lake for electricity production in its setting of snow-covered mountains.



📷 Church of San Martino in Aurogo (B)

A small mountain church with a bell tower that is characteristic of the churches in the valley.



⬅ Waterfall (C)

A waterfall among others falling from the mountains in the Fiume Mera valley.

Attribution : Amis St Colomban



📷 Church of the Blessed Virgin of the Assumption (D)

Beautiful mountain church with a cave of Lourdes accessible by stairs on the left.



📷 Museum Mill of Bottonera (E)

Museum installed in an old mill that allows to understand all the phases of the transformation of cereals obtained by the driving force of water.



Palace Balbiani (F)

Beautiful 15th century building bought by the Generali group which made it its offices. Nestled in the heart of a medieval village full of small alleys where it is pleasant to stroll around to admire the windows of small shops and other porches that overlook courtyards or indoor gardens.



Collegiate Church of San Lorenzo (G)

Collegiate church of San Lorenzo of Romanesque origin, rebuilt after the fire of 1538, with the magnificent cloister of the cemetery and the isolated bell tower, the recently built Treasure Room is remarkable, where the famous and precious treasure is also displayed.

Pace (upper cover of an evangelist, 12th century Lombard-Renian art). To the left of the church is the baptistery where the Romanesque baptismal font, consisting of a monolith in soapstone with reliefs, is preserved (1156).



Crotti, regional originality (H)

Interesting and particular to Chiavenna are the "crotti", the natural cavities due to the old landslides in which air currents (sisters) from the internal voids circulate: the temperature is never higher than 10 ° C, therefore ideal for the storage of wine, cheese and meat. At the mouth of these cavities, the Chiavennaschi have built small buildings for friends' meetings or used as typical places where you can taste the local specialities. Near the station, in a square with century-old plane trees, Pratomagno, there are the most characteristic eruptions. The famous Sagra dei Crotti takes place on the second Sunday in September.