

Tour: Camperio-Dötra-Croce Portera-Croce del Bosc-Pian Com-Camperio

The Giulio's point of view:

The light that filters through the blinds wakes me slowly from a deep sleep; while I enjoy the strange sensation of my muscles still tired but comforted by a quiet night my mind reviews the clouded memories of the previous day. With my eyes still closed I see the meeting with Enrico (Turistalpi) at the Hotel Posta Olivone, the coffee drunk together, the arrival in the iced parking of Camperio Hospice and the preparations for our excursion. For a long time we wanted to organize this trip in an area unknown to me and finally it has arrived the right time and the opportunity to meet us personally. Gathered and loaded the material on our shoulders, back pack, crampons, snowshoes, ice ax, etc.. we were approaching to the beginning of the path that leads to Capanna Dötra under the excellent guidance of Enrico, while talking and telling us everything. And here I was doing well acquainted with the wonders of this Valle del Lucomagno that reflects a dazzling white against a blue sky that wanted to refute the gloomy forecast. I do not know where to look: I was struck immediately by the huge, irregular pyramid of Sosto but then Enrico that did many past raids in the area and has a prodigious memory reveals to me many other famous names: Piz Terri, Adula, Pizzo Rossetto, Passo di Cantonill, Piz de Cadreigh, Punta di Larescia, Gana rossa and so on. Needless to say, my poor memory recalls very little of what my teacher tried to describe. In the first part of the path we alternated crampons and boots but then, after Croce Portera, the snow conditions suggested to use the snowshoes. The part really hard was that leading to the Croce del Bosc because the slope is 30% for at least 1 km. There we ascended as better as we could, and at the end we decided to abandon the unnecessary weight of the backpacks to win our summit. Yes, our summit, because the other which we in secret were tending, the Piz di Cadreigh, proved too far away to be reached in the remaining time and, well let's face it, with the forces decimated. Still happy with our result, we began a fun but cautious descent till landing on the plateau which led us to Pian Com A frugal meal along with a pleasant conversation of about 1h regains us our strength and we decided to go back toward Dötra and from there to Camperio.

Wich was the result? It was the discovery of a beautiful area, an excellent companion to travel and to propose many possible destinations for the future.

Behold, I will get up after a while but I think I review again these memories while basking in the warmth of the bed.

Travel times:

Camperio – Dötra **1h36'**

Dötra – Croce Portera **53'**

Croce Portera – Croce del Bosc **2h**

Descent and lunch break (50') **3h32'**

Key data:

Real altitude difference **1130m**

Total length **15.62km**

Average ascending slope **14%**

SLE = **37,72 km**

Estimated time **6h29'** (net)

Total real time **8h00'** (stops included); **7h10'** (net)

The Enrico's point of view:

Very nice trip in a terrific day. I much enjoyed the company of Giulio and we spent a pleasant day in heaven. We have not met anyone; just two chamois at the beginning of the trail that leads to Dötra. I am happy that Giulio has appreciated the area and my speaking was not annoying him.

I have nothing to add to the wonderfully written by Giulio except that on the mountains there is no teacher but only two friends sharing the same passion (and on the other hand I was always behind).

Thank you Giulio and....at the next time.