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VIA STOCKALPER - Val Bognanco
Utilization
Hiking
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
66.50 km

Tempo
22 hours 10 minutes

Stage
0

Max altitude
2005 m

Ascent elevation gain
3428 m

Descent elevation loss
3786 m

Difficulty
Hiking

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte
Canton du Valais

Country
Italy
Switzerland

Address

Briga
3900 Briga
Switzerland

Coordinates

POINT (7.988227 46.319216)
Altitude
800 m
Arrival address

Domodossola
28845 Domodossola VB
Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (8.290792 46.114691)
Arrival altitude
270 m
Access

A26 motorway towards Gravellona Toce, from here SS33 del Sempione, exit Domodossola. You can reach the parking lot of the Vigezzina Railway and through pedestrian underpass the station of Domodossola, Ferrovie dello Stato.

Descrizione

This is one of the 12 Cultural Itineraries of national interest in Switzerland. Its importance was already determined in the XVII century by Baron Kaspar Jodock Stockalper, the “Sempione King”, who for commercial reasons ensured a wide mule track be built along tracts which are still currently part of the itinerary. Following this same track in 1805, Napoleon set this way to be built as a carriageable way crossing the Alps in order to allow for troops and arms to flow across the Sempione Mountain Pass. From the Monscera Mountain Pass, an ancient communication and commerce way passed between the Ossola Valley and the Vallese canton, allowing it to be used by the Vallese troupes which repeatedly invaded Ossola and through which Pope Gregory X traveled on his way back from the Lion Council.

The “Stockalper Way” in its entirety is made up of the "Stockalperweg", which from the Stockalper Castle at Briga goes back up to the Sempione Mountain Pass and then goes down to Gondo, and the “Monscera Way”, which starts at the Sacred Mount Calvario of Domodossola where the house where Baron Stockalper used to reside and the Paradise Chapel witnesses his presence. The “Stockalper Way” then goes back up the Bognanco Valley and up to the Monscera Mountain Pass and then goes back down through Zwischbergental, down to Gondo.

Along the path it is possible to visit the Sacred Mount Calvario at Domodossola (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Sempione Ecomuseum (the Stockalper Castle at Briga, the lodge at Sempione Village, the Napoleonic barracks, the fort at the Gondo gulley, and the Gold Museum at Gondo), not to mention the Napoleonic hospice of Sempione now managed by the canons of the Great Saint Bernardo Congregation.

Useful Information:

This itinerary is marked with track number D00 in the Italian territory and with the brown track sign “Stockalperweg” and number 90 in the Swiss territory.

Public transport access
Yes

Railway stations of reference Domodossola (IT) and Briga (CH). Timetable: www.trenitalia.com; www.bls.ch
By bus: Domodossola postbus - Brig. Timetable: www.autopostale.ch
A Line bus connects San Lorenzo (Bognanco) with Domodossola (www.comazzibus.com)

Recommended period

Summer
Fall
Giugno-Ottobre

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Support points

Lodging and food in Engiloch, Simplon, Gaby, Passo del Monscera, San Bernardo, San Lorenzo, Bognanco
A Line bus connects San Lorenzo (Bognanco) with Domodossola.
A Swiss Post Office bus connects Brig with Domodossola via the Sempione Pass

Interest points

Brig Old Town, Domodossola Old Town, Sacro Monte Calvario in Domodossola (UNESCO World Heritage), Sempione Ecomuseum (the Castle of Stockalper in Brig, the inn in Sempione Village, the Napoleonic barracks, the fort in the gorge of Gondo and the Gold Museum in Gondo), Napoleonic hospice of the Sempione managed today by the canons of the Congregation of the Great Saint Bernard, Gondo gorges, ponds and peat bogs in the upper Val Bognanco, Church of San Lorenzo (Bognanco), Bognanco Fonti and Spa Centre, villages of Val Bognanco, stone bridge and Dagliano gorge, Church and wine press of Monteossolano, village of Cisore, Vagna Parish Church, traditional rural architecture

Devotional relevance
: No

Historical relevance
: Yes

Dettagli

Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference
: ATL Distretto Turistico dei Laghi

Code
: STK

Classification
: Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

Province
: Verbania

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