

Stage 3

FROM REFUGIO SALVIN TO TRAVES

Starting: Refugio Salvin (m. 1580),

Arrival: Traves (m. 632)

Walking time: 4 hrs 45 mins

Difference in height: m. 86

Downhill:m.1034

The stage follows the watershed that separates the valley of Tesso from valley of Brissout and Val Grande di Lanzo.

From Refugio Salvin follow the path # 407 (3R sign, white - red marks) onto the dirt road that passes just upstream of the building. Ignored at the first fork a detour to the right, go on around the ridge and keep the track half way, at the second junction, avoid the left direction, which leads to hamlet Menulla (hamlet of Monastero di Lanzo), and follow the right one, that with a short climb leads to [Forchetta Pass](#) (m. 1666, 1 hr). On the square area of the pass, which joins the valley of Tesso and Val Grande, walking on the opposite side, leave the dirt road on the right and look for the path that continues to the south (direction Chiaves 3R), up to [Alpe Santa Barbara](#) (m. 1504). From here, get off using a grassy cart track until you reach a dirt road at the first junction, near San Giacomo Pass (m. 1460); turn right at the second junction, a short distance away, to the left following a hairpin. Avoided the detour to the right towards the church of [San Giacomo di Moia](#), leave the dirt road and take the path uphill that, with the path # 332b (direction Chiaves; Trail # 3R; Cresto; Monte Ciucrin), cuts the western slopes of Mount Ciucrin (m. 1514) and Mount Garnè (m. 1397). Reached the houses of Colombero, using a dirt road go down the hill to the square area of Croce Pass (m. 1125), from where a paved road in few minutes reaches the village of [Chiaves](#) (2 hrs 30 mins). Through the village always on paved road, keeping the church on your right, continue uphill towards Gisola and the sanctuary of St. Ignatius. At the first fork, turn right along a road first paved and then dirt. At the end of the dirt road, on the left starts the path # 335 (signs Moiassetto, Pessinetto-Fuori, Losa, red-white marks), which takes downhill to a beautiful hardwood forest. On the trail, you first reach hamlet [Moiassetto di Pessinetto](#) (m. 914), then, (move away the detour to the right towards the village of Bernucchio), hamlet Monti (m. 796). After Monti, the trail passes through and crosses a couple of times a paved road (signpost Pessinetto-Fuori), then it detaches and reaches a junction, where you turn left to go on a slight slope (signs Costa and Losa). At Costa (m. 662), at the sign indicating the path # 350 (signs Gisola and S. Ignazio), turn right, continue downhill until you reach a paved road, go to the left, beyond an iron canopy over the road, turn right and go down the grassy path # 335 (signs Losa) passing a stream and then bend to the right. Beyond hamlet Prusè on a paved road, take the path down (wooden pole painted with red and white stripes), walk a flight of steps to the left towards a grassy dirt track flanked by a metal railing, quickly reaching the Provincial Road # 1 of Valli di Lanzo at Losa di Pessinetto just in front of the GTT-Torino-Ceres train station and bus stop (m. 547, 4 hrs). Turn left and walk crossing Grangia (m. 542) and Biò (m. 538) until after another GTT train station, on your right you see a bridge that

crosses the river Stura di Lanzo. The bridge gives access to the other side of the valley, you have walk up the asphalt road to Villa di [Traves](#) (m. 632, 4 hrs 45 mins).

Transportation

<http://gttweb.5t.torino.it/gtt/percorsi/percorsi-sommario.jsp>

Accommodation

<http://www.misterimprese.it/piemonte/torino/traves/alberghi/75962.html>

<http://www.albergoristorantelusiana.it/>

