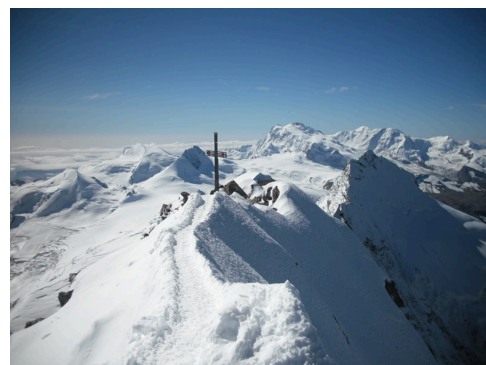


DOM - 4.545 - NORMAL ROUTE



The Dom (also called Dom del Mischabel) is the highest mountain in the Mischabel Massif in the Pennine Alps. With its 4,545 m it is the third mountain and the seventh peak[1] of the Alpine chain after two peaks of the Mont Blanc massif and four of Monte Rosa.



**Road access:**

coming from the Milan area follow the A8 (Milan-Varese) then the A26 for Gravello Toce. Continue on the Sempione state road until you pass the pass of the same name, descending to Briga (Brig). From here follow signs for Visp and go up the Zermatt valley (turn left at a roundabout, directions not very visible) until Randa. Enter the town and park in a covered car park near the station (sign, but car park not visible because it is underground). CHF 8 per day, payable at a machine that accepts Swiss coins and banknotes.

Approach:

continue on foot entering the town, where there are signs for the Domhutte (indicated time: 4h30). Follow the path that immediately climbs quite steeply through woods. At around 2500 meters above sea level, a section equipped with pegs, cables, some chains and ladders begins. It does not require via ferrata equipment (exposed but still simple sections) but it is not recommended to travel this section in bad weather conditions (rain, or worse). The sections thus equipped continue up to approximately 2800 metres, where the route then returns to being a normal path and shortly leads to the recently renovated Domhutte (2940 m), in a panoramic point (you can see Randa!). Indicated ascent time: 4h30, in practice we went up in about 3h30.

Start: indicator pole and track just outside the refuge.

Descent:

via the same ascent route. At the Festijoch it is practical to descend with two/three double ropes, taking advantage of the various anchors available. Allow 4h30 to go back down to refuge and another 3h00 to return to the valley.

Difficulty: PD

Development: 1500 for the refuge, 1600 for the summit

Equipment:

normal high mountain equipment: rope, ice axe, crampons. The stretch to reach the Festijoch (a channel of rocks about sixty meters long) suggests the use of a helmet, especially in the presence of other roped parties, even if it is used only in this short stretch.

Exposure: east, north, north-west.

Recommended period: summer.

Climb time: 1st day: 3h30; 2nd day: 7.15am.