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Ticino - Steep Creeking

Ticino, the Italian speaking canton of Switzerland, where deep granite canyons and smooth bedrock drops create one of the world's finest destinations for steep creekin'.

The Verzasca is the queen of Ticino's rivers, and is surely a contender for the most beautiful river in the world, flowing over and around spectacular rock formations, beautiful rapids, and ancient architecture. Not alone however, it is accompanied by the classic Ribo, with its technical canyons and famously photogenic waterfall, as well as the Rovana, Bavona, and many more hidden gems. Numerous slides, drops and falls can be found within the region, making for a springtime adventure to remember!

Our expert river guides know the region inside out. They've been visiting it for years, and know put-ons, take-outs and everything in between. We've got high water options and low water options, with both paddling and scenery to match anywhere else in the world.

The runs tend to carry a bit more water than the Val Sesia classics, without the big volume feel of Norway. Our adventures give you the independence to choose from a range of accommodation and eating options, while we handle the logistics and the river guiding.

Trip Itinerary

- Day 1 Arrival in Milan Malpensa Airport*, move to Valsesia
- Day 2 Warm up of Lower Semenza and then the famed Egua in the afternoon
- Day 3 Move to Verzasca via the scenic Lago Maggiore, run the Middle Verzasca
- Day 4 Run the Lower Verzasca, before lunch on the shores of Lago Maggiore
- Day 5 The Ribo Canyon and the famed Ribo waterfall await
- Day 6 Walk into the Upper Isorno
- Day 7 Another classic run like the Rovana
- Day 8 Day of Departure from Milan

Of course, this schedule's only a guideline: we'll chop and change depending on how you're getting on, what the levels are like and what everyone wants to do

Group Composition

The trip will be led by an experienced Gene17kayaking appointed trip leader. In selecting suitable leaders, we not only look to ensure that they have the relevant qualifications but we also ensure that they have an excellent track record of white water paddling from around the world. Whilst qualifications



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and experience are essential requirements, we also make sure that our leaders have the right temperament to lead a trip group comprised of individuals who have a range of previous experience and expectations. The leader is a vital contributor to the enjoyment and well-being of the trip members and he or she will be there to deal with any unexpected problems. To that end, we aim to provide a leader who will make the trip both successful and enjoyable throughout.

Our leaders hold current wilderness first aid certificates and have experience of dealing with remote river related medical conditions.

We will take a maximum of 6 paddlers on each trip, although the number may well be less than this. With every 3 paddlers we have on the trip, we'll have a highly experienced Gene17kayaking Teacher/Guide.

Experience Required

Ticino Steep Creek Adventure takes place on Class IV/IV+ whitewater. The Ticino Steep Creek Adventure is suitable for experienced paddlers who are able to paddle for 4 – 6 hours in a day on Class IV. Generally the rivers are accessible with near road access, but occasionally there may be some exposed terrain. This trip begins on an easier section of whitewater, but will soon reflect conditions expected at the grade. Participants should therefore expect to be in a river environment during peak runoff for sometimes extended periods of time.

You are welcome to Contact Us, if you would like to discuss the trip in more detail.

What the Price Does/Does not Include

TRIP COST: 975€

What the price does include

- Guiding and Instruction
- Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Airport and River shuttles*
- Use of a full spec whitewater kayak** from our fleet

* Airport Shuttle is to and from Milan Malpensa Airport. All arrivals to any of Milan's other airports, will need to make their way to Malpensa Airport for pick up prior to 18:00 on the day of arrival

** Gene17 has a small yet excellent selection of kayaks for a range of different sized paddlers, & these are available on a first come, first served basis ONLY



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Accommodation & Catering

You'll be staying at shared apartments and hotels along the way with all bed linen provided. We'll provide a continental breakfast.

The Personal Paddling Equipment you should bring:

- A good semi-drytop or drytop or drysuit
- Your paddle
- Whitewater PFD, spray deck and good helmet
- Solid footwear for bank support – no sandals
- Rescue gear, including a throwbag, knife, sling and karabiner

What the price does not include

- Visa fees
- Flight
- Food & Catering
- Bar bills
- Travel & Boat insurance
- Tips