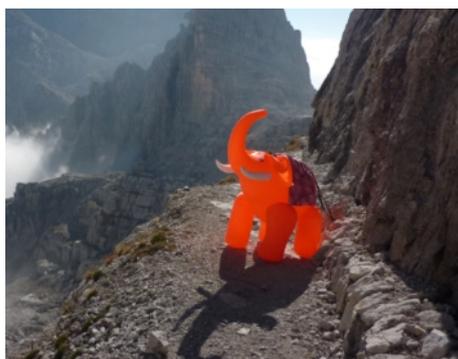


## Front-page News

### That elephant on Via Alpina



Through the figure of the elephant (picture), "extraneous element" in such an environment, "Annibalismo" witnesses doubts and resistances of the people towards unapproved projects for their territories, but also ideas and hopes for the preservation of delicate settlements.

Via Alpina is not only a mountain route that crosses 8 countries, from Trieste to Montecarlo, passing through the Dolomites. Recently, it has also been theatre of the art performance of the German Thomas Falk, who has partly covered it together with a red inflatable elephant, protagonist, through videos and pictures, of installations for "Annibalismo". And it certainly wasn't by chance that Falk chose this fascinating track, divided in 342 stops and 5 international paths, that since 2002 officially unites along a single path the Countries signatory of the "Alpine Convention" (1991), a convention between people of different cultures. Even Val di Fassa is part of the Via Alpina (yellow path; maps available in the tourist offices) with 4 stops that touch Marmolada, Pordoi and Catinaccio.

## Amazing hikes

### From Moena to Passo Costalunga

Come out of the village along Strada di Molign and cross the first bridge over Rif de Costalungia. Go up along the stream and the dirt road. Turn right and follow a bend passing on the cleft of the stream and ascent till a plain. Pass over a bridge to the forest road towards Passo di Costalunga (0.45 h). Ascend on the left, before in the wood and the on the pasture that looks over Cima Pope. After a crossroad (path n. 524), you will find the indication for Costalunga. Go down diagonally, crossing Rif de Peniola stream and follow its flow. Turn right on a dirt road that goes up along a long stretch. You will get to a plain, cross the fir wood and come out on the pasture. Pass over the dairy and finally go right on the state road next to the pass (m 1.752), where you can find several refreshment points (ore 1.30; 2.15).

## Passepartout

### A treasure sparkles among the rocks

Emerged from the sea, 250 millions of years ago, they have been carved, smoothed down and maybe made even more brilliant by the sun, the wind, rain and snow. The presence of a great quantity of minerals is a feature of the peaks of Val di Fassa, thanks to volcanic phenomena that interested it in a far past. During walks at altitude, it is not rare to be hit by a glimpse that come from a rock. It is better to observe attentively because it could be rose quartz, Limonite or Agate. And for those (but not only) who shouldn't have a trained eye, a visit to Museo Mineralogico Monzoni is ideal, in Sèn Jan, a museum that hosts 200 varieties of minerals, result of the research of the curator Tone Rizzi Poldin (until the 11th of September open on Monday and on Wednesday; from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.).

## Did you know that...

Ladin has kept, during the Centuries, phonological and lexical prints of the spoken Raetic and Noric substratum, but also Celtic words in their strict meaning. These are terms that are still in use, dating back to ages before the romanization and before the birth of Ladin. Some of these words are: aisciuda (spring), baranchie (mountain pineo), brama (cream), ciamorc (chamois), crep (mount or rock), ròa (landslide) that describe characteristic features of the mountain that Latin couldn't define effectively.

To participate in the initiatives for guests is compulsory to register at least one day in advance at the Tourist Offices of the Val di Fassa Card (ask your employer accommodation). The activities are reserved for guests of the associated structures all'Apt Val di Fassa.

## Some events of the day

### Vigilio and Volfango

Moena

4.00 p.m. - Parish church. Angela Chiocchetti guides along the visit to the churches of San Volfango, of Romanic origin, with frescos of the XV Century, and San Vigilio, consecrated in 1164, with valuable furniture and containing works by Valentino Rovisi (1715-1783), the most famous painter from Fassa.

### Summer Music

Campitello di Fassa

4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. - Piazz de Ciampedel square. Musical entertainment with Marino, who plays accompanying the walk around the centre.

### Valfassa songs

Soraga

9.00 p.m. - La Gran Ciasa. The choir directed by master Stefano Vaia performs in its most beautiful repertoire of classic mountain songs.

*The complete schedule of events is available in the tourist offices of the valley.*

## Initiatives for our guests

04/09/2014 (8.30 a.m.)

Around the mountain dairies: cows and pasture at Contrin (excursion against payment).

Canazei

04/09/2014 (9.00 a.m.)

Latemar MTB tour. Booking at Sport Check Point (excursion against payment).

Moena

We thank

