

# 19) Picco di Vallandro / Dürrenstein – an unique panorama over Prato Piazza

**Starting point:** parking place Prato Piazza 1979m at the northern edge of the Prato Piazza, at the end of the Pragser valley street, 18 km from Welsberg, 13 km from Schmieden. From middle June to middle September restricted traffic. Bus connections from Brücke/ponticello to Prato Piazza

**At a quick view:** Parking place Prato Piazza – [Alpe di Vallandro](#) – Picco di Vallandro

**Difference in altitude:** 870m rise and descent

**Highest point:** Picco di Vallandro 2839m

**Time of walking:** 4-5 hours (parking place Prato Piazza–Picco di Vallandro 2 ½ hours–return 2 hours)

**Trail:** Nr. 40

**Huts:** [albergo alpino Prato Piazza](#), Hotel Croda Rossa

**Description of the way:** We start from the Berghotel by car to the car park on the northern edge of Prato Piazza in the Braies valley. From here, we take the wide hiking trail no. 37 to the Prato Piazza mountain inn. Here the path branches off towards Dürrenstein (no. 40). From the little alpine church always following the path no. 40 we walk on a pleasant ascent through meadows and rocky terrain, past water sources via the Dürrenstein alpine pasture to a crossroad where we turn left towards to the summit. The terrain becomes stonier now, but the path is still easy to walk on. The higher we get, the famous Dolomite peaks, such as Neuner, Zehner, Seekofel, the Three Peaks and the peaks of the Haunold Group move into our field of vision. We reach the pre-peak via a short passage secured with a wire rope. Having reached the easily climbable summit (2839m), we enjoy the breath-taking 360° view of the striking Dürrenstein. The descent follows the same path and we recommend a stop at Prato Piazza.

**Physical requirements:** not difficult but a bit long excursion - the last 10 meters via ferrata with fix rope

**Panorama:** the Group of the Cristallo, Prato Piazza, fantastic 360° panoramic view to the surroundings

**Indications:** the Picco di Vallandro is one of the best look out in the Dolomites The last 10 m to the peak there is a fixed rope because

