Agua do Vento (inferior)

Méga inferior,Ribeira da Agua Do Vento inferior

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma da Madeira / Madeira **Subregion:** Ilha da Madeira **Town:** Seixal		
Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v6 a3 III	**Total time:** 7h15
Approachtime: 1h45	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1020m	**Altitude exit:** 485m	**Delta Altitude:** 535m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 170m	**Amount rapells:** 15
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (3)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x150m, 1x40m, 1x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Extreme tour for lovers of the highest abseils. 150 meters in one go, 130 meters of which are free-hanging!

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
There are two options:
1) Access with only one car from the bottom, approach via Seixal and Chao da Ribeira to the exit of the slope to the parking lot (exit) at the fish farm.
2) Access with reparking (over 30 km, 45 min) from the upper parking lot (entry).

Approach: (machine translated)
1) From the fish farm, walk further into the valley until you reach a broken dam. Cross it orographic left (stairs) and follow the path through the forest. At the exit before the river Seixal there is a wooden sign "Lombo Barbinhas". Cross the river here and continue straight ahead towards the mountain (faint tracks). Then follow the steep path uphill (single wooden steps, rotten) until you reach the Levada do Seixal (water channel). Follow this to the right in the direction of flow. About 100 meters later there is a small path that leads further uphill. Follow this until you reach the Levada do Norte. Here we go left in the direction of flow of the levada for 500 m until we reach a bridge and a tunnel. The canyon begins under the bridge. (2h)
2) From the upper parking lot we walk almost north on a wide track ("Terra Cha"). We pass the accesses to Seixal superior and Hortela superior (both on the left). After a good 2.1 km (30 min), we turn left onto the slightly sloping slope. This leads to a hiking trail that descends steeply through the forest to the Levada do Norte ("Vereda do Lombo Barbinhas"). Once you reach the levada, turn right and follow the levada in the direction of flow for 500 meters until you reach a bridge and a tunnel. The canyon begins under the bridge. (1h45min)

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon begins rather harmlessly with a few short downclimbs and abseils up to a maximum of 15 meters. Then, somewhat unexpectedly, you are confronted with a huge panorama that stretches as far as the parking lot at the fish farm. A 20-meter rope traverse / rappel brings us to the edge of a "mega" waterfall. After another 15 meters, we reach the last, extremely exposed and free-hanging abseil, after which the wall overhangs. From here, the route descends 150 meters into the depths, the first 130 of which are free-hanging. There is only room for 2 people at each belay station, so take ropes with you. On every second tour, the falling ropes fall into unreachable, sharp-edged ledges from which they can no longer be pulled out. There have already been several rescues! After this rappel, there are three more (60, 15, 50 meters), this and the phenomenon described above must be taken into account when planning the rope!

Return: (machine translated)
After the last waterfall, follow the watercourse more or less closely downhill through the forest until you can cross the main river of the valley (mostly dry here). Turn right and a little later you will reach the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.7903 -17.1045
Canyon End 32.7938 -17.1128
Parking at Entry 32.7652 -17.1014
Parking at Exit 32.7967 -17.1140

Reports:

2025-12-17 | System User | | | | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Méga Au début de l'approche de Paul da Serra, il fait assez venteux et froid, nous avons donc commencé à marcher en combinaison néoprène complète. Plus tard, lors de la descente, il fait trop chaud et le pantalon suffit. Après 1h30, nous avons atteint le point de départ, jusque avant un tunnel. Le canyon est déjà un moment fort absolu dans les derniers mètres du chemin d'approche .Les premières descentes en rappel ne sont pas spectaculaires, puis un premier passage étroit pimente la descente. Après quelques autres cascades, la vue s'ouvre sur la vaste vallée de Chao da Ribeira et on se trouve au sommet de la cascade de 170 m de haut. Celle-ci se descend généralement en trois étapes : main courante de 20 mètres, premier rappel de 15 mètres, deuxieme rappel de 150 mètres.Lorsque l'on retire sur la longue corde, celle-ci tombe presque toujours dans une zone rocheuse très abrupte et très rugueuse à 20 mètres de hauteur. Environ une fois sur deux, il n'est alors plus possible de retirer complètement la corde par le bas. Une escalade sportive sur la droite orographique mène à une vire rocheuse d'où l'on peut alors libérer la corde.Suivent deux autres cascades exceptionnelles et un beau affluent venant de la droite.Après une bonne demi-heure de marche à travers une forêt sans chemin, on atteint la rivière Seixal, qui est généralement peu profonde et peut être franchie sans difficulté. Un peu en amont, on peut sortir du lit de la rivière par quelques gros rochers pour rejoindre le sentier de randonnée. À droite, on arrive à la pisciculture.À recommander absolument ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22741/observations.html)

2025-12-17 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | ★ ★ ★ | ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Descent from Paul da Serra, 1h30, very cold and windy, we started in full neoprene, later the pants were enough. At the beginning a few unspectacular rappels await you, then the canyon narrows very nicely. Shortly afterwards, there are more waterfalls with no particular character, before finally revealing the view into the Chao da Ribeira valley. The panorama and the view over the edge of the 170-metre drop are breathtaking. The waterfall, also known as the "Mega", can be climbed via the C20, C15 and C150. This is followed by two waterfalls that are worth the visit alone, over 60 and almost 50 meters high. The way back down is almost pathless through the forest. (machine translated)

2024-09-29 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ | | ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
It's mega high ;-) (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | | | |
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