Agua Negra

Ribeira da Água Negra inferior,Ribeira da Água Negra

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma da Madeira / Madeira **Subregion:** Ilha da Madeira **Town:** Paúl da Serra, Rabacal

Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 II	**Total time:** 5h5
Approachtime: 1h15	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 1h20
Altitude entry: 985m	**Altitude exit:** 745m	**Delta Altitude:** 240m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 22m	**Amount rapells:** 13
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.6 (2)	**Info:** ★ 1 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x25m

Summary: (machine translated)
Not very deep rappel canyon with some narrower passages

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
The ER 105 takes you either from Encumeada or from Porto Moniz to the aforementioned plateau. It can also be reached from Calheta via the ER 211. At the western edge of the plateau, the ER 105 passes the Hotel Pico da Urze with the restaurant 'Jungle Rain' at 1400 m altitude. From here, drive 2 km in the direction of Porto Moniz (back if necessary) and then turn right down onto a small tarred road. This is then closed after 50 m with a barrier. In front of the barrier there is plenty of space on the left for parking the vehicle.

Approach: (machine translated)
You can now walk down the closed tarred road not quite 2 km to the houses of Rabacal or take a shuttle bus (2 euros down, 3 euros up). From Rabacal (good signposting - 2010), first follow the Levado do Risco for a few hundred meters in the direction of Cascada do Risco; then the signpost 'Levada 25 Fontes' prompts us to descend onto it. We now follow the Levada 25 Fontes, cross the Rib. Grande and then reach the Rib. da Água Negra below the 50 m waterfall, where the 25 springs trickle out of the basalt below.\n\nAn access option is also available via the "Levadas das 25 Fontes" through the "Tunel do Rabacal". You must then park at the barbecue area in the third-last hairpin bend of the ER211.

Tour: (machine translated)
Even the approach is a pleasure; after the interesting access (with possible jumps), there is a longer walking passages in off-road terrain before it gets interesting again - and stays that way. After about half of the descent, you reach the Levada Vermelha, where the Rib. dos Cedros joins from the right. Continue under the levada until it joins the Rib. da Janela coming from the left.

Return: (machine translated)
Turn left out onto the rocks and uphill along the edge of the Água Negra until you reach a path that leads uphill (past a small stone house) to Levada Vermelha. Follow this to the right until you reach the bridge over the Rib. Grande (just before, on the righthand side, the 85 m drop of the Rib. do Alecrim - only 40 m visible), cross the Rib. Gr. and, keeping left, follow the path steeply uphill until you reach Levada 25 Fontes again. Turn right here for a few hundred meters until the path on the left leads up to the houses of Rabacal.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.7655 -17.1262
Canyon End 32.7679 -17.1334

Reports:

2025-06-03 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Crazy | Emergency exit
Warning. These days the second part is practically not doable, due to maintenance works at the halfway levada killer amount of water is channeled into the narrow part rising the aquatic level from A2 to ~A6 (see the background of the picture). Either you have to be very good at whitewater or prepare to quit here. We did the later. Fairly easy and nearly dry otherwise. Bus shuttle works until 6pm and costs 5 eur. After walking up to the Rabacal House with wet pack it is a very pleasant service.

2024-03-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Agua Negra (inférieur) Départ du plateau avec 5°C, parcouru en intégral, sans navette. Tres beau canyon, aquatique, super ambiance. Longue marche de retour, sous la pluie, mais magnifique. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22105/observations.html)

2023-11-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Agua Negra (inférieur) Après que la levada qui capte l'eau avant la partie inférieure d'Agua Negra a été bouchée pendant quelques jours, l'eau des bassins est d'une clarté incomparable. La nature reprend peu à peu ses droits sur les gorges avec ses buissons d'épines, mais les chemins sont encore facilement praticables. L'équipement aurait bien besoin d'une révision complète. Le chemin du retour est un peu complexe et actuellement officiellement fermé à cause d'un glissement de terrain. Comme le glissement a eu lieu sur une partie qui ne touche pas le chemin de retour régulier d'Agua Negra, il n'y a pas de danger supplémentaire et le chemin a pu être emprunté sans crainte, du moins aujourd'hui.Agua Negra est certainement l'un des plus beaux canyons de Madère, même s'il n'est pas le plus spectaculaire. En raison de son éloignement des parkings, il est très peu fréquenté.Beaucoup de visiteurs aux 25 fontaines. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22105/observations.html)

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