Hortelã inferior

Hortela inf.,Ribeira da Hortela

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma da Madeira / Madeira **Subregion:** Ilha da Madeira **Town:** Seixal		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:** 5h30
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 840m	**Altitude exit:** 540m	**Delta Altitude:** 300m
Canyon length: 900m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 14
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
Lower part of the Ribeira da Hortelã.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Drive all the way back from Seixal along the south-facing valley. There is a free parking lot at the fish farm. Here you will also find a large information board for the canyoning tours there.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, take the path further south. After crossing the river, follow a narrow path steeply uphill through the forest until you reach the Levada do Seixal. Turn right and follow it to the Ribeira do Hortelã (just before a tunnel behind the large waterfall). This is the entry point (above the levada is the anchor for the rope traverse, directly below the edge is the anchor for the long rappel).

Tour:

Return: (machine translated)
After the tributary of the Rib. do Seixal 1 small rappel, then out onto the path and back to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.7825 -17.1115
Parking Entry and Exit 32.7968 -17.1141
Canyon End 32.7890 -17.1155

Reports:

2025-12-28 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
High waterfall at the start is particularly impressive when there is a lot of water. Otherwise unfortunately quite a bit of streambed walking (very slippery). (machine translated)

2025-10-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Hortela (partie 3) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22142/observations.html)

2025-06-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Hortela (partie 3) Descente à 6,CAF Avignon/ Nyons. Approche 1h20, descente 5h00, retour 30mn. Eau 12°9. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22142/observations.html)

2025-05-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Hortela (partie 3) La partie Hortela Inferior n’était pas praticable due aux pluies diluviennes de ces derniers jours. Nous avons fait la partie supérieure en gros débit et nous nous sommes arrêté à la Levada Seixal.Nico & Lio (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22142/observations.html)

2025-04-20 | Sascha Schäfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Currently major construction work in the area of Levada entry seixal inferiore (after the tunnel) Therefore, the water is diverted via a dam into the hortela. (machine translated)

2024-10-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2024-10-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Hortela (partie 3) Sec au début, avec une quantité d'eau sportive à la fin grâce à plusieurs affluents (dont le Folhado). Très belle partie finale. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22142/observations.html)

2024-10-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Hortela (partie 3) After Junglerain.... Nice Combo. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22142/observations.html)

2024-10-04 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Attached to the Hortela inferiore after Junglerain. (machine translated)

2024-10-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2024-10-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Hortela (partie 3) Intégral fait. MAGNIFIQUEÉquipement au top. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22142/observations.html)

2024-04-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👎 Not done
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2024-02-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Hortela (partie 3) DC+, enchaîné après Jungle Rain. Brume (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22142/observations.html)

2023-10-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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