Bras Rouge (supérieur)

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Country: France **Region:** Réunion (La) / Reunion **Subregion:** arrondissement de Saint-Pierre **Town:** Cilaos		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:**
Approachtime: 3h	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:**
Altitude entry: 1500m	**Altitude exit:** 1350m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 62m	**Amount rapells:** 4
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (1)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 65m

Summary: (machine translated)
"Cilaos classic". The long and strenuous access is made up for right at the beginning by the impressive "La Cathédrale" (R40m+25m). This is followed by block climbing before continuing along the Bras Rouge Médian after the R62m.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Once you are in the canyon, there is no way out before the bridge. Some wider parts undoubtedly offer protection.

Access: (machine translated)
From Cilaos on the D242 to Bras Rouge. You can park right next to the bridge.

Approach: (machine translated)
Approx. 100m before the bridge (in the direction of Cilaos), a streambed/stone slab (Pissa canyon) goes steeply uphill (be careful, very slippery in places!). Pass a prominent, pointed rock on the left and continue straight up to just below the high rock face. To the left of this, the route now climbs briefly over a ridge (there is a rope hanging there) before descending steeply to a plateau. Then follow a narrow path further and further up, over several boulder fields (you are on the orographic left side of the Bras Rouge). Climb up to a small mountain pass, where the path then leads steeply down to the left through the vegetation. The steep path, as well as some rocky terrain that can be climbed, leads to the steep edge of the canyon. Here you can rappel into the canyon via 2 intermediate stands.

Tour: (machine translated)
The relays in the cathedral are regularly swept away by the floods. The R3 RG seems to be the only one that stands the test of time (equipment relay 20 m before the end of the abseil, about 70 m to the exit, with some rubbing).

Return: (machine translated)
more about Bras Rouge Médian

Coordinates:
Canyon Start -21.1101 55.4592
Canyon End -21.1122 55.4592

Reports:

2026-01-24 | System User | |📖 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Bras Rouge (Supérieur) Fait l'intégral à 3 en 4h30. Marche d'approche en 1h50. Dans ces conditions, réservé à des personnes à l'aise dans les rappels bien arrosés. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22243/observations.html)

2025-11-03 | System User | |📖 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Bras Rouge (Supérieur) Nouveau relai à la chapelle rdLe matos est vieillissant sur la marche d'approche (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22243/observations.html)

2024-12-31 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |📖 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Very exposed and long access. Short but worthwhile highlight = La Cathédrale. At R62, you rappel directly into the water jet. Water level photo attached. (machine translated)