Terra d'Alem

Alem,confluence Funda

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Madeira **Subregion:** **Town:** Porto Moniz		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 IV	**Total time:** 3h29
Approachtime: 22min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 7min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 10-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (2)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Tributary to the Ribeira Funda

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Initially rather little water. Runs into the Ribeira Funda, so be sure to check the water levels of the Ribeira Funda!

Access: (machine translated)
VE2 highway from Seixal to Porto Moniz. If you only have one car, you can park in Ribeira Funda (see parking lot for access). Large groups with several vehicles should park at the exit of Seixal (see "Access and exit" parking lot), which extends the access by 750 meters.
It is not recommended to park a car in front of the steep tunnel near the exit (exit parking lot), as there is often rockfall from the steep slopes above. DO NOT park in the newer rescue tunnel, you will be ticketed and/or your vehicle will be towed away.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot in Ribeira Funda, walk slightly uphill through the houses to the south. After a good 10 minutes you are at the entry to Ribeira Funda. Cross the (mostly dry) stream and continue on the poorly visible path until you reach the neighboring gorge (approx. 25 min). The path walks parallel to the Funda through the wooded slope. (30 minutes)
From the official parking lot, take the old coastal road heading northwest and follow it until you reach an old, steep tunnel. Follow the road uphill to its exit, see above. (Approx. 40 minutes in total)

Tour: (machine translated)
At the beginning, you struggle a little against sometimes prickly undergrowth. In the upper part, there are abseils at heights of 45, 35 and 20 meters. The equipment is OK, but nothing more. Leads into the Ribeira Funda, so that you can continue with the beautiful final passage of the Funda.

Return: (machine translated)
As with Ribeira Funda, the tour exits directly on the old coastal road along the Atlantic. Follow this road to the right for a few minutes to the parking exit. (approx. 5 minutes)
If you only have one car in Ribeira Funda, the way back is self-explanatory. After climbing over the wall, simply follow the old road through the tunnels to Ribeira Funda (approx. 15 minutes).
If you have parked in the official parking lot, follow the old road for another 700 meters until you reach the new road. Turn left here to the parking lot. (approx. 10 minutes)

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.8285 -17.1318
Canyon End 32.8316 -17.1312
Parking Entry and Exit 32.8264 -17.1221
Parking at Entry 32.8302 -17.1331
Parking at Exit 32.8298 -17.1286

Reports:

2024-11-09 | Airmax | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Initially a torture to walk through the thorns in the dry streambed. 4 rappels to the meeting point at Funda. Anchors on the first 3 rappels are 2 rings as usual. Last rappel in Funda then two pitons connected with rope (quality ok). (machine translated)

2024-03-05 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
At first everything was very overgrown. The amount of water in Terra d'Alem was good, but a lot of water later in Funda. Anchor in Funda very good, in Terra d'Alem not so great in places. (machine translated)

Parts:
Ribeira Funda, v5 a2 III, 10min+2h30+10min
Terra d'Alem, v4 a2 IV, 22min+3h+7min