Algares

Ribeira dos Algares

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma dos Açores / Azores **Subregion:** **Town:** Caveira		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 IV	**Total time:** 4h15
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 530m	**Altitude exit:** 180m	**Delta Altitude:** 350m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.9 (4)	**Info:** ★ 2 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x45m+1x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Vertical rappel canyon with intermediate walking passages

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Santa Cruz das Flores we take the ER 1-2 south towards Lajes das Flores. After about 2.8 km (from the airport runway), the ER 2-2 turns off to the right in the direction of Faja Grande. We stay on the road in the direction of Lajes das Flores. We go downhill for about 1.6 km, then we see on the righthand side a larger company doing earthworks with excavators. We turn right here onto a dirt road, drive around the company on the left side and then park the car for the exit after about 100m at the edge of the forest, where the dirt road forks.\nWith the second car we then drive back the 1.6 km and uphill and we then turn left onto the ER 2-2 in the direction of Faja Grande. We now drive uphill, reach a high plateau and about 4.4 km after the turnoff from the ER 1-2 we come to a bridge over "our" creek. Here we park the second car.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the bridge we walk as long as possible along the left bank of the stream. At the latest 100m (meters) below a small water drainage we then climb into the slippery streambed.

Tour: (machine translated)
We climb 2 steps one after the other (8m and 12m). At the first step we find the anchor for the handrail on the left edge of the stream under the water surface, about 3m from the edge. After these two rappels and a run we arrive at the edge of the high cascade (75m in total). The anchor for the first rope run (16m) is in the middle of the stream. Rappels of 35m and 30m follow. The belay between these is offset to the right (by one edge). Now alternate runs with downclimb and rappel (R6 -10m; R7 - 35m; then a 4m step for rappel; R8 - 6m; R9 - 25m; R10 - 30m).

Return: (machine translated)
After the last rappel you walk a good 10 min. in the streambed and can then exit left onto a slope that leads directly down to the car. The exit was marked in 2016 with cairns and an "Exit" wooden board on a tree on the left bank. Without these aids, you will miss the exit here, which does not hurt, because then you just get off at the next bridge to the left and here also comes to the lower car (20 min. additional time).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 39.4457 -31.1775
Canyon End 39.4393 -31.1650

Reports:

2025-09-29 | O nie | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Slippery, nice, pretty. On great waterfall 3rd anchoring is on order side of waterfall than 2nd. (machine translated)

2025-07-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Algares Magnifique cascade avec des orgues basaltiques! Un panneau indique le chemin d'approche du canyon...comme pour tous les canyons de l'île :) après la dernière cascade, marcher env 350m dans le ruisseau avant d'aller chercher un chemin carrossable en rive gauche. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21616/observations.html)

2024-06-06 | Jo Haegeman | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice green jungle canyon. Had to search a bit for the correct entrypoint. Missed the 3rd anchorpoint at the big cascade. Just managed it with the ropelengths. From 2nd anchor to floor was about 75m. Lovely abseils in a wonderful environment. Got lucky finding the exit and stumbling on the dirt road.

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