Alquevins (inferior)

Alquevins inferior,Ribeira dos Alquevins

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma dos Açores / Azores **Subregion:** **Town:** Ponta Delgada		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 II	**Total time:** 3h50
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 235m	**Altitude exit:** 0m	**Delta Altitude:** 235m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.2 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x30m+1x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Open walk, swim and rappel canyon (this is where the focus is) that exits into the sea and can offer beautiful views.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Ponta Delgada, in the very north of the island, we take Rua da Cruz in the direction of SSO, roughly parallel to the coast. We drive on the small road about one kilometer and then meet in the forest a junction with several larger signposts (starting point also for the canyons Ilhéus inferiore and med.). Here we park our car.

Approach: (machine translated)
On the left, the mule track goes towards Ponta dos Ilhéus and the entry to Ilhéus inferior. But we continue to the right up the long straight road, following the signs Ponta Ruiva, Peninha and Cabouco. A small sign here also points the way to the Ilhéus med. as well as to the Alquevins. The wide mule track, paved with unhewn stones, narrows and, after reaching the highest point, goes slightly downhill again. At a fork we stay left and a little later we arrive at the entry to the Ilhéus med. We continue along the mule track, we cross two more streams, we keep left down at a fork of the path, we cross another stream and with the fourth stream we reach our entry.

Tour: (machine translated)
The stream, which never notches very deep, begins with several (3) small (max. 10m) rappels and initially shorter, then longer walking passages. After about half an hour we come to the first higher rappel - R4 (30m). This is followed by the inclined rappel R5 (35m). We swim through a longer pool, at the exit of which an impressive view of the sea and the coast opens up. The following step of 45m can be done by rope or after about 25m left / or 30m right break (R6/R7).Here should be a last emergency exit possibility (pathless through the jungle) before reaching the final vertical leading into the sea. After another small swimming passage we come to the final highlight, the 70m drop down to the sea. Again, there are alternative abseil routes to the left of the "beam" or on the right edge of the beam. We first rappelled 15m to the right edge of the ray (R8), then 30m keeping slightly to the right to an intermediate belay which is 18m above the sea. These 18m (R7) can also be jumped. A few meters above sea level there is apparently another anchor. Also from here a smaller jump into the sea is possible.

Return: (machine translated)
The adaequate way of the "way back" is to pick up by boat (see info under "Notes").
In the cited book a swimming possibility (only with absolutely calm sea) in the direction of Ponta do Ilhéu (approx. 1.2 km) is pointed out, but I would advise against it.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 39.4978 -31.1876
Canyon End 39.5018 -31.1889
Parking at Entry 39.5060 -31.2028
Parking at Exit 39.5202 -31.2079

Reports:

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Awesome tour with boat pickup ◫ (machine translated)

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