Portela

Portella

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Country: Ελλάδα / Greece **Region:** Περιφέρεια Κρήτης / Crete **Subregion:** Νομός Ηρακλείου / Heraklion Prefecture **Town:** Keratokampos		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 6h25
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 390m	**Altitude exit:** 25m	**Delta Altitude:** 365m
Canyon length: 2400m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 23
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (3)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x50, 1x40

Summary: (machine translated)
The canyon is divided into 3 parts, which can also be hiked individually. The highlight is the middle part, especially when there is running water.
However, it is usually only water-bearing in the first part, after which water is diverted by a small wall and pipe (cross-section approx. 30 cm). At the beginning of the first part - mainly due to plastic bottles - it is completely filthy.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Ierapetra westwards along the sea (rarely seen) to Myrtos (14 km). Past the village, the road (no. 97) turns inland towards Ano Viannos and climbs uphill. After 24 km we reach Ano Viannos and continue through the village on the main road. About 2 km after the end of the village - we have passed Kato Viannos on the left - we turn left towards Hondros, Keratokambos. After 3 km we pass through Hondros and a good 500 m further on there is a church on the left-hand side of the road in a square above the entrance to the gorge. We will park the upper vehicle here. For the time being, however, we drive 8.5 km with both vehicles down to Keratokambos by the sea. We drive another 400 m along the sea towards Arvi, then turn left at the end of the village and drive another 100 m north. Where the road bends to the east and a dirt road runs in from the north, we park the lower vehicle at a large chapel. We always end up here, whether we do the last part of the Portella or get out after the second attractive part.\n \nReturn with the other vehicle and drive up to the church. Park there.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the church, first climb northwards, then descend in a right-hand bend to the stream and the beginning of the gorge.
If you want to avoid the pool filled with plastic garbage and the siphon in Part I, which is recommended, take the pathless access that starts behind the chapel and then descends keeping to the right. You will reach the stream between the 3rd and 4th drop.

Tour: (machine translated)
If the siphon in the middle section really siphons - which is only to be expected at high water - it would be dangerous to dive through due to the strong current and the C25 immediately following. On the left wall, however, it is possible to climb over (with a handrail provided - but not easy! (In 2022, the rope was only wrapped around a "stalagtite" and could slip off - not hang fully into the rope traverse) However, a 50 m rappelling route must then also be mastered here. Otherwise, the longest rappel would be 35m.
On the first rappel in part I, you should leave a rope hanging as a precaution in case you need to climb back down if the bolt above the siphon cannot be climbed (fixed rope available in 2008). You should also have a step sling ready here so that you can free yourself from the hanging belay.

Return: (machine translated)
Exit after Portela 1: Exit when the canyon changes from solid rock to an open streambed for the first time. Climb up to the road on the right and follow it back to the church where you left your car. Or continue to Portela 2 - approx. 500 m in the streambed.

Exit to Portela 2: Climb out to the left after the siphon, which only appears as such when there is a lot of water, and the following 24 m diagonal abseil and 50 m further on in the stream. Find the path upwards and then downwards along the edge of the slope until you come to an old water pipe. Follow this until you reach a gravel road. Follow this through some farmhouses to the car.

Exit to Portela 3: We also walk the last part of Portela 3, which exits with a 25m dry rappel. After this 25m cascade, we turn left and after about 500m on a track that curves eastwards, we reach the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 35.0246 25.3823
Canyon End 35.0060 25.3876
Alternative Canyon End 35.0197 25.3843
Alternative Canyon Start 35.0135 25.3849
Alternative Canyon End 35.0097 25.3873
Alternative Canyon Start 35.0094 25.3871

Reports:

2026-05-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Portella Fait Portela 2 et 3 . L'enchaînement des 2 parties se fait en mode sanglier dans la jungle...une galère ! Portela 2 vaut le coup d'être parcouru, Portela 3 moins. Quelques points à changer mais il y a le choix des amarrages. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21183/observations.html)

2026-05-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Portella Fait partie intermédiaire ce qui permet d'eviter la vasque poubelle et les transitions dans les blocs. Très bel encaissement avec de beaux rappels, sauts et toboggans. Amarrages ok, mais effectivement certains necessiteraient un petit rafraichissement (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21183/observations.html)

2026-04-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Portella Certains passages sont très esthétiques et font oublier les difficiles et désagréables transitions à travers les branchages. Pas mal de vasques où il fait nager. Certains amarrages mériteraient un petit rafraîchissement. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21183/observations.html)

2026-01-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Portella Observations:- The upper section is really dirty.- The rope for getting out of the rotten pool is still in place.- Uninteresting middle section.- Lots of difficult walking in the river (very dense vegetation that almost forces you to crawl, paths not obvious).- Very beautiful finish.Comments on the approach and return:Exit on sight to avoid a long shuttle: After the 24m drop from which you can see the sea, walk a hundred meters along the riverbed until you see level terraces on the left. From there, find a passage on the right bank (less than 50m) and climb straight up to the trail, which you follow. At the end of the trail, head straight towards the road. Total time:4 hours from car to carPictures here : ????https://www.instagram.com/p/DUfcuihDDER/?img_index=8&igsh=MWdnNWQxZ2ZobW53Yg== (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21183/observations.html)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/21183

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2022-04-12 | Daniel Sturm | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Be careful with the rope traverses—don't rely on them—we had a near-accident because a rope traverse was wrapped only around a stalactite and wasn't secured at the bottom. (machine translated)