Ribeira Funda

Funda inferior

Create: 2023-08-30 19:09:47	**Update:** 2025-11-02 14:50:57	**Print:** 2026-10-30 12:10:02
Country: Portugal **Region:** Madeira **Subregion:** **Town:** Porto Moniz		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 III	**Total time:** 2h50
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 245m	**Altitude exit:** 15m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 60m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:** 10-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (9)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (9)

Specialities:
Permit required,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m, 2x60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Ribeira Funda is a beautiful canyon located in the small village of the same name. The canyon is cut to a depth and is characterized by two extremely spectacular abseils. The highest abseil point is practically at the beginning. Before this there is an emergency exit on the left. After that there is no way out! The tour exits a few meters before the Atlantic Ocean.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
The water level changes from day to day for no apparent reason. Sometimes there is a small flow right from the start, sometimes the first 200 meters are dry. At the latest at the high waterfall, various springs feed the canyon. After a very long dry season, some places in the lower area fall dry (last observed in summer 2023).
At high flow, the last waterfall becomes critical, there are two glued anchors on a large boulder at the bottom for a Rappel Guidé.

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 parking lot "Access and exit"), which considerably extends the access.
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 Ribeira Funda it is a short, easy to find hiking trail to the canyon of the same name. It starts at the parking lot to the right of the house. Always follow this path without turning left into the plantations. After a good 10 minutes you reach the mostly dry streambed of the canyon.

Enter the Funda or alternatively follow the path to Terra d'Alem, which flows into the Funda.

Tour: (machine translated)
It starts with a downclimb, a small rappel and a short run. This is followed by the 60 meter high waterfall, for which there are anchor points both on the right bank and on the left bank (on the tree). For both abseil points there are anchors for a rope traverse / feeder, for the right-bank feeder to the belay station of the C60 these are very far back. There is room for a maximum of three people at the two belays, so larger groups must plan for ropes for the feeders (2x20m). These can then also be used for the short abseils. Below the C60, the canyon is cut deep, at the following C8 it becomes almost dark. This is followed by several small to medium rappels, jumpable a maximum of twice. The C22 at the end is another beautiful waterfall with sea views.

Return: (machine translated)
The tour exits directly at the old coastal road on the Atlantic. Follow this road to the right for a few minutes to the parking exit. (approx. 5 minutes)
With only one car parked 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 32.8275 -17.1343
Canyon End 32.8316 -17.1312
Parking at Exit 32.8298 -17.1286
Parking at Entry 32.8302 -17.1331
Parking Entry and Exit 32.8264 -17.1221

Reports:

2026-10-17 | Isabella Rosenau | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The canyon is commercially operated. We were traveling by car and had parked at the bottom. Some friendly canyon guides then drove us up to the entry. Very well organized. (machine translated)

2026-05-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Funda (inférieure) Très beau canyon avec un vrai encaissement et une très belle grande cascade ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22755/observations.html)

2026-05-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Funda (inférieure) Enfin un niveau d'eau bien sportive à Ribeira Funda. En cas de débit très élevé, il est recommandé d'utiliser le nouveau relais rive droite de la dernière cascade. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22755/observations.html)

2026-04-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Funda (inférieure) Lorsque le soleil éclaire le grand rappel, la descente est un véritable régal pour les yeux. Malheureusement, cela n'arrive pas très souvent. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22755/observations.html)

2026-04-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Funda (inférieure) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22755/observations.html)

2026-04-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Funda (inférieure) Les installations sont complètes et en bon état. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22755/observations.html)

2026-01-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Funda (inférieure) Nous avons rétabli plusieurs points et remplacé certains ancrages à vis par des ancrages chimiques. En période de tres gros debit, il existe désormais plusieurs itinéraires alternatifs au sec, notamment sur la rive droite de la dernière cascade. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22755/observations.html)

2025-12-29 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Great, short canyon! Can be easily combined with Pedra Branca without having to move the car. (machine translated)

2025-12-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Funda (inférieure) Après les pluies du week-end, le niveau d'eau est spectaculaire, en particulier au niveau des deux hautes cascades. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22755/observations.html)

2025-10-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Funda (inférieure) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22755/observations.html)

2025-06-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Agua d'Alto Descente à 5 CAF Avignon/ Nyons. Rappel 15m puis 80m. Eau 15°7. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22203/observations.html)

2025-04-14 | Sascha Schäfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything top - very nice. (machine translated)

2024-10-20 | Anja | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The first few meters were dry, then low water flow. Beautiful rappel with exit at the sea. Short tour, we did Vimiero the same day before. Stands ok. (machine translated)

2024-10-10 | O nie | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
very pleasant, it start dry, water show up in second waterfall (machine translated)

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