Ribeiro da Camisa

Camisa

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Madeira **Subregion:** **Town:** São Vicente		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 II	**Total time:** 2h50
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 750m	**Altitude exit:** 570m	**Delta Altitude:** 180m
Canyon length: 500m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.1 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (5)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 3x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Abseiling canyoning tour with 10 abseiling points from 5 to 30 meters high in the watery north of Madeira

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Ponta Delgada drive towards Lombada. Turn left down the steep concrete road into the valley (steeply uphill). You can park opposite the red/orange house just before the exit of the road.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the road, which turns into a path after a few meters. A little later, follow a dry streambed uphill to the left (mostly blue signs (Poco das Pulgas). Initially, the path is logical and self-explanatory, but later there is a risk of missing important junctions and getting lost in the dense forest! Without local knowledge, it is best to use GPS tracks for navigation. The access path exits at R3. Continue upstream to the waterfall (Poco das Pulgas, R2). Now you can see the first two waterfalls. Move here (there is little space at the top), then follow the steep and muddy path on the right bank. It leads closely along a rock face and there is a rope traverse at a tricky passage. Finally you reach the entry point.

Tour: (machine translated)
Regardless of whether you start at R1 or R3, the tour begins immediately with the first rappel. The waterfalls follow each other quickly in extremely lush vegetation. In R6 and R7 there are anchor points on the left and right. The orographic ones on the left are extremely uncomfortable and lead through the main stream when the water level is high. It is better to use the glued anchors on the right. The first two are a feeder for the rappel, which is two meters below the edge. The rope sling at the front of the tree should not be used (anymore), the tree is rotten and will eventually fall out of the wall.
If the water level is normal, there is a small slide before the last waterfall, then climb out of the pool on the right. If the water level is high, you can rappel down the slide on a single hook. The danger of being swept over the edge by a strong current is real after a slide.
In R 8 there are two starting points at the top, after three meters a point as a redirection point (pulling off from the bottom is then somewhat difficult) or another three meters further on a ledge an abseiling point. If this is used, you can walk the canyon with 25 ropes.

Return: (machine translated)
After R8, leave the canyon on the left bank and follow the path. This is very unclear in places, disappears in places (then follow the streambed), only to reappear shortly afterwards. Finally, cross the streambed to reach the first junction. Now simply downhill to the car.
Attention! After R8 there is also a path that runs along the right bank and starts very invitingly. It leads back to the trail in the forest, but involves a sporty 50 meters of ascent, which you descend again directly.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.7984 -16.9990
Canyon End 32.8023 -16.9979

Reports:

2026-02-19 | João Sá | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | | Low | 👍 Completed
Challenging descent in the final waterfalls for those not at an advanced level. (machine translated)

2025-06-08 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | | Normal | 👍 Completed
Access path is quite a jungle. We skipped the upper 2 falls for not having mood to climb on. The 2 bigger cascades are rather technical, V4 in my opinion. The first on the left is very slippery, I'd recommend the right side. The last one needs a deviation, or changeover. Lovely green environment.

2025-04-17 | Sascha Schäfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | | Normal | 👍 Completed
Look carefully for the access route. (machine translated)

2024-08-25 | Kevin Sindberg | | 🕮 | ⚓ | | | 👎 Not done
Here is a sketch of the access and topos, which have not yet been checked. (machine translated)

2024-06-10 | Jo Haegeman | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | | Normal | 👍 Completed
Well equipped. Also some extra anchors to fraction the two 23m rappels should you need them.

2024-03-04 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | | Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice tour, quite easy and short. Well equipped. There are many opportunities to take the wrong route during access. (machine translated)

2023-10-03 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | | Normal | 👍 Completed
We are missing 2 rappels here, as we didn't find the way all the way up. Until then, you can walk well with the geocache map. (machine translated)