



Meeting Rules for Participants

The Meeting Canyoning Madeira is essentially a gathering of canyoning practitioners, destined exclusively and exclusively to autonomous practitioners.

All participants know the potential risks of the practice of this modality and know that the organisation is not responsible for the framing of activities, so it is not responsible for accidents that may occur.

Descent of canyoning in Madeira

The island of Madeira presents great potential for the practice of canyoning due to the abundance of itineraries, an odd landscape and environments of great grandeur.

The geological composition of the island, of volcanic origin and its accentuated relief, associated with its climatic conditions, condition in large part the type of existing ravines, characterised by accentuated slopes and numerous waterfalls, often with dimensions that exceed 60 meters .

These imposing environments are extremely demanding, so that practitioners of this modality must be prepared physically, technically and psychologically to be able to progress in autonomy and security in the ravines of Madeira.

Most of the descents in Madeira are not very aquatic and playful, since there are not many deep pools. As such, these routes are characterised by strong slopes, numerous waterfalls and by passing through very well-fitted valleys surrounded by exuberant vegetation. What sometimes, require to make subdivisions in the middle of the wall. Thus, it is essential that practitioners feel capable of developing in these environments, mastering rappel techniques to perfection.

The climate of the island also contributes to enrich the offer of possibilities for canyoning, since it allows the practice of this modality throughout the year, the existence of two very different zones in relation to the distribution of rainfall increases the offer and possibilities .

Due to its characteristics, most of the descents are not recommended to people who do not master the techniques of rope manoeuvres and canyoning in general. With this, for those who have adequate training, the challenges and adventures to travel will provide a stimulus that accentuates the taste of discovery of odd landscapes.

1. Meeting Logistics

1.1. Bases organisation of the Meeting Canyoning Madeira



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The Naval Club of Seixal will be where the reception and secretariat for the participants will be. Its location is in the Municipality of Porto Moniz, more specifically in the town of Seixal. From the Madeira airport you are separated by 58km (60min approx).

Madeira Airport - Seixal (Google Maps) <https://goo.gl/maps/837RxPruCTq>

1.2. Secretariat

The secretariat will work in the Naval Club of Seixal starting at 2:00 pm on Monday, June 4, 2018.

The participants of the Madeira Meeting Canyoning will only be officially considered as such after having registered in the meeting secretariat. If they choose to carry out activity before registration, they must know that they will not be under the organisation of the Meeting, so they can not count on it for any eventuality.

Bearing in mind the points mentioned below:

- Authorisations of the Institute of Forests and Conservation of Nature, (the forestry police body carries out the necessary audits).
- Meeting Organisation Logistics.
- In case of accident / incident you should contact 112 (emergency number).

1.3. Information, presentation, group formation and logistics management

It will be developed throughout the 4th and 5th of June at the secretariat of the Clube Naval de Seixal from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

1.4. Organisation of the groups and management of the descents.

The participants will be able to carry out a wide set of canyoning routes chosen by the organisation (see attached table of ravines). In the event that someone intends to make a decrease outside of those presented here, participants must proceed to request the appropriate authorisations to the organisation of the Meeting together with the Forest and Nature Conservation Institute (IFCN), in case of not acting as details, practitioners will be acting under their responsibility, considering activities outside the event, so the organisation does not assume any responsibility, and clarify that the Meeting will not cooperate in case of accident / incident.

The descents indicated as official within the Meeting Canyoning Madeira, are those that the organisation recommends and organises its logistics, having previously verified the status of its equipment.



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Participants must be organised in groups of 6 to 8 elements, which can vary throughout the days. All the components must have autonomy and adequate skills, both physical and technical, for the descents that the whole group wishes to face. Let's be honest with our own capacities to avoid problems. The groups will be responsible for possessing all the necessary equipment for the realisation of the activity, having to have an essential first aid kit, self rescue material, relief rope by group, and material to be retrofitted in case of be necessary at some point to save your progression. As an organisation of the Madeira Canyoning Meeting as well as the GIPS-BRM team (rescue team) we will be able to check the material of the group throughout the days of the event, in case there is a fault in the mandatory safety material we will proceed to the expulsion of the Meeting until this being replaced. The day before each departure, the groups must inform the organisation if they make any change in agreed descent and the scheduled entry time, waiting for their approval depending on the availability of the descent that is intended. With this we intend to avoid an excessive flow of practitioners simultaneously in the same ravine. The management will take into account, among other aspects, the carrying capacity, the meteorological conditions and the availability of transport by the organisation.

1.5. Facebook, communication channel between participants In order to establish a communication channel between the participants to promote interaction among all, the organisation created a facebook group to which you are invited to be a part.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/meetingcanyoningmadeira/>

<https://www.facebook.com/meetingmadeira/meetingmadeira@gmail.com>

1.6. Logistics Within the possibilities, the organisation will be able to offer transport of access to the ravines whose logistics are more complicated (Hortelã, Passo, Paul Inferno, Seixal, Agua Negra). There are schedules that must be respected to make use of transport, so that we will be extremely rigorous in complying with them, in order not to delay access to longer descents and avoid inadmissible exit times of the activity.

Times: 08h30 - Chão da Ribeira (Seixal) next to Laurissilva Restaurant. (For the ravines: Seixal, Hortelã, Agua Negra and Lajinhas)

08h30 - São Vicente, ETAR São Vicente. (For the ravines: Passo, Capulla, Inferno, Paul do Inferno) 2. Program of the event (in annex)

3. Team The individual protection team (EPI) and collective for the practice of activities is the responsibility of the participants, being mandatory during them. As a mandatory material for participation in the event, each member must have; a thermal blanket for survival, frontal, whistle, lighter, candles and / or material that create necessary to sleep overnight in the ravine for various reasons. (food and water) Neoprene suit: Neoprene full of two pieces of 5mm is recommended. Cords: Each group is responsible



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for securing the necessary ropes for their activities. However, if they travel alone, each participant must have a 60mt rope. We remind that whoever is not organised in groups, go through the facebook page, created by the organisation to manage logistics with other participants.

3.1. Canyoning equipment Selected ravines are equipped with at least two fixed anchors by rappel

.3.2. Use of the handrails Always use the safety handrails to approach the abutments of the rappel, which are always in the vertical of the waterfall. Carry out the subdivisions, to avoid friction and facilitate the recovery of the strings

.4. Risk management On the island there are rescue services specialised in canyoning. However, the organisation of the Meeting ensures a team of GIPS-BRM prevention in the Club Naval de Seixal, which will remain operational to minimise response times in case of incident / accident. The organisation provides an emergency number in case it is necessary, as well as ensures daily monitoring of the descents of the groups. To do this, the groups must fill out a document "management of groups" which will be delivered to the organisation stating that ravine will perform each day, its schedule, members that make up the group and an SOS phone that is always within the ravines. Groups have the responsibility and moral duty to notify the organisation by SMS or WhatsApp when the ravine ends, in a simplified manner (group 4 outside of "X" ravine, all OK) as a security measure.

4.1. Management of the groups (document compliance) The management of the groups is aimed at the redundancy of your security, so that in terms of maximum information of the group in the event of an unforeseen event, compliance with the document "management of group "where the information of all the components will appear, as well as contacts of SOS, registration of the cars that have rented, accommodation, problems of health of any of the members of the group, so please do so in the most correct and moral way for the good of all.

4.2. Selection of the ravines by the group Due to the experience accumulated in previous editions, we ask again that you be aware and self-critical with the selection of ravines that you intend to carry out throughout the encounter. As you already know, Madeira is particular in its field of play, having a great technical and physical component, variables that many times we do not value enough. For this reason we ask the groups to self-evaluate before selecting the ravines that they intend to carry out, knowing that there are time limits to complete the activities (18h00 / 19h00). We are aware that unforeseen situations may arise in which we will be tolerant. , but if a group is delayed in a repeated manner in the completion of the activity, the organisation of the Meeting Canyoning Madeira will adapt its selection of the ravines according to its dexterity and reality for security reasons. All these measures are taken for your benefit,



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not see as too hard measures, we talk about security. Do not forget that we are knowledgeable about the terrain and its difficulties and times, we are not asking for anything exorbitant.

4.3. Integral ravines Due to their specificity (technique, physics and extension) during the Madeira Meeting Canyoning, only 2 integrals will be allowed for each group, there is a limit number of athletes in these ravines. With this measure we intend that all participants have the opportunity to descend without crowds and in security. No exception will be opened in these measures.

4.4. Progression, SALTOS The ravines of Madeira are not prone for jumping, we ask that you do not look for jumps because of a good photo. There are no salty deep pools and the constant landslides make the descents vary from one year to the next. Please, have this aspect very present.

4.5. Rescue procedures In case of accident and / or incident, collect as much information as possible, according to the seriousness of the situation, the group tries to select who gives more support to the injured and 2 other members of the group continue to ask for help from the organisation . Information that they should be able to transmit to the organisation: - Number of the group in trouble.- Type of accident / incident.- State of the accident victim.- Location (ravine and approximate rappel number) .- Preventive measures initiated. MORE PRECISE IT IS THE INFORMATION, MORE EFFECTIVE AND RAPID WILL BE THE SOCORRO.

4.6.Contact with the organisation The organisation of the Meeting makes available the following telephone contact number / Whatsapp (+351) 966 029 426, where each group must communicate the end of the activity and possible modifications of the planing (always necessary the confirmation of the organisation), to inform situations of incidents and / or accidents or others considered of importance. It will be a contact available 24 hours a day by the organisation. We remind you to add the number to your contact list

CONTACTOS
SOS 112

Organização WhatsApp (+351) 966 029 426

Environment

5.1. Good practices according to the conditions that we have in the surrounding areas of the ravines that we will make along the Madeira Canyoning Meeting, we want you to enjoy these conditions, always keeping in mind good practices with the environment. Anyway we refer below the care with the garbage that we generate; do not throw fruit shells in the forest, (since even if it is biodegradable it is an infective agent in the place



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where it is deposited), smokers take care of the cigar butts. In general a good practice with the environment. The organisation of the Meeting, in case you have knowledge of inappropriate acts with the environment, we will not be condescending with those who practice such acts, who may be expelled from the event. The Naval Club of Seixal and the Organisation of the Meeting have the full support of the IFCN for the realisation of the event and for that we count on your collaboration and with that to maintain the good relations and we can continue making future editions of the Meeting Canyoning Madeira.

6. European Health Card The Organisation recommends its participants to carry with them the European Health Card, intended for those who are traveling to a member state of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.