

Oscuros de Balcés

Oscuros de Balcéd, Rio Isuela, Balces

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Country: España / Spain Region: Aragón Subregion: Huesca Town: Las Almunias		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v3 a4 III	Total time: 2h45
Approach time: 45min	Tour time: 1h30	Return time: 30min
Altitude entry: 620m	Altitude exit: 470m	Delta Altitude: 150m
Canyon length: 1500m	Highest rappel: 8m	Amount rappels: 3
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: Southwest	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.6 (9)	Info: ★ 2.8 (5)	Belay: ★ 2.8 (6)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 1x20m		
Summary: (machine translated) Unfortunately very crowded (high summer); short but very beautiful canyon; grippy limestone; several bottlenecks and climbing; small siphon; clean water; few short rappels; diving goggles and lamp advantageous; very aquatic canyon.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From the village of Rodellar: ri. Huesca --> pass the outdoor club (on the left side of the road) --> through the small village (Bierge) --> continue up the road --> up to the Barranco Fondo hill (signposted + viewpoint) --> take the gravel road on the left for approx. 1.6 km --> parking lot at the exit of the road.		
Approach: (machine translated) From the parking lot, walk along the gravel road --> pass a barrier and continue up to a trail marker (Steinmandl+ signs) --> take the path to the right here and walk across the boulder field --> after approx. 20 min. When you reach a viewpoint --> keep left and you will come to the descent path which leads over the steep boulder field to the stream in about 25-30 minutes --> once you reach the stream, take the right side of the stream to the entry point.		
Tour: (machine translated) A short swimming passage is immediately followed by a mighty labyrinth of rocks into which you first rappel, then rappel and swim (problematic when there is a lot of water)--> the mighty wedged limestone rocks are very impressive --> after the chaos of rocks follows a very narrow, 1m wide part with towering rock faces in which the light is only very sparse (very beautiful part) --> in this part there is also a swimming section and a slide in very dark pools (be careful, very narrow) --> further on you come to a small abseiling point in a slowly narrowing pool --> the water is very narrow and the slide is very narrow. Abseiling point in a slowly opening canyon --> swimming passage --> climbing over small rocks --> at the end you have another swimming passage of about 100m --> the exit is on the right (after a small iron plate bridge).		
Return: (machine translated) On the right side, hike up the clearly visible hiking trail next to the wooden railings to the parking lot.		
Coordinates: Canyon Start 42.2425 -0.0458 Canyon End 42.2349 -0.0520 Parking Entry and Exit 42.2457 -0.0613		

Reports:

2025-09-12 | System User |   |  Normal |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Débit très bas permettant une descente sans aucune difficulté. Il y a néanmoins eu un orage violent de pluie et grêle le soir à Adahuesca pour information. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html>)

2025-08-22 | System User |   |  Normal |  Completed

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2025-08-15 | System User |   |  Normal |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Bonnes conditions. Un vautour fauve en perdition juste avant le chaos qui n'en a certainement pas pour longtemps à vivre. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html>)

2025-07-10 | Julien |      |     |    |  Normal |  Completed

Nice descent, some water but the level is starting to get a bit low (machine translated)

2025-07-10 | Gareth Evans |      |     |    |  Normal |  Completed

of the 4 canyons we did in our short stop in the Sierra de Guarra Region this was the highlight, beautiful water dappled in sunlight, a fun more technical beginning leading to a playful later half, even the walk in is beautiful and filled with impressive birds of Prey soaring along the cliff walls, the walk out is shaded. 4 groups in the gorge, but all were happy to let us pass.

2025-05-30 | Wolfgang |      |     |  Normal |  Completed

Significantly less water today than 3 days ago, but many more groups / people. But we caught it well. It was fun again (machine translated)

2025-05-27 | Rok |      |     |    |  High |  Completed

Everything tip top. Lots of water, but no problems. Climb over the siphon (fixed ropes inside). (machine translated)

2025-05-04 | PeterAlbertini |      |     |    |  High |  Completed

Beautiful!!! Doable even without rope--recommended to experienced people. (machine translated)

2023-07-04 | Wolfgang Streicher |      |   |    |  Normal |  Completed

Relatively much water flow for the time of year. Siphon dived through instead of rock climbed over. Partly unusually slippery. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User |      |  |  | |

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Ort von <https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/OscurosdeBalcesCanyon.html>

2023-03-09 | System User |      |  |  | |

Daten importiert von <https://www.canyoning.or.at/index.php/liste-aller-canyons/103-oscurus-de-balces>

2019-05-10 | Christian Balla |      |  |  |  Normal |  Completed

A fascinating canyon. You simply have to have done a canyoning tour here. Video of the tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZUOL9qOjNY> (machine translated)

Parts:

Balces (superior) II, v1 a2 III, 2h30+3h30+45min

Oscuros de Balcés, v3 a4 III, 45min+1h30+30min