Oscuros de Balcés

Oscuros de Balcéd,Rio Isuala,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
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 620m	**Altitude exit:** 470m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 8m	**Amount rapells:** 3
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
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:

2025-11-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Canyon très esthétique avec un très beau chaos et un long corridor ! Les amarrages sont en bon état. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2025-10-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Seuls sur le parking et dans le canyon. Les barrancos retrouvent leur caractère sauvage à cette période, beaucoup de vautours sur l'approche. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2025-09-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] L'orage violent du 13 au matin n'a pas engendré d'augmentation du débit ni même la clarté de l'eau. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2025-09-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Débit normal. L'eau est clair (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

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
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

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 begging 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 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 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 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. Lots of water, but no problems. Climb over the siphon (fixed ropes inside). (machine translated)

2025-05-04 | PeterAlbertini | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 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

Parts:
Balces (superior) II, v1 a2 III, 2h30+3h30+45min
Oscuros de Balcés, v3 a4 III, 45min+1h30+30min